

**Tesago Elementary School Music Department**  
**2011 - 2012 Chorus Contract**

**TO:** Parents/Guardians of Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**FROM:** Michael Lotano, Tesago Music Teacher/ Chorus Director

This letter is to inform you that your child has shown an interest in joining the Tesago Chorus for the 2010-2011 school year. **Each and every child in fourth and fifth grade has the opportunity to sing in chorus.** Chorus is a fun learning environment where young singers will practice and perform in an ensemble. There is no audition required.

Guidelines for Chorus:

- If your child decides to join chorus, I expect consistent, positive participation. Once a member, he/she is expected to continue throughout the year. This promotes responsibility, dedication, determination and teamwork.
- Attendance at weekly rehearsals affects the group immensely. Your child is expected to attend all rehearsals when he/she is present in school. Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday from 12:30-1:10pm in the music room. Your child will not miss any new academic instruction during this time. Singers must show 100% effort and this includes singing and listening. If a child misbehaves or is not participating he/she will receive a warning letter. The next incident would result in a call home. The final action would be removal from the group.
- **Concerts:** Unless your child is ill, he/she is required to participate in two evening concerts: **Tuesday, December 6, 2011** (Tesago Café) and **Thursday, May 17, 2012** (Tesago Café) both beginning at **7pm**. These are mandatory. Please mark your calendars. Please be advised that students are involved in many activities, (i.e. sports and dance) however students must attend these concerts. There will be additional performances that won't be required.
- **Concert Attire:** Boys are expected to wear a button-down white shirt (tie optional) with dark (preferably black) dress pants and shoes (no sneakers). Girls should wear a dress; dress pants or skirt with a white blouse (please do not wear a t-shirt or clothing with words on it.)

**\*\*4th Annual Brooks BBQ fundraiser will be:  
Thursday, November 17, 2011 3:00-6:00pm\*\***

Please read this letter with your child. If your child would like to join please fill out and return the attached contract to me by Tuesday, September 20, 2011. **Keep this top page for future reference!**

*The Tesago Select Chorus* will rehearse after-school on Mondays and perform in the concerts as well. **Singers who wish to audition must already be a member of chorus.** This group has more performance opportunities throughout the year. Auditions will be in late September (Check Music bulletin board and website for info). Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you and I hope you will encourage your child to sing in the chorus this year!

Mr. Michael Lotano

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I have read the Chorus Contract with my child and he/she understands the expectations of Chorus.

By signing, the student agrees to:

- Show their best effort at all times, always participate to the best of their ability.
- Attend all rehearsals and concerts with a positive attitude.
- Be respectful of other singers, Accompanist, and Director.
- HAVE FUN!

Student's name (**printed**): \_\_\_\_\_

Student **signature**: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name(**printed**): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(this will be the primary form of communication)

To the Parent/Guardian: Would you be interested in volunteering to help with the Brooks BBQ fundraiser or to possibly chaperone an outside performance? Please circle below.

Brooks BBQ: (November 17, 3-6pm)	Yes	No
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Chaperone:	Yes	No
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**THIS PAGE IS DUE BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011!**