

**Dear Grade 5 – 8 Students & Parents,**

This spring, GVC and NPC invite you to take advantage of their community outreach music education program: *a free-of-charge, un-auditioned, division-wide choir for students from grades 5 – 8!*

At the middle school level, not all students have equal opportunity to sing as part of choir(s) within their own schools, and even students who DO have access to choir at school often do not get to make music as often as they might like! The middle years are a crucial point of vocal development as students are growing physically and experiencing a voice change, and it is so important to continue to provide instruction and experience for all students who wish to sing, regardless of previous experience and/or musical background.

Official registration will take place via email or by dropping off the second page of this form to GVC, but new singers are welcome to join us for any rehearsals along the way!

We do not want ANYONE to miss out on this opportunity simply because they did not hear about the program, so please help us spread the word!

**Eligibility & Commitment:**

There is no audition to be in this choir program. It is open to ALL students within the Garden Valley School Division (this includes homeschool students)!

Singers are asked to do their best to attend all rehearsals in order to help us reach our musical goals in such a short time together, but we are happy to have any students join us whenever they are able!

**Cost:**

Registration is FREE! All adults involved with the choir are teachers or volunteers within the division. All supplies used will be from existing choral repertoire and materials within our division.

**Rehearsal Dates & Times:**

*All rehearsals will take place in the GVC Choir Room. It is located in GVC East (Old Administration Building, small building across from Dairy Queen/Ralph's).*

*Boys & Girls will spend some time rehearsing separately as well as together, in order to maximize comfort and growth!*

**Tuesday, April 10**

Boys: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Girls: 4:30 – 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, April 17**

Boys: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Girls: 4:30 – 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, April 24**

Boys: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Girls: 4:30 – 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, May 1 – IN THE ZONE (upstairs cafeteria) at GVC**

ALL singers! 4 – 6 pm \*\*FAMILY & FRIENDS PERFORMANCE TIME FROM 5 – 6 PM!!\*\*

### **Performances:**

All family and friends are invited to join us for a celebration performance from 5 – 6 pm on our final rehearsal day (**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**). The first hour will be a “dress rehearsal” for the students, and the second hour will be a time to share music and snacks with all of our fans!

### **Repertoire:**

The songs that we learn will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Fun and enjoyability!
- Quality of literature – compositional strength and ability to engage both singer and audience
- Suitability to the vocal range and skill level of the singers
- Providing a wide range of musical styles (pop to classical), including both sacred and secular texts on a variety of themes

### **Directors:**

Melanie Urichuk, choir teacher at Garden Valley Collegiate since 2014, and Karen Giesbrecht, choir teacher at Northlands Parkway Collegiate since 2013, will provide the bulk of instruction. We will also have a few talented parent, student and alumni volunteers assisting us with rehearsals in order to maximize learning and fun for all singers involved!

### **Registration:**

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Come-and-Go Registration @ 4-6pm in the Garden Valley Collegiate Main Lobby**

Please pop in during this timeframe for about 10 minutes to meet Mrs. Urichuk and fill out the necessary registration form.

We are also thrilled to receive registrations by email to [melanie.urichuk@gvsd.ca](mailto:melanie.urichuk@gvsd.ca) or [karen.giesbrecht@gvsd.ca](mailto:karen.giesbrecht@gvsd.ca) (you can fill out the paper then take a picture or scan the page and send that to us!)

*If you are unable to attend registration night but do not have email access, please call the GVC main office at (204) 325-8008 to make alternate arrangements. Singers can join anytime!!*

*Use what talents you possess, for the woods would be silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.*

HENRY VAN DYKE

