



CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Welcome to Elementary Choir!!!

My name is Dr. Kristina Young-Goodner and this will be my 15th year as Director of Choral Activities and Master Teacher at Calvary Chapel Christian School of Downey. A new responsibility that I will assume for this year is the High School Assistant Principal and I am excited to serve our school in this new way. Since I will be adding the role of Assistant Principal to my workload, I will be co-teaching Elementary Choir with Miss Elyssa Manacmul. She is a CCCS alumni who participated in choir and has been assisting me in the choral department over the last five years. She began working at our school in the junior high and has been teaching 4th grade for the last few years. We make a great team and are excited to see what the Lord will accomplish this year in choir!

I attended CCCS from K-12th and graduated in 2000. After attending CCCS, I attended Biola University where I double majored in Music. In 2004, I graduated from Biola with a Bachelor's of Music in Music Education, Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Performance, and my California teaching credential. In December 2006, I graduated from Biola with my Master's in Education. I completed my doctoral studies in June 2011 at Azusa Pacific University where I obtained a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Currently, I am a master teacher both at CCCS and for Biola University, as well as being an adjunct professor for Hope International University.

Theme verse for the 2018/2019 school year:

BE STRONG IN THE LORD

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil!"

Ephesians 6:10-11 NKJV

The Lord has blessed the choral department here at CCCS! Every year the choirs grow and we have amazing worship experiences when we perform. Besides the traditional performances at Thanksgiving Eve and the ACSI Choir Festival, the choir also performs in community events and in our M.A.Y. Concert performance in the spring. I look forward to working with each student and being able to worship the Lord together through choral music.

Before the Throne,

<>< Dr. Young-Goodner & Miss Elyssa Manacmul >>

P.S. Please make every effort to attend **Back to School Night** on Thursday, Aug. 30 and visit your child's classes. I would love the chance to meet you and discuss the fun we have in choir!



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ELEMENTARY CHORALE SYLLABUS

Contact Info: If you have any questions/concerns, please e-mail me at cccsmusic@mac.com or you can also leave me a message in the H.S. Office. Please visit the choir website at: <http://www.cccsmusic.com> for important information, photos, updates, rehearsal music, and a calendar of events.

Elementary Chorale Description: A group of students that wish to glorify the Lord by using their voices in song. It is a group that sharpens their musical skills in rehearsal and several performances throughout the year. Most of all, the Elementary Chorale is a group that will set an example for other students to follow in the areas of worship, behavior and Christian walk.

Elementary Chorale Objectives:

- To glorify the Lord with our voices through all types of music
- To learn how to work together as a unit and sing with one voice and spirit
- To grow in our knowledge of music, the voice and to have a lot of fun!

Course Requirements:

1. Mandatory attendance at **ALL** rehearsals and performances (Check the website!)
2. Practice your music at home
3. Choir is a year long commitment
4. There are additional expenses involved in being a member of Elem. Choir (One time lab fee, choir attire, field trips)

Attendance:

1. Tardiness is not acceptable at **any** time!
2. If a student is *not present on time and in uniform*, their performance grade will be reduced one percentage point for each minute late
3. Absence from a performance will only be excused if the parent supplies me with a note indicating that the student was seriously ill or the death of an immediate family member has occurred

Classroom Policies:

- Students must walk quietly and respectfully to the choir classroom
- No talking, singing, or playing while the teacher is talking
- Practice Ephesians 4:29 at all times

Discipline: If a student continues to refrain from following the classroom rules before, during, or after Elementary choir rehearsals/performances, the student will be immediately dismissed from the Elementary Chorale



Important Information Elementary Chorale 2018-2019

CLASS TIME:

4th & 5th Grade – Mondays = 3:00-3:30pm in Rm. 217

6th Grade – Wednesdays = 3:00-3:30pm in Rm. 217

Rehearsals occur after school ends. Please make necessary transportation arrangements for your child

MATERIALS:

All students must purchase appropriate choir attire to be worn at the choir performances.

Further information will be sent at a later time.

CHOIR WEBSITE:

<http://www.cccsmusic.com>

Please continually check the website for updates, performance info, music to practice with, and contact info.

Please remember that choir is a privilege and all students must be on their best behavior on their way to/from choir and during choir rehearsal.

Thank you!





Elementary Chorale Covenant

We, the undersigned parent and student, understand that membership in the Elementary Chorale entails the following responsibilities on our part:

1. Staying informed of choir events via the website, fliers, texts & emails
2. Punctual attendance for ALL rehearsals and performances
- 3. Dedication to attend rehearsal after school from 2:45-3:15pm**
4. Commitment to year-long membership (no drops)
5. Willingness to meet costs associated with choir (one time lab fee, choir attire)
6. Determination to follow all school and class rules diligently

As stated in Acts 20:24; our goal as Christians is to “Finish the Race” that God has set before us. Signing this covenant is stating that your family is willing to be fully committed to “Finish the Race” set before you in the Elementary Chorale.

Parent Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Student Name (print): _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COVENANT BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 24!

The choir has a long-standing tradition to sing at CC Downey’s Thanksgiving Eve service

(Nov. 21). It is a mandatory performance for all choir members!

PLEASE keep your calendars clear so your student can sing. Thank you!

