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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in the Cherubs Music Program! Participating in a music program has many educational, social, and emotional benefits in addition to the music experience itself. Did you know that ***music aptitude continues to show improvement*** in children who receive music training ***up until the age of 9, with the most improvement shown from birth through age 6?***

This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore all aspects of music in a positive and fun-filled social environment, while also growing in their faith. They will learn fundamentals of music and singing, so they will be better prepared to participate in the children's choir when they enter the 3rd grade. In addition, it can be an opportunity for you to share in this experience with your child, further strengthening the parent-child bond. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, older siblings, etc. have also enjoyed taking on this role.

To offer this program in the safest environment possible, we will need parental participation. ***For those with children in the preschool group, I am asking that one parent or other adult (aunt, uncle, grandparent, godparent, older sibling etc.) attend each session*** to assist with group participation and to attend to other needs as they arise. It is highly recommended that you join the circle and play *with* us! This will enable you to engage your child in singing the songs or recreating activities between sessions; thus reinforcing the concepts and strengthening the parent-child bond. Over the years, we have found that most parents/guardians/relatives enjoy being part of the experience and joining in the activities.

For the older group (K – 2), we will need to have **two parents present for each session, on a rotating basis**, to assist with trips to the bathroom, encourage participation, and to be present in the unlikely case of an emergency. I will be gathering information as to your availability and will set up a schedule by the 2nd week of class. Of course, **any parent is invited and encouraged to attend any session** at any time!

I will have a student **sign-in sheet each week**. Please sign your child ***in and out*** for each session. If someone other than a parent will be picking your child up, please make a note of that in the “comments” section. I will also have name tags made up for each child after the first session. After signing in, please assist your child in finding his/her name tag and putting it on.

Please fill out the attached registration form and either return it to me electronically or bring it to the first session. ***It is important that I have the emergency contact information by the first session.*** Tuition for this program is ***\$25 per child or \$35 per family per semester (checks payable to Padre Serra with Cherubs in the memo section)***. Please bring the check with you to the 1st session. If this presents a hardship, please notify Lisa. No child will be turned away due to financial concerns!

I am really looking forward to spending the next few months with you and your children. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions. Thanks!

Sincerely,

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