

Panther Cub Choir ~ 2020-2021

Dear 4th-8th Graders and Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to announce the continuation of STRIDE Academy's Panther Cub Choir! Although choir will look a little different this year (since we'll be starting virtually), we are still going to make the most of our time together!

What is the Panther Cub Choir?

Choir is an auditioned 20-30 member singing group made up of students in grades 4-8. "Auditioned" means that students need to try-out with Ms. Stone in order to be in choir. If you audition and aren't selected for the choir this year, you can try-out again the following year.

When are Panther Cub Choir Auditions?

Choir auditions will be on Zoom Monday-Thursday, October 5-8, from 3:00-4:30 PM - the list of students selected for choir will be shared on Friday October 9th. I will email the sign-up link to all 4th-8th grade students on Friday, September 25th. Students interested in auditioning need to sign-up for one 10 minute audition time slot.

During your audition you will need to be prepared to sing "Happy Birthday" from memory and without piano accompaniment. I also might check your pitch matching, tonal memory, vocal range, and sight-singing skills. This is so I can become more familiar with each child's voice to determine their voice part and placement within the choir.

When does Cub Choir Rehearse/Meet?

Cub Choir rehearses every Monday school is in session from 3:15-4:15 PM. Due to current restrictions, choir will meet virtually via Zoom for the time being.

- The first rehearsal will be all together to go through expectations and how choir will work virtually to start the school year.
- The following rehearsals will be held virtually in small groups. This procedure will be followed in order to best utilize our time and because of the audio restrictions on Zoom.
- I will also be available on Fridays for virtual one-on-one voice lessons with Panther Cub Choir Members.

The first full Choir Rehearsal will be Monday, October 12, 2020.

Other Information:

To be in choir there is a Registration fee of \$50 for the year. All participants are expected to follow STRIDE's behavior guidelines during Cub Choir rehearsals. Any behavior infractions may interfere with further participation. If a student is asked to leave the choir due to behavior, the registration fee will not be refunded.

Panther Cub Choir will be featured at STRIDE Academy concerts. Performance dates will be communicated to choir members when they are scheduled in the future.

Please contact me with
any questions at:
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Musically Yours,

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