**Duncan Creek Cardinal Choir**

Dear Parents:

Congratulations! You’re a proud parent of a Duncan Creek Cardinal Choir (DCCC) member! The DCCC has earned recognition as one of the best elementary school choirs in Georgia. We are certain this year’s 120+ member DCCC will continue the ensemble’s tradition of excellence in the singing of multi-part choral literature.

Please read carefully the following information regarding attendance, dues, uniforms, and communication resources. After reading, please complete the attached “Chorus Member Information” form in its entirety and have your child return it to Mr. Cypert or Mrs. Cook by Thursday, September 11th.

**REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

* The DCCC presents two local performances a year. As indicated on the attached schedule, the ensemble’s first performance is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th in the DCES cafeteria. The ensemble’s final performance will be in the late spring on a date to be determined. Other performance opportunities could potentially become available to the DCCC.
* Attached is a complete rehearsal/performance schedule for the fall. While Fridays are our “regular” rehearsal days, you will see that there are rehearsals occurring on other days as well. Our winter/spring schedule will be available in early January.
* Attendance at DCCC rehearsals is mandatory for its members. For the ensemble to perform at its highest level, it is important for members to be fully prepared through the rehearsal setting.
* We respect students’ involvement in other school clubs and activities. If the DCCC is rehearsing on a day other than Friday and a member is involved in a school club that meets regularly on that respective day, he/she should attend the other club’s meeting. We understand there are certainly other situations that may keep your child from attending rehearsal as well.
* If you know your child is going to miss rehearsal, please email Mr. Cypert or Mrs. Cook or send in a written correspondence. Communication is key! If a pattern of absenteeism occurs, regardless of the reason(s), a member may become ineligible to perform on the respective concert.

**CHORUS DUES**

* This year’s Chorus dues are $10.00. Chorus dues cover costs of new music and expenses for our two “Fun Friday” rehearsals and two “Early Release” rehearsals.
* Chorus dues can be paid on My Payments Plus or by check. Please indicate method of payment on the attached “Chorus Member Information” form.

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**CARDINAL CHOIR UNIFORM**

* For performances, DCCC members wear their red golf-style shirt with white embroidery, black slacks or dress pants, and black shoes.
* Our uniform shirts are the same as last year. If your child is a returning member and his/her shirt still fits and will continue to fit throughout the year, you do not have to purchase a shirt. Returning members needing to purchase shirts can do so on My Payments Plus or by sending in a check.
* New members must purchase a uniform shirt at the price of $15.00.
* Uniform shirts can be purchased on My Payments Plus or by check. Please indicate method of payment on the attached “Chorus Member Information” form.

**COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

* The Chorus schedule is always available on the school’s department of music webpage. You can link to the page through the school’s website.
* Be sure to like the Duncan Creek Cardinal Choir’s Facebook page as well. DCCC rehearsal reminders are posted regularly.
* If you would like to receive text reminders about rehearsals and other important DCCC information, send a text to **(470) 235-4539** with the message **@dceschoir**.
* E-mails can be sent to Mr. Cypert at John\_Cypert@gwinnett.k12.ga.us and to Mrs. Cook at Amy\_L\_Cook@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

We are excited about this year’s Choral program and we look forward to presenting two wonderful performances to you this year. As always, thank you for your support of the Duncan Creek Cardinal Choir and the music program at Duncan Creek Elementary School.

Mr. Cypert and Mrs. Cook

 Music Specialists