

September, 2009

Dear Singing Knight and Parents,

We are off to a **fantastic** start with our wonderful NCE singers in fifth grade. We are **so glad** you have joined our Singing Knights 2009-2010. Membership in this group will be an enjoyable and personally satisfying learning experience for all. We are so very fortunate to have **4 certified Music teachers** working with our students this year. WOW !

(Thanks to Mrs. Best and Mrs. Freeman, both **former NCE** music teachers who assist us.)

NCE Singing Knights will be expected to make a 100% commitment by working diligently, having **exemplary behavior**, and maintaining passing grades in all subjects, including conduct. We will meet every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** morning at **7:30** a.m. Because of our short rehearsal time, it is imperative that all students be on time for rehearsals. Before making your commitment to the choir, please consider the time commitment carefully.

**Attendance will be taken.**

1. **Choir Contract:** Parents, please read and discuss this contract with your child.

**Sign and return the contract by October 1, 2009.**

2. **Uniform information:** You will be required to order a choir shirt and provide a uniform. (Scholarships are available, if needed.)

This includes the choir shirt, black pants, black belt, black shoes and black socks. All students must wear the correct uniform to perform with the group.

3. **Shirt Order Form:** We will be sending home an order form for you soon.

We are looking forward to a great choir year at NCE. Thank you for the opportunity of working with your children and for your support.

**We need several Moms to volunteer to help make occasional treats.** If interested, please email me at [NancyCLawrence@katyisd.org](mailto:NancyCLawrence@katyisd.org). (Be sure to put in my middle initial "C" or it will not work.)

**\*\*\*\*We would like to have parent email addresses so that we can contact you with information as needed. Please include that information on our contract.**

We want choir to be a great time for all of us. By the way, this year we are asking that you drop your child off for choir in the **front** of the school, rather than in the back drive. Thanks for your help with this.

**Please feel free to visit us anytime during rehearsal after checking in with the front office. (We love to show off.)**

Sing-cerely,

*Miss Lawrence & Miss Ellis*

NCE Music Specialists

**Printed Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTTINGHAM SINGING KNIGHTS 2009-2010 CONTRACT**

**SPACES ARE PROVIDED FOR YOU TO INITIAL THESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

**Please read and initial in the space provided. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Lawrence at 281-237-5532 or Candace Ellis at 281-237-5512.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Singing Knights Choir is open to those students who are currently involved in general music in grade five. Each student makes a one year commitment to be involved in choir.

**REGULATIONS**

Each choir member is required to be at all performances and practices.

If your child needs to be absent, please send a note or email stating the reason. Excused absences will not be counted against attendance. After three unexcused absences, a phone call will be made to discuss the problem or dismissal. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

**UNIFORM**

All choir members **MUST** have the required uniform.

This includes the choir shirt, black slacks, black belt, black shoes, and black socks.

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**GRADES**

**Each choir member must maintain at least a 70 in all subjects and have no grade lower than an "S" in conduct.**

If a choir member's grades fall below a 70 in any subject, he/she will be on probation for three weeks while continuing to attend all rehearsals. At the end of the three weeks, if he/she fails to bring up the grade, he/she will be removed from choir for the remainder of the year. (KISD policy.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

**PHOTOS**

Group pictures of the Singing Knights may appear in the local newspaper, and/or on our website. We will not identify specific students. Your initials give us permission to use these photos.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** All Singing Knights must learn to discipline themselves as a member of our group.

Good conduct at rehearsals and performances is important to a successful choir. If, after two warnings, a student continues to misbehave, he/she will sign a notebook. A note informing you of the behavior will be sent home to be signed and brought back the next day. If the student signs the book three times, a phone conference and/or a note will be sent home.

If the behavior does not improve, the student will be dismissed from the choir.

**SPRING CHOIR TRIP: In order to go on the Spring choir trip, choir members MUST sing in the Spring Concert.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

This contract must be signed by the parent or guardian and student. Students without a contract will not be considered enrolled in choir.

**WE HAVE READ AND DISCUSSED THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SINGING KNIGHTS CHOIR AT NCE. WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

## Choir Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>September</b>		15 - Choir		17 - Choir			
		22 - Choir		24 - Choir			
		29 - Choir					
<b>October</b>				<b>1 - Contracts/Shirt Order Due</b>			
		6 - Choir		8 - Choir			
		<b>13 - Fundraiser Begins</b>		15 - Choir	<b>16 - Carnival Concert</b>		
		20 - Choir		22 - Choir			
		<b>27 - Fundraiser Ends</b>		29 - Choir			
<b>November</b>		3 - Choir		5 - Choir			
		10 - Choir		12 - Choir			
		17 - Choir		19 - Choir			
		24 - Choir		26 - Holiday			
<b>December</b>		1 - Choir		<b>3 - Choir Concert</b>			
		8 - Choir		10 - Choir	<b>11 - Choir Tour</b>		
		15 - NO CHOIR		17 - NO CHOIR			
<b>January</b>				7 - NO CHOIR			
		12 - Choir		14 - Choir			
		19 - Choir		21 - Choir			
		<b>26 - S.W. Packets Due</b>		28 - Choir			
<b>February</b>		2 - Choir		4 - Choir			
		9 - Choir		11 - NO CHOIR			
		16 - Choir		18 - Choir			
		23 - Choir		25 - Choir			
<b>March</b>		2 - Choir		4 - Choir			
		9 - Choir		11 - Choir			
		16 - Holiday		18 - Holiday			
		23 - Choir		<b>25 - Choir Concert</b>		<b>27 - SEA WORLD</b>	