Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the Most Blessed Sacrament Concert Choir! Participation in the choir is exciting and educational. Students will soon possess skills such as responsibility, dedication, self-discipline, social skills, confidence, leadership, and teamwork. I will be providing new challenging ways of rehearsing and music making that will benefit each student. As we begin this 2019-2020 school year, I have a few requirements when joining this choir:

1. Only 4th-8th grade students are allowed to participate in choir and 5th-8th graders are allowed to cantor. **If a student misses a cantoring opportunity, the student loses their chance to cantor and may not make it up due to time constraints and fairness to the other students.** They also may be asked to step down from the cantoring position if many absences occur. If mass is moved due to inclement weather, a prayer service will take place in St. Ursula Hall and the cantors for that particular day will sing a shortened version of the assigned music.

2. Students **MUST** come to each rehearsal with a pencil with which to take notes and mark in their music. They are required to bring their binder of music to **EVERY** rehearsal.

3. Students may bring a snack and drink to enjoy at the beginning of rehearsal. We will take the first 10 minutes to relax and watch an appropriate video.

4. ***Students are not allowed more than three unexcused absences***. It is vital to have each choir member attend rehearsals because everyone is important to the unity of the group. ***If your child cannot come to rehearsal on a particular day, please e-mail me 24 hours in advance to notify me so I can make appropriate changes to the rehearsal.*** If your child misses choir more than the allotted amount of time, they may be asked to leave for the remainder of the year.

5. Each student is required to attend the 2 concerts. The Christmas concert will take place on **Thursday, December 5th, 2019** **at 6:00 p.m**. in St. Ursula, and the Spring concert on **Tuesday, May 5th , 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** Student will be required to be at school and ready to warm-up by 5:00 p.m. for each concert. Everyone must attend as we count on each other to have the optimum performance!

6. Students who are cantoring are required to be at the rehearsal the morning of their scheduled Mass.

7. A choir fee of **$30.00** will be asked of each student, covering binders, accompanist fees, a shirt, and expanding our music library for the future! This will be paid on Smart Tuition.

8. If a student is disrupting choir, they will be asked to go to extended care. Students are expected to follow the same code of conduct MBS school provides. If students choose not to do so, they may be asked to leave at the discretion of Mrs. Schiebe.

Our rehearsal schedule will be as follows: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the music room. **We will be beginning our choir rehearsals on Tuesday, August 20, 2019** .I will be using the ***Remind101 app to send out information regarding cancellations/ changes so please sign up by sending a text to 81010 with the message, @0c11b which is the class code. Please sign up as this is the most efficient way to contact each parent.***

Please detach the top part of this letter, fill out the form below, and turn it in by August 20, 2019. Here’s to an exciting year in choir at MBS!

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Schiebe

\*\*\*Please detach and send check made out to MBS\*\*\*

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give my child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(grade) permission to join the MBS Concert Choir during the 2019-2020 school year. I understand that this slip permits my child to attend all rehearsals and choir concerts/events throughout the year or will be asked to leave the choir if he/she receives 3 unexcused absences. I will e-mail 24 hours in advance if there is a conflict prior to rehearsal and ***I agree to sign up for the Remind101 app to receive information regarding cancellations/changes in rehearsal time***. I also agree that my child will be present at both concerts.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Shirt Size- YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL ( YS and YXL not offered )

(Please order a shirt size up so it fits the entire school year- no exchanges will be made.)