

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 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 – **water bottles from home encouraged!!**
- **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:

Formal Attire:

- 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)
- TPCC will provide a red scarf or tie to each participant at the concert, which will be collected immediately following.

Casual Attire:

- A TPCC t-shirt will be provided to each student. For informal performances, students will be asked to wear this shirt with **DENIM** pants, skirt (knee-length) or capris. No shorts, please. Casual shoe.

Tuition

TPCC is in session from September through April, split into two semesters. Students may participate in either one or both semesters. Tuition for each semester is \$30 and is due within the first month of each semester.

Sibling groups receive a \$10 discount, and will only be asked to pay \$20 per child.

A limited amount of need-based scholarships are available for eligible children in the chorus. For our records, please submit a request in writing via e-mail to the Director to be considered.

Checks can be made out to: Tuscarawas Philharmonic Children's Chorus

COVID-19

Per Kent State University guidelines, Masking is **required** for participants. **A mask, which is designed for singers (3D origami style to keep mask away from mouth), will be provided for each singer.** We will have chairs spaced appropriately, and hand sanitizing stations available. If conditions and/or mandates change, we will adapt accordingly. Thank you for your understanding on this!

Please do not come to rehearsal if you – or anyone in your immediate household – is exhibiting any fever or Covid-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of taste/smell). Rehearsals missed due to these circumstances will NOT count against the singer.

This season, we will be **LIVESTREAMING** each rehearsal on our Facebook Members page (see below).

Sheet Music

Students are encouraged to practice their music at home, via the SoundCloud practice tracks (see below), 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). Folders should be kept tidy and clean. Broken, vandalized or lost folders will be replaced at the participant's expense: \$15.

Contact Information

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Facebook

Request to join the group "Tuscarawas Philharmonic Children's Chorus – Members Page"

Soundcloud

www.SoundCloud.com - Search for "Tuscarawas Philharmonic Children's Chorus"