

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families,

**Forestview 6th Grade Choir**

You are invited to join **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir** next fall and become a part of the legacy of choral music in the Brainerd Public Schools! On April 4th, students saw a performance by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls choirs. Throughout the week, students visited the choir room to talk with the choir teachers, Mrs. Swanson and Mr. Aulie.

In our 6th grade choir program, any student can join choir and learn about singing. Boys choir and girls choir meet as two separate classes. The girls are not assigned a voice part that is “high” or “low;” rather, every girl is taught and encouraged to explore her voice by singing both high and low. Boys are encouraged to sing throughout their voice change: we embrace each stage of the changing voice! If you are uncomfortable singing or think you may not be “good enough,” don’t worry, that is a great reason to sign up for choir! We will teach you how to sing better!.

Choir takes place during the school day. You will not miss any regular classroom time to be in choir. Students who are in choir (and even in band / orchestra), will still have room in their 6th grade schedule for multimedia, phy-ed, all core classes, recess, and more. Students in choir include boys, girls, tennis players, football players, members of Student Council, and more.

If you are interested in joining choir, **fill out and return the form at the bottom of the page**, or **fill out a form online** at <http://www.brainerdmusic.org/6th-grade-choir-registration.html>. I will contact you regarding the 6th grade schedule as the new school year approaches. I invite you to sign up for the beginning voice lessons or attend **Summer Choir Camp** (more info will be sent home after registration).



Please call or email with any questions at any time, and feel free to check out the Brainerd Music website at [www.brainerdmusic.org](http://www.brainerdmusic.org).

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## 6th Grade Choir

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5th Grade Pod: \_\_\_\_\_ 5th Grade Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions About Choir



### **1. “I don’t know how to sing! And I’m scared to sing by myself!”**

Don’t worry! In sixth grade choir, you will never be asked to sing by yourself, and you are never graded on how “well you sing.” All students learn to sing in a group and are encouraged to have fun singing, no matter your experience or ability.

### **2. “I’m in sports, and I’m busy! Will choir fit in my schedule?”**

Yes! Choir does not conflict with other activities, and will fit in any student’s schedule. Choir students are involved in hockey, wrestling, basketball, soccer, football, FYAC, Knowledge Bowl, speech, dance, gymnastics, and a number of other sports and activities.

### **3. “Will I be a Soprano or Alto? What if my voice changes?”**

In Forestview choirs, girls are not split into groups that sing “high” or sing “low.” Yes, you may enjoy singing high or low, but you will not be labeled a “soprano” or “alto” until high school choir. Boys are provided instruction and singing parts for all stages of the changing voice. We openly accept all boys in choir, and can help with “squeaking,” “voice cracks,” and all exploration while a boy’s voice changes!

### **4. “How can I become involved in singing?”**

*6th Grade Choir at Forestview:* Turn in the registration form to Mrs. Swanson

*Summer Choir Camp:* You will receive a flyer in the next few weeks.

*Summer Voice / Piano / Music Lessons:* You will receive a flyer in the next few weeks.