

August 5, 2008

Dear Advanced Handbell Choir Members and Parents,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

First I want to congratulate those who auditioned for, and were accepted, into Advanced Bells this year. I think you'll find the repertoire enjoyable and challenging. As the only choir at Our Lady of Lourdes selected by audition, Advanced Bells is an elite ensemble.

We will have our first rehearsal at 6:30, Wednesday, September 10. Here is the Mass schedule up to Ash Wednesday, February 25. Arrival time is one half hour before Mass.

Sunday, October 5, **11:15 am Confirmation Mass**

Sunday, October 19, 8:00 Mass

Sunday, November 2, 8:00 Mass

Sunday, November 16, 8:00 Mass

Sunday, December 14, 8:00 Mass

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 10:30 pm Mass (Preludes begin at 10:00; arrival 9:30 pm.)

Sunday, January 4, 8:00 Mass

Sunday, January 25, 8:00 Mass

Sunday, February 8, 8:00 Mass

Sunday, February 22, 8:00 Mass

Special Christmas Rehearsal:

Thursday, December 18, 7:30-9:30, combined Adult Choir/Youth Choir/Advanced Bells rehearsal in the church.

No rehearsal: November 5 & 26, December 31, February 11 & 25

The Music Ministry Concert will be Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 3:30 (snow date: Sunday, February 1, 3:30).

Dress is white (not beige/cream) tops, black bottoms and shoes, dark tie for boys.

Cancellations due to weather: If there is the possibility of cancellation due to weather, you need to call my number (534-2319 x19) and listen for an outgoing message about such cancellation. If my voicemail does not state that there is a cancellation, then there is no cancellation. Also, please provide me with a parental email address where I can send changes to the schedule, other notifications, etc. should the need arise. Please send me this at OLLMusic@embarqmail.com. Thank you.

You are all excellent musicians, and together can lead the assembly to meditative prayer through your anthems. We are a team; your fellow choir members depend on you to make the choir what it is. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you September 10!

Sincerely,

Mr. Cole