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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Greetings! My name is Jacob Stensberg, and I'm an Assistant Director with Purdue Musical Organizations. You might be familiar with our Christmas Show – this year is our 86th annual show! We are expecting 18,000 audience members to see our 5 performances this year. I'm reaching out to you because there's an opportunity for your child to be a part of it! Each year we audition for our PMO Kids Choir, and those auditions are coming up quickly.

You can find all the information you need at our website listed toward the end of this letter, but I'll also explain a few things now! The audition is very simple and just includes your child singing a portion of our Christmas song. The sheet music and an audio clip are also available at the website! The auditions are Monday, September 30, beginning at 4:30 pm. We'll start with a parent/guardian informational meeting, and then the singing will begin! Depending on how many kids show up to audition, it could run as late as 6:30, or you could be in and out by 5:00 pm.

The kids rehearse Mondays from 4:30-5:30 beginning October 7. Rehearse are nightly beginning Saturday, November 30 and are mandatory (PBS will be there to tape a number of nights – we need 100% attendance for that!) After the weekend of shows December 6-8, it's all over!

If your child is 9-13 years old, loves to sing and dance, and you have the time to make this commitment, this is really a special opportunity. Many memories are made in this show, and we want to share them with you!

Many of your questions can be answered at our Kids Choir website:

<https://www.purdue.edu/pmo/ensembles/kids-choir/>

However, always feel free to reach out to me personally! The best way to contact me is through email: jstensbe@purdue.edu. Additionally, much greater detail will be given at the 4:30 pm parent/guardian meeting on September 30 before we begin the auditions!

Thank you so much!



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