

SGS Music Ministry

Cantor Auditions for 2023 - 2024 School Year

All students in grades 7 and 8 are eligible to audition for SGS Cantor for this school year. Student Cantors should be willing to accept the responsibilities of serving as a music minister for liturgical celebrations at St. George Catholic School. Throughout the school year, they will work to develop their ministry with abundant faith while participating in the entire liturgical celebration, understanding that they are servants of the liturgy and members of the gathered assembly. Cantors should recognize their responsibility to be leading members of the singing assembly at all times, not only when cantoring for liturgical celebrations.

Cantor Auditions (*closed auditions*) will be held on **Wednesday, August 9, from 3:10 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in the St. George Church. Students selected as Cantor must possess the following skills:

- a good solo and choir singing voice
- accurate pitch
- clear diction
- the maturity to sing well in front of a large congregation.

Audition Music is **Psalm 1, “Blessed Are They Who Hope In the Lord” LaRosa** ; and **“Alleluia”** from *Mass of a Joyful Heart*.

Links for **audition music** and **recording** can be found in Dragontales and on the school website/clubs and activities.

Responsibilities of Cantors

On the day of a liturgical celebration, Cantors scheduled to serve should be in Church at 7:40 a.m., well prepared, knowing all of the music, and ready to sing (*the time prior to Mass will be used for cantor/choir warm-up and introducing new music to the assembly*). In case of absence, parents are asked to call Mrs. Jan Dupre through the School Office at (225) 293-1298, or email jan.dupre@sgschoolbr.org, giving as much advance notice as possible, with the message that their child is not able to cantor on a specified date.

Personal Preparation: Cantors will be given music for practice no less than two weeks prior to their scheduled date to sing for liturgy, allowing ample time for preparation/practice. For personal preparation, Cantors should study privately, or have training to sight-read, or learn well by ear. They should have access to an online device to listen to recordings.

Cantor Practice: Cantors will be required to attend practice on Wednesday of the week they are scheduled to cantor at school liturgy (*During Activity Class or after school*). *Please note adjustments may be necessary when there are flip-flop days that affect the School Mass schedule. Two weeks notice will be given in case of change to the rehearsal day/time.*

We are all called to give of our time, talent, and treasure to the Church. Sharing musical talents is one of many ways to do so and music is an important service ministry of our worshiping community at St. George Catholic School. We hope many of our talented students will take part in Cantor Auditions this school year.

Sign up for SGS Cantor Auditions **ONLINE**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4AD2EA3FE3-sgscantor1>

PARENTS: Please provide a **current parent email address** when registering your child for auditions on the signup genius page. This is the email address that will be used to send audition results. Also, please **register with the student name**, not the parent name. Again, provide parent email, student name.

Cantor Audition Results will be emailed to parents on **Thursday, August 10 after 6:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions regarding SGS Cantor Auditions, please email Jan Dupre, jan.dupre@sgschoolbr.org