

Teens Loving Christ Choir

PARENT

HANDBOOK

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2017

2018

Seize the Day!

This year in TLC I will be challenging the kids to 'Seize the Day' making the year extraordinary in all they do...

in school

at work

at school activities (sports, choir, band, drama, chess club, AV, year book club etc)

at home

at Church

and as a Christian in the school and community.

To some of you TLC is old hat, to some of you TLC is a huge commitment for your youth, for some of you it is a challenge to set priorities between TLC and other activities, and for some it is a real pain!

May I point out that it may be unique (and important) in several ways:

- ◆ **TLC gives kids a place to belong,**

- ◆ **TLC sponsors and leaders are committed to provide them with unconditional love.**

- ◆ **TLC has no auditions, no huge dues, no big expenses -- other than tour (where you can literally do fundraisers and not pay anything.) It places Scripture (including morals) into their hearts and minds for life; as they memorize and sing God's words.**

- ◆ **TLC provides a work ethic and commitment (those Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons are hard commitments) which will carry over when they get jobs.**

- ◆ **It is proven that those who sing and do art live healthier lives, are more well rounded and even improves other main core test grades. It gives the kids a chance to give unto others, serve others and think beyond themselves.**

- ◆ **TLC and our great youth program promotes the promise that God is with you always, you are never alone. What an important concept for teenagers to hear.**

I will be challenging the kids this year, but also you, to help them seize the TLC day's' ahead, helping them be all they can be and more!

Carpe Diem (Seize the Day)!

Mark Stallings

TLC GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the TLC (T.eens L.oving C.hrist) Choir is open to anyone in 7th-12th grades. You do not have to be a member of Orange Park United Methodist Church. TLC membership is shown by faithful attendance and attention.

ATTENDANCE

The group needs and depends upon everyone whether or not you feel you have the greatest voice. Since we sing in Church almost every Sunday morning, every rehearsal is important! Remember, the commitment is not to the Director, friends, the Choir, or anyone else... it is to God.

1. **Choir Tour** - The attendance requirement for Dinner Theater and June choir tour is 75% for all scheduled events listed.



Attendance - Attendance is tracked by a point system where everyone receives 10 points for each rehearsal and church appearance. If you call the attendance line (264-2241 x245) or send an e-mail **prior** to a church service or rehearsal, you can still earn 5 points! These do add up! Simply leave a message saying you cannot attend and the date. Additional events gain you 20 points per extra rehearsal or performances. Fundraisers gain you 30 points each. Sorry, 1/2 points cannot be earned for fundraisers or additional performance events not participated in.

800 points (75% participation) are needed to be eligible to participate in the 2018 Choir Tour! TLC Counselors will be taking attendance and keeping track of points. If you would like to check where you stand, please see Mrs. Stacey. Each person is responsible for making sure the table attendance takers know they are here and for signing in on the attendance forms at all additional rehearsals, concerts and fundraisers! **Make-Ups—** Students may make up points by volunteering in the Music Office or helping around Dinner Theater and Tour time with logistics, risers, etc.

2. **Fundraisers** - We have fundraisers with Youth Ministries where there is a direct link between what you sell or hours spent (Pumpkin Patch, Parents Night Out, Wreaths) which equates to \$ into your individual account for use during the year on trips or for Choir Tour or the Mission Trip at the end of the year. We also have several other fundraisers throughout the year where the funds earned go into the general budget for TLC's and go toward the bus and bringing the cost of Tour down for everyone. Dinner Theater and High Tea fall into this category. You receive points for working at these events but not individual money. ALL fundraisers depend on adult volunteer participation to help make them happen!



OTHER STUFF

Because the Teens Loving Christ represent Christ, Orange Park United Methodist Church and each other to a lost world, our actions should be a positive influence on others. The TLC are also responsible for having a good time! This is what we ask:

1. Choir Rehearsal - The goal of rehearsal is to prepare for ministry. Work hard. Do the best possible! Give 100%! Be there when you can!
2. Excessive Talking - Please maintain focus in rehearsal and help us accomplish our ministry goals. There are other times and places for socializing!
3. Gum, Food, Drinks, Cell Phones - Please do not let them bring any of these items to or use them in choir. Save them for another time and place.
4. Drugs - These items have no place in the life of a Christian. They will not be tolerated in choir. Using them on any choir trip or activity will get them sent home at the family's expense.
5. Uniform - The uniform consists of a TLC polo shirt (Cost \$25), khaki long pants and brown, closed-toed shoes. Jeans and nice tennis shoes may also be needed for tour.

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

There's much more than music at stake here.

If you ever need me for anything at all, please call!

My phone number at church is 264-2241 x236;

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Let's help the kids make TLC's an amazing time of love, music,
fun, ministry, and acceptance!

~Mark Stallings

TLC Calendar

2017/2018

Please watch the weekly postcard/newsletters/website
for calendar changes/updates!

AUGUST

August 13 Carpe Diem TLC Kickoff
August 20 Back to School Bash
August 25 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**

SEPTEMBER

September 15 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**
September 30 Pumpkins arrive



OCTOBER

October PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER!
October 1 World Communion Sunday-TLC sing two service
October 13 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**

NOVEMBER

November 17 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**
November 19 TLC Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser



DECEMBER

December 1 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**
December 7 Cantata Rehearsal (7-8:30pm)
December 9 Cantata Rehearsal (9am -12)
December 10 Cantata 9:30 and 11:00
December 24 TLC sings for a 10 am service and then again
for the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service to
welcome in Christmas!



JANUARY

- January 7 *TLC New Year Rehearsal!*
January 20 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**

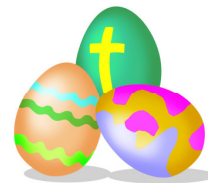


FEBRUARY

- February 17 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**

MARCH

- March 6 Dinner Theater Rehearsal at 6:30
March 8 Dinner Theater Rehearsal at 6:30
March 9 Dinner Theater Rehearsal at 7:00
March 10 DINNER THEATER!



APRIL

- April 1 Easter—No Rehearsal
April 13 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**

MAY

- May 11 Parent's Night Out (PNO) Fundraiser**

JUNE

- June 10-17 Tentative dates for Tour 2018!



SEIZE THE DAY!

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