

# Pojoaque Valley Middle School

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Dear PVMS Choir Students and Parents:

Welcome to the Pojoaque Valley Middle School Choir program! I am delighted that you have chosen to be involved in choir this year.

There are two sections of choir class at PVMS. Both classes are mixed boys, girls, and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Some students have prior singing experience and some are new to choir this year, but all are welcome! All students will learn new singing skills as well as music reading skills.

A bit about my background: I was born and raised in New Mexico and studied music at Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri and the University of New Mexico. I received my Bachelor of Music Education degree from UNM and will complete my Masters degree in education in October. I have sung professionally with both the New Mexico Symphony Chorus and the Dallas Symphony Chorus. I have over 30 years teaching experience and I am certified in both Pre K – 12 Music and K-8 Elementary Education.

As a member of the PVMS Choir, each student is to have black slacks (or skirt, if girls prefer), black socks, and black shoes. A PVMS Choir T-shirt is also required and must be purchased by October 1. The cost of the T-shirt is \$12.00.

Grades in choir class will be based on daily class effort and participation, class assignments, quizzes, tests, and attendance at concerts. Because reading music involves literacy and math, evidence of learning in choir will tie in to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Reading and Mathematical Practices.

A choir fundraiser will be held this year and this helps with the purchasing of music as well as transportation costs to festivals and field trips. More information will follow at a later date.

The PVMS Choir have scored in the "Superior" and "Excellent" categories the last four years at the district Music Performance Assessment Festival and we continue to have excellent representation at the District Honor Choir Festival. I am looking forward to another wonderful year of music making at PVMS!

A Choir Syllabus will be sent home with your student and needs to be read and signed by both student and parent(s). It must be returned by the due date. The syllabus will address goals, expectations, discipline, materials needed, performance information and more.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions you may have throughout the year. I have an open-door policy and welcome you to visit your child's class any time. Please be sure to check in at the office and obtain your visitor's pass first. I am looking forward to an exciting and enriching year for all.

Sincerely,  
Isabel Becker-Hudson  
PVS Choir Director