

# TUSCARAWAS PHILHARMONIC Children's Chorus

## GUIDELINES

### Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance is absolutely essential. No more than two excused absences are permitted per semester. Dress rehearsals and performances are mandatory, and should only be missed due to serious illness or family emergency. Exceptions are rare, and can only be made at the discretion of the director. If your child is ill and unable to attend a rehearsal, please contact the director via e-mail or phone at least one hour before rehearsal start time.

### Rehearsals

- Rehearsals are Monday from 5:45-6:45PM
- Please use the restroom before rehearsal begins
- No gum or candy at rehearsals
- **Arrival** – Bring your child in to the PAC and up to the second floor classrooms (staircase/elevator by restrooms). A TPCC volunteer will be there to check in your child. If arriving before 5:35PM, please wait with your child
- Parents wishing to stay for rehearsal, please wait quietly outside the rehearsal area
- **Departure** – Please check out your child with the TPCC volunteer outside of the rehearsal room. Children will not be permitted to leave the building without their parent/guardian.
- **PLEASE BE PROMPT.** If you are going to be late to rehearsal, please call or text the director beforehand.
- **It is expected that the singers will be attentive at rehearsal and not hinder the learning of those around them.** The director reserves the discretion to dismiss repeat offenders from the chorus.

### Cancellation Policy

If New Philadelphia City Schools are closed due to weather, rehearsals will be cancelled. In the case of later-developing inclement weather, a decision will be made by noon if rehearsal will be cancelled. We will contact WJER (1450AM) and WTUZ (99.9 FM), who will air the cancellation. We will also contact you via e-mail or phone, as well as post information on our Facebook and Twitter (see the back page to follow!). Do not hesitate to call with any questions.

### Performance Uniform

Families are responsible for assembling the following uniform for performances:

- White shirt (no T-shirts; no insignias or graphics)
- Black or navy pants or skirts (no denim; skirts must be knee-length or longer)
- Neat and/or dressy shoes (no flip flops, tennis shoes or sandals)
- If wearing pants, please wear black (not white!) socks

Official TPCC t-shirts will be provided for casual concerts. They are to be worn with light/beige/khaki bottoms.

## **Tuition**

TPCC is in session from September through April, split into two semesters. Tuition for each semester is \$30 and is due within the first month of each semester. There is an optional summer semester via the Philharmonic Music camps. More info to come.

Checks can be made out to: Tuscarawas Philharmonic

## **Scholarships**

Need-based partial scholarships are available for eligible children in the chorus. For our records, you are asked to submit one of the following:

- A letter from you stating the reason for your need; **OR**
- Verification from your child's school that he/she is enrolled in free/reduced lunch program

Families with two or more children participating in the chorus are eligible for a Family Discount and will be asked to submit \$20 for each child.

If you have any questions, please contact the adult at the registration table during rehearsal.

## **Sheet Music**

Students are encouraged to practice their music at home, via the SoundCloud practice tracks (more info coming), and will therefore be able to take sheet music home. **Students must bring their music folder to each rehearsal.** Music is the property of the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Children's Chorus so please treat music with care. Any lost or tattered music will need to be replaced at the participant's expense (Approx. \$2 per piece).

### **Contact Information**

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### **Social Media**

Twitter: @TuscPhilCC  
Facebook: Request to join the group "Tuscarawas Philharmonic Children's Chorus – Members Page"