

Dear Fifth Grade Parent:

Congratulations! Your student is invited to be a member of the Sugar Hill Elementary School Chorus, The Sugar Hill Singers. This is an honor as well as a commitment. If you and your student decide to participate in Chorus, it will be a 14-week commitment involving before school rehearsals and costuming. Please consider: 1) If your child is willing to make this commitment to practice and 2) if you are able to make this commitment of time and providing transportation before returning the permission slip below. Due to the level of interest this year, there were several students who have been placed on the Chorus waiting list. If your child is not going to participate, please let me know as soon as possible to allow those students a chance to become a member. September 1 is the deadline for this. If I don't have your child's permission form and information form by then, I will know that your child is not going to be a member and will begin giving other children the opportunity to participate.

In an effort to support academic achievement, **Chorus will be meeting before school on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 – 7:55 am. This will begin on September 6, 2016. (Please see the attached calendar.)** Unfortunately, there is no time in the music schedule to provide Chorus during the school day. If students are to participate, parents must provide transportation to these before school rehearsals. It is usually very convenient to arrange carpools in order to offset the amount of drop-offs required, so please consider this option. As I am sure you know, attendance is a very important part of rehearsal. Students will be asked not to participate if they are tardy two times (7:10am or after) or have one unexcused absence. Absences will be excused along the school policy guidelines. It is imperative that students are present for rehearsals as we prepare for our performances. Again, please consider the rehearsal schedule as you are making decisions about Chorus this year.

The Sugar Hill Singers will be performing for the December 8, 2016 PTA meeting. Our program will include holiday music from various cultures, traditions, and countries. This performance will be very exciting! I know that you are very proud of your student, as am I.

The Chorus attire for performances will be: black pants or skirt (dark black, please), black dress shoes, and the Chorus t-shirt. All Chorus students will need to wear this shirt for all performances. The front will have The Sugar Hill Singers logo and the back will list all of the students' names. Each shirt is \$9.00 and comes in sizes youth M, and L and adult S, M, L, XL, and XXL (add \$1.50 for XXL). Since the students will be wearing the shirts in December, you may want to order a size larger to account for any growth spurts. As you purchase a shirt for your Chorus student, please make your check out to Sugar Hill Elementary and turn this in to Mrs. English in an envelope along with your child's permission and information form. The money and forms are due on Thursday, September 1. If you are unable to purchase a shirt at this time, please let Mrs. English know and other arrangements can be made.

**To accept your child's invitation, I will need two separate pieces of information. 1) Please complete the attached permission form and return to me by September 1, 2016. 2) Please go to <http://www.tiffanyenglish.net/Pages/Chorus.htm> or Mrs. English's eClass page to complete the online information form.** It is important that all information is completed so that I will be able to contact you if needed. Again, congratulations! I look forward to working with these special music students and with you!!

Sincerely,  
Tiffany English, Music Specialist  
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# Sugar Hill Singers Permission Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my student will be participating in the Sugar Hill Elementary Chorus, The Sugar Hill Singers. I also understand that Chorus rehearsals are before school on Tuesday mornings beginning at 7:00am and I will provide transportation for this. I am aware of the attendance policy and understand that excessive absences or tardies will be cause for a student's removal from the Chorus. I have read the rehearsal calendar and understand that my child's attendance is necessary.

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Parent Signature

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Date

I understand that as a Chorus student I will be expected to try my best to learn my music, to follow Chorus expectations, to be on time, and to be present at all Chorus rehearsals.

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Student Signature

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Date

## **Please initial below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt money included

\$9.00 per shirt Please add \$1.50 for XXL and XXXL
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\_\_\_\_\_ I completed the online information form. (Sugar Hill Singers Information Form can be found at <http://www.tiffanyenglish.net/Pages/Chorus.html> or on Mrs. English's eClass page.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to complete the online form. Please send a hard copy of the Sugar Hill Singers Information Form home with my child.