



## South McKeel Academy 5th/6th Girls Choir

**Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:40am in the SMA music room.**

**Director: Mrs. Meche**

### **Meeting Days:**

We rehearse on **Tuesday** mornings from 7:40am-8:10am in the music room. It is a club, so it carries some sacrifice and commitment in time and effort on the part of the student and parents. The **first rehearsal** is on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 and the choir will continue meeting through the end of the school year.

**Car Riders:** Students should be in the music room promptly at 7:40am to get rehearsals started on time. In order to make this happen, chorus students that are car riders will need to plan accordingly. There will not be a special entrance or car tag, so you will need to get in the regular car line, which will begin unloading students at 7:30am and come directly to the music room.

**Bus Riders:** Buses begin unloading at 7:15am and most of the buses will get here on time. If your bus is one of the later buses, you may need to be a car rider on chorus days.

**Choir Goals and Expectations:** The purpose of the 5th and 6th grade chorus is to have a separate choir program that focuses on good singing technique, singing in parts, and sight-reading, which will give them a great foundation for other choirs in middle school, high school, church, or simply for personal enjoyment.

- The SMA 5th/6th Girls Choir will have 2 concerts this year: December Holiday Concert and Spring Choir Concert. Additional performance opportunities may arise.
- In addition, to those school concerts, there will also be options for auditioning for All County (5th graders in the spring and 6th graders in the fall) and All State ensembles (5th grade students only).

- On chorus practice days, parents are responsible for providing or arranging for consistent transportation.
- Students will be expected to display excellent behavior at all times.

**Registration Form Link: Click [Here](#)**

- Follow the link to complete the registration form.
- You do not need to have prior experience to sign-up.
- There is a \$15 registration fee for choir students which includes a choir t-shirt to be worn at all chorus concerts and may be worn on Fridays during the school year.
- Please note, if you already have a choir t-shirt and are not needing a new one, then the registration fee is only \$5.00.

**Additional Optional Opportunities for SMA Chorus students:**

**All County 6th Grade:** Each year, the Polk All-County Chorus Festival brings talented 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students together to produce high caliber musical ensembles. It is also an amazing validation of excellence in music education produced in the choral music classrooms of Polk County. More information will be given later for SMA Chorus students that would like to audition.

**All County 5th Grade:** Each spring, the Polk All-County Elementary Showcase brings talented 4th and 5th grade students together to produce high caliber musical ensembles. It is also an amazing validation of excellence in music education produced in the choral music classrooms of Polk County. More information will be given later for SMA Chorus students that would like to audition.

**All State 5th Grade:** In January, 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from around the state of Florida are brought together for the Florida All State Performing Ensembles. It is an incredible musical experience and honor to be a part of performing groups at this level. Since 6th grade is considered a formative year for All State ensembles, they do not begin auditioning until 7th grade. SMA 5th grade students are, however, able to audition and participate in the elementary groups. More information will be given later for SMA 5th grade Chorus students that would like to audition.

**If you have any questions, you can email me at [jencymeche@mckeelschools.com](mailto:jencymeche@mckeelschools.com).**

