

October 20, 2023

Dear Concert Choir Parents,

This is my second letter to your regarding our Choir Tour. The response to our first offering was only about 50% positive, so I honestly had to go back to the drawing board. The primary issue that was communicated to me was cost. Therefore, I have engaged in the concept of a "Mini-Tour," with a Tuesday, 3/5 Kickoff Concert, a Wednesday, 3/6 local school performance, and then at Thursday to Friday overnight in New York (I have already posted this proposed itinerary on Google Classroom for your children). This will allow us to attend the Broadway Workshop, have dinner at John's Pizzeria, and then see *Wicked* on Broadway. The most important part of the tour to our students leaders was singing at Rosary Hill Cancer Hospice Home, which we hope to do on Friday morning, "on our way back" to school. This gives our students a very rich, rewarding experience for a much smaller cost.

The cost for this mini-tour is \$655. It may be paid in monthly installments of \$110 per month. Please use the **QR code, below, to enroll.** I have been very exacting in my planning, so for this to happen, all choir members must attend. The chaperones for this tour will be Father Chris, Laurie Uguccioni and I.

Our primary fundraising medium will is our annual <u>*raffle*</u>, which can reduce the cost of the tour by hundreds of dollars (or in this case, cover it entirely). **I have the raffle tickets ready now.** In the past, for example, a few members of the choir <u>paid for themselves</u>, and even went beyond this to help others! I will share more about this in the days and weeks to come. We will begin fundraising very soon, and continue this up to the Tour Kickoff Concert in March, so that each student can raise maximum funds. Each ticket sold directly benefits the student who sells it, with 90% efficiency (10% covers the cost of the prizes and printing).

Please use the QR Code, below, to initiate your payment plan or to indicate that you will send a check for payment in full. <u>PLEASE USE THE QR CODE EVEN IF YOU ALREADY RESPONED BEFORE</u>. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a student or in helping with fundraising beyond anything I have mentioned, please let me know. We would be grateful for the assistance because the Arts and this school, especially in its mission, are worthy of your efforts!

<u>I simply ask that you respond, please before Wednesday, October 25.</u> I can be contacted at <u>rfish@jpiihyannis.org</u> with any questions you might have. Let us pray for each other, and for this tour! I am

PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE BELOW OR LINK TO REPLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 25.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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Rev. Deacon Richard Fish, Jr., Director of Performing Arts