

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy 2016-2017 Eagle Choir

Dear Parents:

If you have a son or daughter in fourth or fifth grade, we are inviting your child to participate in Mt. Bethel Christian Academy's award-winning Eagle Choir.

In the past eight years, the Eagle Choir has competed at the Georgia Music Educators Association's Choral Festival for Cobb County and has consistently earned Superior and Excellent Ratings. They have also performed for the following: See You at the Pole, Open House, Veterans Day at the Post Office, Pep Rally, The Academy Day Service at Mt. Bethel Church, Grandparents Day, The Avenue of East Cobb, the Holiday Lighting Event at East Cobb Park, the Older Adult Center, Sterling Estates, and Chapel. The choir was also selected to sing the "National Anthem" for the Chipper Jones Tribute night at an Atlanta Braves game!

The purpose of the choir is for the student to develop his or her singing voice by using good choral techniques through challenging music and to have opportunities outside of the classroom to sing at school and in the community.

We know that music is an important part of a child's development. Researchers at the University of California at Irvine have determined that only 10 minutes of listening to a Mozart sonata raised the measurable IQ of college students by up to 9 points!

A commitment of one hour per week is essential for the success of the choir. **NO AUDITIONS REQUIRED, JUST SIGN-UP!** Simply complete the attached form and return it to the academy front desk before the first rehearsal. The participation fee is \$35. Checks are to be made payable to MBCA Eagle Choir. (Participation fees cover the cost of purchasing music and other supplies for the Eagle Choir, as well as festival fees, a pizza party, t-shirts and a paid accompanist).

The Eagle Choir will begin on Tuesday, August 16 and will rehearse each Tuesday after school from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our year ends early March with a bowling party as our last hoorah! (Please see the back this form for a tentative calendar of events).

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of music making with your student!

Musically yours,

Karen Poe
Lower School Music Teacher
Director, Eagle Choir

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Performance Calendar

Sunday, December 4 meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2016 Thursday, December 8, 2016	East Cobb Park Tree Lighting Event Chapel Service at 8:30 am Sterling Estates 12 noon (space limited, no parents please)
Thursday, February 16, 2017 Tuesday, February 28, 2017	Cobb County Choral Festival Chapel Service at 8:30 a.m. Last Eagle Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 9, 2017 Sunday/TBA	Bowling Party 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm Academy Sunday at MBUMC

Additional rehearsals and/or performances may be added to this schedule.

All members are expected to be at each performance.

Uniform Requirements

The Eagle Choir Uniform is worn at all events, unless otherwise noted.

Boys: White long-sleeved **button-down collar shirt** with a navy MBCA vest and khaki school uniform slacks topsiders or bucks.

Girls: White long-sleeved **button-down collar shirt** with navy MBCA vest and chapel plaid skirt with white knee socks and topsiders or mary-janes.



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Participation Commitment

Just as being on a sports team is a commitment, being in a choir is a commitment as well; all working together for the success of the team. If one is absent or late, it hurts the whole group. Runners always finish their race, just as choir members commit to finish their race by attending each event.

By joining the Eagle Choir, students and parents are committing to the following:

1. **Regular Rehearsal Attendance**– Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, August 16 in room FO11 (Music Room) and will be held every Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Students bring their own afterschool snack.
2. **Mandatory Participation** in all rehearsals and performances.
3. All music must be memorized.
4. **After Rehearsal Guidelines** - Students may be picked up outside the music room door or they meet their parent inside the front lobby of the school. **Students may not exit the building without a parent.** If a student is going home with someone else, a note from the parent must be given to or emailed to Mrs. Poe that day, authorizing the release of their child to another individual.
5. There is a **choir fee** of \$40 due on or before the first rehearsal.
6. **Eagle Choir Uniforms** – Parents are responsible for purchasing the formal choir uniform (all wear a navy MBCA vest and a long-sleeved button down shirt. Girls wear MBCA plaid skirt with white knee socks and chapel shoes; boys wear khaki pants and chapel shoes).

We are saying YES to the Eagle Choir Commitment!

Parent Signature

email

I would like to volunteer to sit in on choir rehearsals once a month or serve as a chaperone when available to do so.

Student Signature

Grade

\$40.00 fee

New Member Eagle Choir t-shirt size _____

Please make checks payable to: MBCA Eagle Choir
Sign-up deadline is Tuesday, August 16, 2016