

DV CONNECT TK8 CHOIR

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Hello! My name is Alexi Paraschos, and I am the Choir Teacher and Performing Arts Coordinator for the Da Vinci Schools.

We are super excited to be kicking off our FOURTH year of programming for the Connect TK8 School! Please find all info for this semester below, and feel free to email me with any questions throughout the semester. Please note three important items below: 1) Choir & Theatre will now be offered only to **grades K-8** (previously TK-8), 2) Tue/Thu rehearsal times (for choir and theatre) have shifted 30mins earlier, and 3) due to scheduling issues, there is no winter showcase at ESPAC—instead, we'll be doing a **first-ever all-choir concert in the Blackbox!** (All details below.)

As always, thanks to the many people on and off stage who help out and make this thing happen....we're grateful to each of you!

All the best,
Alexi

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DESCRIPTION

Choir is a chance for Connect K8 students to be introduced to the basics of singing in a group setting. Students will learn the basics of music, including proper posture, correct breathing, music theory, reading sheet music, ear training, intonation, diction, blending, and singing with emotion. In addition to musical concepts, choir is also an opportunity for students to gain valuable life skills, such as working as a team, learning through doing, resilience, and the joy of a shared accomplishment.

FORMAT

- Choir will now be offered to grades K-8 (previously TK-8).
- Like last year, the two groups this semester will be divided into a **Voices of Da Vinci Primary Choir** (Grades K-2) and a **Voices of Da Vinci Junior Choir** (Grades 3-8).

MATERIALS

- two-pocket folder (to keep music, lyric sheets, etc)
- pencil (for notes during rehearsal)
- bottle of water
- snacks are permitted if students are staying for multiple rehearsals (must be eaten outside BB)

SCHEDULE

Regular weekly schedule (from Tue 9/15-Thu 12/3):

- **VODV PRIMARY CHOIR: Tue** (for Th/F cohort) and **Thu** (for M/T cohort), 11-11:45am
- **VODV JUNIOR CHOIR: Tue** (for Th/F cohort) and **Thu** (for M/T cohort), 12:45-1:45pm

Performance date:

- **VODV ALL-CHOIR "FAM JAM"; Thursday, 12/3** (6-8pm; doors at 5:30pm) in the Blackbox at 201 N. Douglas St.

Please note: this is a change from last year. Due to scheduling issues at ESPAC, we will be attempting our first-ever all-choir performance in the Blackbox. For this event, family members/friends are encouraged to sing with their students, so please consider participating! More info to come.

Additional rehearsals:

- **Mon 11/30, 4-7pm** in Blackbox; **BOTH PR + JR CHOIRS** needed for full 4-7pm
- **Tue 12/1, 4-7pm** in Blackbox; **ONLY individual/solo/small group performers** (will be decided closer to date of show)
- **Wed, 12/2**
 - **PR CHOIR = 11-11:45am** (reg time; in Blackbox)
 - **JR CHOIR = 12-1pm** (in Music Room)

(Please note: NO REHEARSALS after "Fam Jam" performance)