

All Saints Schola

Welcome back to school! In this letter, you will find information for students interested in joining the All Saints Schola for the 2018-2019 school year. The All Saints Schola provides music for the liturgies and special events in the life of our school throughout the year.

The All Saints Schola is divided into two groups. Schola Cantorum is open to 30 student in grades 5-8 and Schola Cecilia which is a smaller auditioned group for singers in grades 6-8.

Schola Cantorum

Schola Cantorum rehearses on **Thursday** afternoons from **3:00 pm - 4:15 pm** in the school **music room**, beginning **Thursday, August 30**. Rehearsals for Mass are mandatory for participation. **Students who must miss more than half of rehearsal will not be able to sing with the Schola for that week's liturgy.**

Schola Cantorum will sing all school liturgies occurring on Friday mornings at 8:30 am. In addition we have leadership positions available. See attached sheet for more details.

Following rehearsal, students may be picked up in the **parking lot behind the school (door 7)**. **Students will be escorted to Extended Day Care after 4:30 pm.**

Students who normally go to extended day need to inform me. I will apprise extended day with a list of students.

Walkers need to inform me of their routes.

If there will be a change to a students normal pick up procedures (i.e. carpool going to extended day instead) please inform me in advance by email or a note.

If a student needs to leave early a from a rehearsal, it is required that the parent come into the school music room to escort the student out of the building. This is a safety policy, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Schola Cecilia

Schola Cecilia rehearses on **Wednesday** afternoons from **3:00 pm - 4:00 pm** in the school **music room**. Rehearsals are mandatory for participation. **Auditions will be held on Wednesday September 5th**. Students interested in auditioning should see me, in advance, for audition material.

Schola Cecilia will sing for special occasions, prayer services, Masses occurring on days other than Friday, and competitions.

Following rehearsal students may be picked up the **front parking lot near the main office**. **Students will be escorted to Extended Day Care after 4:15 pm**.

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Walkers need to inform me of their routes.

If a student needs to leave early from a rehearsal, it is required that the parent or designated carpool come into the school music room to escort the student out of the building. This is a safety policy, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If there will be a change to a student's normal pick up procedures (i.e. carpool going to extended day instead) please inform me in advance by email or a note.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is through email: cmcphilamy@allsaintsva.org. Thank you in advance for all your dedication and sharing of your gifts. I am very excited to be joining you in the experience of a wonderful music ministry.

Sign-up forms can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/6wdnqt8NOMvfZPmw2> .

Peace,
Miss Cristin McPhilamy
Music Teacher - All Saints Catholic School

Leadership Positions

Schola Cantors

Students with at least 1 year of Schola experience may audition to cantor during Mass. Additional details will be provided at the first rehearsal. **Auditions will be held on Monday September 10th.** Cantors will have an additional rehearsal on the first Monday of each month. A schedule will be provided to the cantors following auditions.

Cantor responsibilities include:

- Leading the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation

Cantors are expected to be prepared **one rehearsal** prior to their scheduled week. Time will be given to rehearse, but not to teach the music. Any cantor unprepared will not be allowed to cantor that week. Music and recordings for practice can be found on the Schola Website.

Senior Cantor

Students with at least 2 years of Schola experience and 1 year of cantor experience may apply to be a Senior Cantor.

Senior Cantor responsibilities include:

- Checking on weekly cantors and helping them learn their music
- Fill in at a moment's notice should a cantor get sick - therefore, they should know all psalms and Gospel Acclamation

Schola Manager

Students with at least 2 years of Schola experience may apply to be a Schola Manager.

Schola Manager responsibilities include:

- taking attendance
- make sure that all choir music is organized
- song announcement sheets

Prayer Leader

Students with at least 1 year of Schola experience may apply to be a Prayer Leader.

Prayer Leader responsibilities include:

- Leading prayer at weekly rehearsal

