Dear Parents,

 For the 2018-2019 school year, Cedar Springs is proud to offer again the Beach Chorus for 2nd and 3rd grades. This choir will be an extracurricular performance-based group which rehearses once per week. To become a member of this a group, a student must audition for Mr. Shutes. An audition will consist of singing an unaccompanied piece of music ranging in time from 30 seconds to 1 minute, as well as an oral response as to why the student wants to be in the choir. Auditions will be occurring on Monday, September 17 for 2nd graders & Tuesday September 18 for 3rd graders in the music room from 3:30 to 4:30. There is no sign up sheet for time slots; we will be taking students one at a time. If your student needs to leave promptly, we will do our best to have your student audition ASAP. These auditions are not used to see if your student will make it into the group. These auditions are a demonstration of dedication and to allow Mr. Shutes the opportunity to hear where your student and their voice would best fit in our choir. Students will rehearse from 3:30 to 4:30 PM every Monday there is school for the 2017-2018 year starting September 24, 2017, unless otherwise noted.

Attendance is a necessity for this group to succeed. Cedar Springs offers many wonderful after school opportunities for students to partake in and please take this into consideration when deciding to join the CVC because we need **every student at every rehearsal**. If multiple unexcused absences occur, removal from the group may occur.

The Beach choir will have 4 major performances during the school year. There will be a winter and spring concert, as well as a singing the national anthem at a Cedar Springs high school basketball game (still being scheduled). And a performance for the Board of Education in the Spring. A detailed schedule has been included, and is also available on our website [www.csemusic.weebly.com](http://www.csemusic.weebly.com). Please check these dates to assure this your student is available. There is always the potential for additional performances throughout the year, and if a performance is added, a minimum of a month’s notice will be given.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR, PLEASE READ**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

If a student’s ride is not at Beach by after rehearsal at 4:40, the student will be sent to Campus Kids. You do NOT need to register with Campus Kids unless you end up using the services. The first time a ride is not at Beach by 4:40, the service will be free. Any time after that, there will be a one-time $20 registration fee as well as a $9 per instance charge. The charge will be the same whether the time is for 5 minutes, ½ an hour, or any other amount of time. You will also need to sign your child out. This information is different from what was distributed at open house, please contact Mr. Shutes if you registered for Campus Kids and need to cancel.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Shutes at matt.shutes@csredhawks.org

Thank you,

Matthew Shutes

The audition form is available on the homepage of [www.csemusic.weebly.com](http://www.csemusic.weebly.com), and hard copies are available in the school office. If using a hard copy, please bring to audition. Please submit audition information by Saturday September 15, 2017. **This online form is highly preferred over a hard copy.**

**Cedar Springs Elementary Chorus Calendar 2018-2019**

**Date Event Time Location**

**September**

17 Beach Chorus Tryouts 2nd grade 3:30-5:00 PM Beach

18 Beach Chorus tryouts 3rd grade 3:30-5:00 PM Beach

19 CVC Tryouts 4th grade 3:30-5:00 PM CV

20 CVC Tryouts 5th grade 3:30-5:00 PM CV

21 Campus Kids Form Due

22 Results home Email/Phone

24 Start Beach Chorus Rehearsals 3:30-4:30 PM Beach

25 Start CVC Practices 3:30-4:30 PM CV

**October**

19 CVC Perform SSB 7:00 PM High School

**November**

13-15 CVC Solo tryout 4:30-5:30 PM CV

17 Solo results Email/Phone

21-26 Turkey Break NO PRACITCE

**December**

7 Winter Concert 6:30 PM High School

10 CVC perform BOE (Tentative) 6:00-7:00 PM Hilltop

10-13 NO PRACTICE

13 Metron/Winter celebration 3:30-6:00 PM CV

13 CVC Perform for Student Body 3:00-3:30 PM CV

17-21 NO PRACTICE

**January**

7 Resume practices, all chorus 3:30-4:30 PM

**February**

14-20 Mid-Winter Break NO PRACTICE

??? Beach perform SSB TBA (Evening) High School

**March**

8 CVC Perform SSB @ Griffins 6:00 PM Van Andel

25 Beach Solo tryout 3:30-4:30 PM Beach

26-28 CVC Solo tryout 3:30-4:30 PM CV

28 No PRACTICE

30 Solo results Phone/Email

**April**

1-5 Spring Break NO PRACTICE

**May**

6 BEACH/CVC Practice 3:30-4:30 PM Beach

10 Spring Concert 6:30 PM High School

13 Beach @ BOE (Tentative) 6:00-7:15 Hilltop

13-16 NO PRACTICE

16 Beach and CVC all Choir Potluck 6:00 PM CV

17 CVC Perform for Student Body 3:00-3:30 PM CV