

THE FORTIS BOYCHOIR, INC.

"Making a difference ... one boy at a time"

POLICIES

POLICIES APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 29th, 2014

MEMBERSHIP: The FORTIS BOYCHOIR Inc. is a public, non-profit organization, with membership open to boys who are at least six (6) years old who have satisfied the audition requirements. Any boy who must withdraw from a choir, for any reason other than an extended illness, will not automatically be reinstated the following semester and must clear his record with the Artistic Director and re-audition. The FORTIS BOYCHOIR Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, and national or ethnic origin.

REHEARSALS: All choirs will meet on designated days, times and places set by the Artistic Director, during the academic school year. Additional workshops will also be scheduled from time to time.

ATTENDANCE: Each boy is expected to attend **all** rehearsals, workshops, camps and performances and must provide his own transportation to each. Carpooling is encouraged. If a boy misses a rehearsal, he must bring a note to the NEXT rehearsal signed by a parent or legal guardian stating the reason. All boys must be picked up promptly after rehearsals and performances.

MUSIC: Music for all choirs will be selected or approved by the Artistic Director. Each boy is required to memorize all music and will receive a folder of his own music. It will be his responsibility to keep his music in good order and to bring it to every rehearsal. He will be charged for any damaged or lost music. During the year, music of a religious nature is performed frequently.

GRADES: Each boy must maintain an overall grade average of at least a "C" when all his subjects are added together. Two consecutive periods of an overall grade of less than a "C" will result in the boy being put on academic probation. Conferences with parents, teachers and the boy may be set up and the situation monitored until the overall average returns to a "C". The last resort, should grades not improve, is expulsion from the choir. We also strongly encourage each boy to maintain at least an "S" in conduct. Grades must be supplied to the boys' Choir Director following each grade reporting period the boy receives.

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM: Although the FORTIS BOYCHOIR is not associated with any school district, each boy is encouraged to participate in the vocal music program of his school and/or church.

DISCIPLINE: Since this is a professional organization, each boy must learn to discipline himself as a member of the Choir. Good conduct is mandatory. Because of limited rehearsal time, boys must work hard during rehearsals to prepare all music required for performances. Any boy who does not pay attention or misbehaves will be assigned a written theme of up to 50 words on some musical subject. Should problems still occur, a warning slip will be sent home to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The last resort is expulsion from the Choir. **Any boy engaging in an activity at rehearsals, performances, camps or tours that is unbecoming to himself or the choir may be dismissed immediately.** This includes, but is not limited to vulgar and immoral language or behavior, possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage or any illegal narcotic drug.

By tradition, we have created an image of wholesome, well-rounded boys. The Artistic Director reserves the right to take necessary action regarding any appearance of attire, which in his sole opinion, is unacceptable.

I have read and voluntarily accept all of the above terms and conditions and by my signature agree, should my son be accepted into the organization, to abide by what has been stated above.

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian

Boy's Name