

Heritage Harmonizers

Dear Harmonizers and Parents,

I have the dates, times and events that we will be singing during the holiday season, so you can make plans and mark your calendars accordingly.

The very first event is **on Friday for Veteran's Day, November 8th**, during the school day. We will be singing, American Heart and Because of You for our school's Veteran's Day Program. There will be two intermediate assemblies: one from 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. and the other one from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast for the veterans/students will be served from 8:45 - 10:15 a.m., between the two assemblies. There will be a photo booth set up in the small hallway by Dr. Hampton's room from 8:30 - 10:30. The Harmonizers will sing for both assemblies. After the choir sings in the first assembly, students will exit the stage to go back to sit with their classrooms, as this assembly is for all 4th and 5th grade classrooms. After the choir sings for the second assembly, students will exit and go back to their classrooms, as this assembly is for all 3rd and 6th grade classrooms. We will wear the **red patriotic Harmonizers shirt** with **khaki slacks** for both assemblies. As parents and/or friends and/or Veterans you are invited to join us for the Veteran's Day celebration.

The second event we will sing for is the City of O'Fallon's Rotary Luncheon. This will be a field trip during the day on Thursday, **November 21st**, and is held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Veterans Memorial Pkwy in O'Fallon. More information will follow as well as the permission forms which will accompany this letter. We will wear **navy blue choir shirts and khakis** for this performance. Please return the lower portion of the permission form.

The third event is the City of Wentzville's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade. This will take place on **Sunday evening, December 1st**, at Pete's Drive-In in Wentzville. Please arrive at **5:30 p.m.** We are scheduled to sing at 5:45 p.m., about 15 minutes before the countdown to light the city tree. The parade will start at 6:00 p.m. Students can participate in the parade by walking with the choir, behind the Heritage Elementary float. Your child should have a parents walk with him/her during the parade. We will wear warm clothes and coats for this since we will be singing outside. Pete usually offers the choir members free hot chocolate after we finish singing to help us warm up!

The fourth event is a school field trip to two nursing homes in Wentzville, Parklane Care Center and The Green Lantern Senior Center. This will be on **Tuesday, December 17th**. We will wear our navy blue **choir t-shirts and khakis** for these performances. We will also have lunch at McDonalds following the two performances. More information will come to you at a later date. Permission slips will accompany this letter. Please return the lower portion of the permission form.

The last event before Christmas is our **All-School-Sing-A-Long** on the last day before winter break, **Friday, December 20th**. The program will take place during the school day in the morning from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Winter parties will begin at 9:30 a.m., as this day is a scheduled early dismissal day. I would like the choir to wear their navy blue choir **t-shirts and jeans** for this performance.

Parents that have volunteered to help with any of the field trip/performances must have the background check forms A and B completed and turned into the office - these must be done each year - before the performance which you will be helping. Volunteer handbooks and forms can be accessed from the Wentzville School District's website or can be picked up in the Intermediate Office. If you have already completed a background check for **2020 - 2019**, and it is on file in the school office, you do not have to get another one done for Harmonizers events. I have included the list of activities with chaperones with this letter - please check your schedules, and let me know if you are no longer available on the specific date that you are scheduled.

Thanks in advance for all your help and for transporting your child to each practice and performance. We will have two more events in the spring (including the Cardinal's game), and I will let you know more about these performances after Christmas. Don't forget to be working on memorizing our songs with your practice CD (and/or Harmonizers Google Classroom) and song sheets!

Andrea Lewis - Harmonizers Director

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help with our events and with snacks. I have provided a list of each event and parent volunteers that will be assisting as chaperones. If you are unable to attend when you are scheduled, please let me know so that I can reassign another parent to fill that position. Also, let me know if you really wanted to attend a specific event and your name was not listed as a chaperone – I'll try to use as many helpers as possible. You can still attend a performance even if you are not a chaperone. If you will be helping with the Cardinals game you need to know that you will be watching that performance from down in the tunnel rather than from your seats, as you will not be allowed on the field. More specific instructions about the Cardinals game will follow as we get closer to the performance in the spring.

Veteran's Day – November 8th (Friday morning at school) Assemblies - 8:45/9:45 a.m.
(Breakfast for Veterans is from 8:45 a.m. –10:15 a.m.)
(Photo Booth is from 8:30 – 10:30)

No chaperones necessary, but please come to the assembly if you can.

O'Fallon Rotary Luncheon – November 21st (Thursday morning)

Kim Lovall (rides bus #2), Patty Akers, Nickie Butler, Lora Stefaniak, and Jill McLaurin.

You will help to serve as supervising adults after the bus ride and for the performance. Make sure you also have your background check completed and turned into the office. Volunteers will need to drive separately per district policy.

Pete's Drive In – December 1st - (Sunday evening- Wentzville's tree-lighting/parade)

No chaperones necessary – You will bring your child for the performance and then take them directly following the tree-lighting. Students with their parents may walk in the parade with the Heritage Elementary float following the tree-lighting after we sing. Students may **only** walk in the parade if they are accompanied by a parent. Dress warmly!

Nursing Homes - December 1st (Tuesday morning/afternoon)

Stephanie LaPorte, (rides bus #2), Lacy Justice, Michelle Bailey, Sam Kuntz, Kaila Carter, Kim Scheutz, Christina Blevins, Lindsey Euton, Alicia Heathman, Christy Tucker, and JessieSkeen.

You will help with approx. five choir members as we travel to each nursing home and lunch at McDonalds – make sure you have your background check completed and turned into the office. Volunteers will need to drive separately per district policy.

All School Winter Sing-a-Long – December 21st (Friday morning)

No chaperones necessary, but please come to the assembly if you can at 8:30 a.m.

Cardinals Baseball Game – Spring 2020 T.B.A.

Tanashe Martin, Brian Chase, Katie Harberer, Traci Morlock, Jeff Sabbe, Lien Tran, Kaicy Clark, Brandi Berry, Caren Stuhlsatz, Jasmine Johnson, Angie Tooley, and Rebecca Messick.

You will help with approx. 5 choir members as we travel throughout the stadium to sing and then get to our seats. It will be important to have a cell phone with you at all times.

Snacks – Due to the snack and allergy policy, I am not sure if we will be having snacks. I will let you know later if I need snacks.

Thanks for your help – I'm excited to start our performances!

Andrea Lewis – Harmonizers Director