** OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL** 

 ***LIVING, Celebrating and Proclaiming OUR FAITH***

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. It has come time to sign up for the school choir. In choir, students from ***Grades 3 to 7*** will meet to rehearse once a week on Mondays from 12:20 pm to 12:50 pm during lunch, and will sing at school masses and monthly family masses (dates are below). Occasionally, there will be an extra rehearsal during the week and special singing/ instrumental opportunities available. Students and parents will be notified of these dates in advance. On days when students are singing for mass, please arrive 30 minutes before the start time to allow for a warmup and short rehearsal with our pianist.

In choir, students will experience the joy of serving the OLS community through singing, learning good vocal technique, developing stronger musicianship skills, and experiencing a sense of community. Students with more advanced singing and instrumental skills may be given opportunities to share their gifts with the community during special events.

All rehearsals and masses are ***MANDATORY***. Attendance will be taken to ensure consistent participation so that our choir can develop its own unique sound. If your child is unable to attend certain masses or rehearsals please contact me (Mr. Kanabe) or Mrs. Matterson in advance to come to an agreement.

Please fill out the form below and have your child return it to myself, or Mrs. Matterson, by Monday, September 11th (which is also the date of our first rehearsal). If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by email at akanabe@myolosschool.com

Regards,

Alexander Kanabe
Music teacher

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I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intend on joining choir and will

participate in rehearsals and masses.

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I also have been learning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for ***more than two years*** (please indicate whether your child takes vocal lessons or lessons for an instrument).

| **SCHOOL MASSES - 8:30 Reh 9:00 Start** | **FAMILY MASSES - 11:00 Reh 11:30 Start** |
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| SEPT 13, OCT 6, NOV 1, JAN 15, FEB 14, MAR 4, APR 10, MAY 10, JUN 12, JUN 26 | SEPT 24, OCT 29, NOV 26, JAN 28, FEB 25,APR 28, MAY 26, JUN 23 |
| **SPECIAL DATES/ EVENTS** |  |
| DEC TBD - Outreach/ Advent activitiesFEB TBD - Notre Dame Choir Festival(SAT) MAY 4 TBD - First Communion Mass |