

Apprentice Chorus Newsletter

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Final Newsletter of 2009-2010!

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Looking Ahead (Mark those calendars!)

*Every Tuesday – Rehearsals at Orange Coast College 4:45 – 6:00

Saturday, May 8, 1:00 (Call Time 12:30) – **Freedom Village** Retirement Home, Laguna Woods

SAME DAY:

Saturday, May 8, 3:00 (Call time 2:30) – The **Villa Valencia** Retirement Home in Laguna Hills.

Casual dress for BOTH Saturday shows (Polo shirts & black pants, black shoes

.....see handbook for details)

Saturday, May 15, 4:00 P.M. (Call time 3:30) – **Spring Concert** at Calvary Church in Santa Ana. Mandatory performance for all choruses. Concert dress.

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 - **Awards Ceremony**, in the OCC Theater. All wardrobe must be cleaned and returned that night.

Please Consult Your Parent Handbook Page 15 for details regarding both the casual and concert uniforms. There are requirements for girls' hair also. Each time we have performed in the past, a few of you come in the incorrect attire. Oops!

Attendance Policy Hurray! Most of you are doing extremely well in this area, and many have perfect attendance all year! Please review your handbook for our attendance policy. Poor attendance may influence promotion to higher levels in the organization, and plays a huge part in who is selected for special parts.

Awards Night will be Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 – in the OCC Theater. CONCERT UNIFORMS MUST BE DRY CLEANED AFTER THE SPRING CONCERT & RETURNED TO SCCC ON MAY 25. Each chorister will receive a 2009-2010 year bar to attach to their SCCC pin. If you don't have a pin, the merchandise table is selling them. Also, a beautiful certificate of participation will be awarded. Additional awards include perfect attendance, honor attendance, and director's award. Your handbook describes how to qualify for these. Read page 20 CAREFULLY to avoid any misunderstandings.

May 11 is the deadline for returning music folders. The children should have their music memorized by now, so you may return it now. Avoid being charged for them! Thank you!

Auditions for 2010-11 Choir moms have audition sign-up sheets during rehearsals or you can phone the office for an appointment. **Everyone MUST audition with Miss Susan**, even if you think you may be with Miss Betsy next year. She will decide whether or not to send you immediately to Miss Betsy with a written referral. You may not audition with Betsy without a written referral from Susan. It is **highly** unlikely that Miss Betsy will accept any third graders into Intermediate (those who will be 3rd grade in the fall.) We at SCCC strive to place your child at the most appropriate level **for them**. Rehearsals in Intermediate are long and intense, much more suited for grades 4 through junior high. The average stay in Apprentice is two years. Thank you for your understanding.

A Professional Film will be taken of SCCC's Spring Concert. Using 3 camera angles, the DVD features continual close-ups of the singers. These DVD's are important keepsakes for your children and make a wonderful gift for grandparents or others. As we are only ordering a limited quantity, please complete the attached DVD order form and return it by May 25th.

From Your Director

Hello Apprentice Families!

This is your last newsletter of the season, and my last chance to write to you. Some of you will be moving on, and others will stay to grow more fully. I will miss those leaving!

Tonight I'm sending home a matching game so the children can try to remember which song matched to which country! There were eighteen! Anyone trying (even one or two correct!) will receive a small prize! Just bring it back on May 11, our last practice.

This chorus has been Amazing! The children are eager learners, and have improved by leaps and bounds. You will be moved by their artistic performances. I know I am!

Thank you for allowing me to know get to your children, and to help them to improve in their musicianship and enrichment of their young lives through music.

Your Director,

Miss Susan