



St. Junipero Serra Catholic School
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Bellissima Handbell Choir Participation Agreement 2019-2020 Guidelines and Member Expectations

1. Candidate Requirements and Placement Process:

The Bellissima Handbell Choir is open to students enrolled in grades 5-8. Students must have the maturity and dexterity to handle the bells responsibly. Students must maintain a C average and positive attitude to remain a member. It is the handbell choir's responsibility to setup and break down before & after practice. Additional rehearsals (usually at lunch or after school) may be called throughout the year to prepare for special events, and prior notice of these times and dates will be announced by email.

2. Rehearsal Schedule:

Tuesday & Thursday – 2:30-3:30 p.m. – SCLC Music Room

*****Rehearsals will be extended preceding performances and festivals**

>Students can be picked up at the Extended Care/Chapel Gate at 3:30 p.m. Students not picked up by 3:35 p.m. will be walked to Extended Care and checked in (fees apply)

3. Attendance:

The Bellissima Handbell Choir is a year-long commitment. Please be present and on time for each rehearsal. Regular attendance is necessary to create a unified choir and frequent absences or tardiness diminish the sound and success of the group. If you plan to participate in a school team sport, please consider the practice and game time, and how often you would be absent. Only 2 absences per trimester are permitted. If you will be absent, please email Mrs. Sifers at jsifers@serraschool.org prior to a rehearsal. Illness is an excused absence. **Ongoing sports participation is not an excused absence. Continued unexcused absences will result in dismissal from choir.**

4. Concert and Mass Schedule

Bellissima participates in Masses hosted by the middle school students (approximately 5 masses per year.) Parents are always welcome to join us in prayer and witness the beautiful music created by the bell and choral ensembles. The school mass schedule will be posted on the St. Junipero Serra webpage. A tentative list of other performance dates is included on page 2 of this agreement. Additional information regarding the Concordia Bell festival, rehearsals, or performances may also be provided by web listing or email.

5. Concert/Performance Attire

The handbell choir wears their formal school uniform with Handbell Polo shirt for mass performances. Girls must have their hair pulled back and out of their face. Polo shirts will be ordered for new members. Members from 2016-2019 may use their polo if they would like.

*****If you are not purchasing a Handbell Polo please submit a payment for \$225**

6. Behavior:

Students are expected to follow the St. Junipero Serra Catholic School Code of Conduct at all times.

7. Choir Participation Fee: \$250

A fee will be collected from each participant for this extra-curricular program. Funds will be used to offset expenses including but not limited to bells, sheet music, choir polo shirts, musical instruction, the Concordia Handbell Festival, and bell supplies. The non-refundable choir participation fee is due no later

than Friday, October 11, 2019. Fees may be submitted online. I will send an email with instructions when available.

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8. Parent Support:

Volunteer opportunities include: chaperones, parent drivers for the Concordia festival. If interested, please email Mrs. Sifers at jsifers@serraschool.org.

NOTICE TO ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS: All volunteers must be eligible for supervision of students pursuant to the Diocese of Orange guidelines, requiring both fingerprinting and Safe Environment training. Please see Anna Merrill in Human Resources if you need to determine your eligibility status.

9. Participation Agreement:

Please complete, sign and return the attached student agreement, with the non-refundable choir fee. Fees may be submitted online (email will be sent with instructions).

Tentative Calendar of Performances:

Middle School Christmas Concert: Wednesday December 11th, 7:00 p.m. SAC (Call Time 6:30 pm)

Christmas Caroling: Date/Time TBA

Parish Christmas Concert: Date/Time TBA

Concordia University Handbell Festival (MANDATORY) – Saturday, March 14, 2020, all day event

Stations of the Cross: April 9, 10:00 a.m. in the SAC

Spring Concert: Tuesday May 12, SAC, 6:30 p.m. (6:15 p.m. call)

Disneyland Workshop: Date TBA, All Day Event ***Bellissima students will be invited to join the Serranade choir for an additional ticket fee - email will be sent when the Disney workshop date is confirmed.

****Bellissima may have additional performances, updates will be sent through email ASAP.*

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Participation Agreement 2019-2020**

Please detach and complete this form and return with the Participation Fee to the St. Junipero Serra Catholic School Office by Friday October 11, 2019, attn. Mrs. Sifers. Please make your check in the amount of \$250 payable to St. Junipero Serra Catholic School (SJSC). (\$225 if you do not need an additional Bellissima Polo)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) agree to comply with the guidelines stated in the Guidelines and Bellissima Choir Member Expectations. Should I become unable to comply with those guidelines, I will immediately notify the Choir Director.

Student Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Choir Polo shirt Size (Please circle one):

Youth M      Youth L      Youth XL      Adult S      Adult M      Adult L      Adult XL