

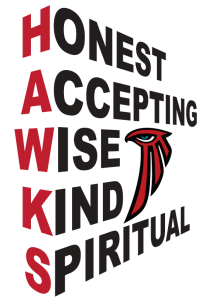


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Dear parents and guardians,

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in elementary choir this year and for ensuring that they are attending rehearsal each Friday. We have had an extremely positive start and I know that it is going to be a great year with this group of singers. I truly appreciate the communication from parents if their children are unable to attend rehearsals, as this makes it much easier for me to keep track. With almost 70 children in choir, it makes it so much easier for me, so thank you so much! I wanted to make you aware of some important dates that the choir will be responsible for attending in the first semester of choir. I will include a brief statement regarding each event. For each event, choir students are asked to wear black bottoms and shoes, and will be provided with a red t shirt to use for each performance.

<b>Symphony Kids Choir Performance</b>	Thursday, Nov. 28 (time TBA)
<b>FLVT Elementary Christmas Concert</b>	Wednesday, Dec. 4 (6:30 pm)
<b>Christmas Carolling Field Trip</b>	Either Dec. 11 or 12 (TBA)
<b>Choir Christmas Party</b>	Friday, Dec. 13 (11:30-1:00 pm)

**Symphony Children's Choir Performance:** We have been given a unique opportunity to sing with the Lethbridge Symphony in their Kids Choir concert series. Our choir will be performing on Nov. 28 in the evening performance, and will be required to attend a dress rehearsal that day from 1:00-2:00 pm. Bussing will be covered through choir fees. Tickets to attend the Kids Choir performance are \$10 and can be purchased online at Choir are

<https://lethbridgesymphony.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/#/events/a0SOO000000tU2H2AU>.

Get your tickets early as they are bound to sell out quick!

**FLVT Elementary Christmas Concert:** Our elementary students (ELP-grade 6) are hosting a Christmas concert this year at Southminster United Church. Each grade will be singing a song, but there is also a special song for our choir students to be showcased. This performance will be at 6:30-7:30 pm. There will be a silver collection at the church to help cover the costs of this event. Each child will be able to have 2-3 family members attend, as there is a capacity at the church. More information coming soon.

**Christmas Caroling Tour:** We will be walking to two nearby seniors homes; the Good Samaritans Society West Highlands Centre and the Seasons Retirement Communities. We will leave directly from the school and walk as a group to each facility for our caroling performances. The “walking field trip” form that we filled out at the beginning of the year will serve as the permission form for this field trip, so no further permission slips are required. I need 5-6 parent volunteers to come with us on this field trip. If you are able to join us, please email me at [visserda@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:visserda@holyspirit.ab.ca). Our schedule will be similar to last year’s itinerary (to be confirmed):

8:55 am - Choir meets in the gathering space  
9:00 am - Begin walking to the GSS West Highlands Centre  
9:30 am - Arrive at GSS West Highlands Centre  
10:00 am - Performance at GSS West Highlands Centre  
10:45 am - Begin walking to Seasons Retirement Community  
11:00 am - Arrive at Seasons Retirement Community  
11:30 am - Performance at Seasons Retirement Community  
12:15 pm - Walk back to FLVT

**Choir Christmas Party:** The elementary choir has a lot of work to do in the next coming months, so I would love to reward them with a fun Christmas party. This will occur during our regularly scheduled rehearsal on Dec. 13 from (11:30-1:00). Students will meet in the canteen for food, sing alongs and games. I will be sending a sign up for parents to fill out closer to the date for those who are willing to bring a food item for our party. With about 70 students in choir this year, we are going to need many people to help provide snacks in order to feed all of these hungry mouths! Pizza will be provided from the choir fees.

With kind regards,  
Miss Visser