

August 30, 2017

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed interest in participating in the St. Joan of Arc handbell ensemble. A quality program requires commitment, responsibility, and dedication by all members involved. As a performing ensemble, it is vital for all members to fully participate to create music. For this reason, I am requesting that the contract below be read and signed by the student and parent, then returned to me. Please read the expectations below with your student and keep this letter for your reference.

Thank you for encouraging your student in their musical endeavors!

Musically yours,
Miss Childress

Student Responsibilities

- Regular Attendance. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the day, and after school on Thursdays, alternating weekly.
- Bring all Materials. Materials include a binder (provided), pencil, and highlighter. Binders should be returned after every concert or performance. If a binder is damaged or lost, there will be a \$2.00 replacement fee.
- Behavior.
 - See expectations on reverse side.
- Participation. Students are expected to participate in all rehearsals. An ensemble is only as efficient as its worst member. Participation requires students to pay attention, make corrections (performed and written), PLAY, and LISTEN.
- Attendance for Dress Rehearsal and Concerts.
 - Important dates will be sent in a separate letter.

Miss Childress has the right to excuse any student from the chorus to protect the creative energies and hard work invested by the chorus (i.e. but not limited to: inappropriate use of language, insubordinate behavior, excessive absences).

-----**Please read, sign, CUT, and return the contract below**-----

I _____ have read and agree to the terms listed in the contract.
(student name, printed)

I _____ give my student permission to participate in the after-school
(parent name, printed)
handbell program with Miss Childress.

(student signature) _____
(date) _____
(parent signature) _____
(date)

(emergency contact and number)

Student Behavior Expectations

- Respect.
 - Be considerate of the director and other members.
 - Take care of all materials.
 - Students must return binders and music after all concerts and performances. If a binder is damaged or lost, there will be a \$2.00 replacement fee.
 - Listen.
 - Be aware of the other performers. Handbells is an ensemble, not a solo performance!
 - Important musical ideas will be shared to create a greater experience.
- Responsibility.
 - Finish any food and/or drinks before rehearsal.
 - Students have a snack break from 3:10 pm. until Extended Care leaves the portable classroom around 3:20 pm.
 - Be in the portable classroom and in your assigned spot with all materials by 3:25 pm.
 - NO cell phones, iPads, or other technology use until after rehearsal.
 - Ask for help if you are confused or have questions!
- Dedication.
 - Use practice time wisely. Be a productive and efficient worker.
 - Strive to improve your individual level of musicianship.
- Community.
 - Keep the rehearsal room clean and tidy.
 - Lead by example and help others who need assistance.
 - An ensemble must work as a unit to be successful. Be a team player!