

September 1, 2014

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome back, Bobcats! The Benfer Choir is gearing up for another exciting and busy year!

Choir is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. No experience is necessary - just a great attitude and the desire to make music and a commitment to come to all practices. We rehearse on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. Rehearsals start promptly at 7:15 AM and students are dismissed at 7:55 AM. We do start warm ups promptly to make the best use of our time. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 10th.

Last March our Bobcats performed a Rodeo program for the residents of Wood Glen Court. It was a big hit and we have been invited to share our talents again this year! We are working on scheduling a performance for them this semester. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from the home and are invited to stay and watch the programs with the residents. More information and permission forms will go home to choir members at a later date.

We will also be working on a fully staged holiday musical that we will present on **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2PM and at 7 PM.** We will send out information about auditions for speaking parts and solos after our 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal.

During the spring semester, choir members are invited to audition for the Benfer Orffestra. This is an instrumental group that practices right after morning choir rehearsal and performs at the Spring Concert. In March, the choir will perform at Klein Collins HS in a "cluster concert" with several other elementary school choirs, Strack Intermediate and the KCHS choirs. In late April, the Benfer Choir will present their annual spring concert right here at Benfer.

All choir members are required to wear our Benfer Choir polo and long khaki pants to all performances except the holiday musical. We are mentioning this now because of the availability of khaki pants during back to school sales. We will send home order forms for the polo shirt, as well as a complete calendar and information about our upcoming events at our first rehearsal.

If your child is interested in joining the choir, please fill the attached form and return it to the music teachers on or before **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, which is our first rehearsal.

We look forward to another wonderful year in choir.

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