



Cadence Showchoir

2011-2012 Registration Information

Who We Are

Angels Sing, Inc. is an independent and not-for-profit choir organization, offered as an extra-curricular activity to all students enrolled at St. Isaac Jogues School. There are four choirs available for boys and girls: grades 1-3 (Angel), grades 4-8 girls (Spirit), grades 1-5 boys (Crusader), grades 6-8 (Cadence). The Cadence Choir is open to 6-8 grade SIJ students who meet established enrollment guidelines. In the recent years of the ASI/SIJ choral program, ASI has been contracting SHINE!, LLC to provide the directing staff for our program. We are pleased that SHINE! will continue to provide Julie Petrando as the overall director of the SIJ choir program again this year. Director Julie Petrando is a University of Illinois graduate with a degree in choral music education and has completed post-graduate work in school administration. Miss Julie is excited to celebrate her twenty-first year of professional choral directing. She promotes Christianity in our choir program both through song selection and the all-inclusive nature of its membership.

Register your child for the Cadence Showchoir 2011-2012 school year by filling out the attached registration material and coming to Registration Night Wednesday, May 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will be holding a mandatory parent and student information meeting from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Parish Center. Angel, Spirit and Crusader Choirs registration forms are available from our website www.angelsing.org or register@angelsing.org.



Policies and Procedures

Attendance: Attendance is required at all rehearsals, retreats, choreography sessions, competitions, concerts, festivals, and other activities that are listed on the initial calendar

distributed on or before the first day of choir. Attendance is expected at any rehearsal, performance, or activity that is scheduled with at least 3 weeks notice. If the director schedules a "last-minute" performance or rehearsal, performers will not be penalized for missed attendance. Performers will be allowed two "unexcused" absences. After the second absence, communication will take place with the performer and parent that they have missed 2 rehearsals. ***Missing a 3rd rehearsal (unexcused) may result in removing the performer from the choir.*** The director reserves the right to "bench" a performer as a result of absences (excused or unexcused) as such absence(s) will affect the overall performance of the choir. (Note: parents should report an absence by emailing Joan Latto at jlatto.sij@gmail.com. "Excused" absences include anything that would be considered excused by the SIJ school policy such as illness, death in family, etc.)

Tardiness: Choir begins at 7am. Any student entering choir after 7:15am will be noted as tardy. Four tardies will equal one *unexcused* absence. Also, please note that arrival after 7:30am will be considered an unexcused absence unless waived by the director or coordinator.

Regular Rehearsals: Cadence will rehearse each Tuesday and Friday morning, 7-8:10am, in East Hall. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 13th through the Spring Concert 2011. If SIJ school is not in session, Cadence will not rehearse unless otherwise noted by Miss Julie or Angels Sing, Inc.

Choreography Sessions: Choreography rehearsals will take place, generally, on one evening per month. Dates and times will be determined before the start of the school year and a schedule will be distributed to Cadence members on or before the first rehearsal. Additionally, there will be one full-day "retreat" (Oct. 29th)

Behavior and Discipline: Cadence is a traveling, competing showchoir that is not unlike tryout-based traveling sports teams or professional performing ensembles. We pride ourselves on being all-inclusive (i.e. non-auditioned);

we believe that any child who can keep Cadence a priority in their schedule can be successful and valuable to our "team". *Performers who cannot meet these expectations may be removed from an individual performance or overall participation in the choir at the sole determination of Ms. Julie and/or the Angels' board of directors. However, all tuition and fees paid are still non-refundable.*

Tuition: The 2011-12 Cadence Showchoir non-refundable tuition is \$900 and includes all rehearsals, choreography, costuming*, travel, competitions, Cadence t-shirt, music, Got Talent!, retreat, and materials used in performances. In order to reserve your child's position in Cadence, tuition payment along with completed medical form, permission slip, and signed registration/contract, ***must be received at Registration Night on May 11th, 2011.*** Payments maybe made in three payments of \$300 due on May 11, June 11 and July11, 2011. Additional financial assistance or arrangements are available, please contact Angela Garcia at angelalavelli@aol.com.

***Costume:** All Cadence members will be custom-fit for their 2011-2012 costume. In addition, female Cadence members will need a tan one-piece undergarment, and nylon hose. Boys will need socks. All Cadence members will need appropriate shoes for Cadence. (These expenses are in addition to the tuition.) Ordering information will follow in an email.

Transportation: All Cadence performers are expected to ride the bus to and from competitions for safety reasons. Any exception to this must approved prior to the week of competition by Ms. Julie.

Financial Considerations Contributions: Angels Sing, Inc. is an Illinois not-for-profit, self-sustaining corporation. We welcome donations and related financial support, a portion of which may be tax deductible. Donations can be earmarked for scholarships, endowment or other purposes.

DISNEY in 2012!

Cadence plans to audition for a performance opportunity at "Magic Music Days." **Planned departure is Friday, March 23rd (after school) returning Tuesday, March 27th.** Since this trip will take place outside of the Angels Sing, Inc./SIJ choir calendar, it will be optional for Cadence members, however the choir will not take this on unless we have 75% of our performers participating. Cost has been determined to be approximately \$1599 for performers. This includes airfare, 4 nights at the Beach Club, park hopper pass, and the performance and participation at the "Disney Sings" educational workshop, Illuminations Dinner (private viewing), and Character Breakfast. **A commitment must be made by May 11, 2011 with a \$100 deposit made to ASI. You may send your deposit to Christine Lovett, 5619 Childs Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521 or it can be made with your performer's registration.** More information will be provided at a meeting which will be held in September for interested

Tentative Cadence Schedule

- Tuesday and Friday mornings 7am - 8:10 am September 13-March 16
- all scheduled rehearsal and choreography sessions:
Rehearsals 6:30pm-9:30pm: Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Feb. 9 and Mar. 1th
- Choreography Retreat 9:00am-5pm: October 29, 2011; Parish Center
- Dec. 3th Concert Rehearsal 3pm-5pm
- Dec. 4th Christmas Concert
- the 5th Annual Got Talent! workshop on Jan. 21, 2012;
Hinsdale Central H.S. 12:00-8:00pm
- the Ft. Atkinson Showcase or the Manteno Main Event competition on February 10, 2012
- the Chicagoland Showcase competition on March 2, 2012
- the Wheaton Warrenville Choral Classic on March 9, 2012
- Spring Concert March 18, 2012 4pm; Hinsdale Central H.S.
- Cadence performs at Disney March 23-27 optional

(A calendar will be sent on or before the first day of choir, all dates are subject to change)



2010/2011 Board Members

Mary Bartecki, Peggy Callahan, Judy Floodstrand, Angela Garcia, Christine Lovett

