



August, 2019

Dear Village Parents and Students,

Welcome back! While sign-ups happens three times throughout the year (fall, winter and spring), each ensemble will rehearse once a week before school in the music room for the entire year.

### **Performances**

All Singers will perform at specified assemblies, Winter Concerts, a Palisades Village holiday event (date to be announced), Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day, and the Singers concert at the end of the year. In addition, Prelude and Junior Singers perform at Atria Senior Living on March 16, and Senior Singers will perform at the Solos Festival on March 24.

### **Drop-Off and Rehearsal Times**

**Carpool is from 7:00 a.m. - 7:10 a.m. on Swarthmore Avenue.** Please make sure to drop your child off on Swarthmore (not on La Cruz) in compliance with Village's permit with the city. Mrs. Scharf or Mr. Whitmore will greet students and bring them to the music room for rehearsal from 7:10 – 8:00. If a student arrives after 7:10, the driver should bring their student to the music room.

There are three choirs for students that are grouped according to age and grade levels:

- **Prelude Singers (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders) - Meets Thursdays - begins September 19.**  
Students develop their confidence by learning singing techniques and fun songs that everyone sings together.
- **Junior Singers 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders) – Meets Fridays – begins September 20.** Students learn different styles of music, and are introduced to choral octavos (notes). Students will have the opportunity to audition for solos for select performances.
- **Senior Singers (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) – Meets Tuesdays – begins September 17.**  
Students will sing a variety of musical styles using choral octavos (notes). They will develop part-singing skills that will greatly prepare them for secondary school choral programs. Solfege (do-re-mi, etc.), sight singing, and rhythmic notation will be incorporated into rehearsals. Students will have the opportunity to audition for the Village Solos Festival in March, and for solos for concerts.

We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Whitmore (Music Teacher) and Ms. Scharf (Assistant Music Teacher)