

# DREAMS *Band*

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**The Dreams band** is an **Inspirational Band** for bringing up hidden musical talents of children through rigorous practice and discipline. The band will sing songs that share some universal success values of life at public performances. The children in the band will write, compose, sing, play musical instrument, lead and manage the band with support and guidance of a group of volunteer artists in the locality.

The band is named after DREAMS (Desire – Readiness – Empowerment – Action – Mastery to Success), which is a success intervention model designed by Fr. Lijo Thomas, to specifically lead teenagers to academic success, professional flourishing and ultimately to success in his or her life through a value oriented life program. Each step in this model is sequential and progressive toward the ‘S’ which is **Success**.

The **testimony of the band** itself is that its musicians proclaim a renewed sense of purpose, commitment and drive to consistently work hard. These instilled virtues challenge one to pursue their dreams and realize their potential to become the best they can be. Likewise, our musicians challenge their audience to find their innate talents and commitment for future development. The band members are collectively involved in helping those that are less fortunate by providing help in diverse areas. They perform and spend quality time with the elderly in nursing homes, donate funds from performances to help charitable activities, and mentor other teens for a better tomorrow.

## **Vision:**

Dedicated to giving hope by lending a helping hand and enhancing the quality of life through identifying and developing the unique innate talents to improve the lives of God’s greatest gift – Our children, the World of Tomorrow

## **Mission:**

- To assist children in identifying and developing their hidden talents
- To support in exhibiting and encouraging talented performers
- To guide and lead children through their struggles on the path to success in life
- To build self-confident, ethical, disciplined and committed citizens

## **Core Values:**

- Faith in God
- Spiritual – Moral Uprightness
- Personal and Social Commitment
- Love and Support for Fellow Beings Beyond All Boundaries
- Be Successful by Leading Others to be Successful in Life.

## **Objectives/Expectations:**

- Inculcate universal life values
- Work together as a family and support one another
- Be committed!! Attend all practices and performances
- Discipline children to identify specific goals and values in life and help them reach through their daily goals
- Build an attitude of gratitude and a positive attitude to accept all corrections

## **Code of Ethics**

The following Code of Ethics will be expected from all participants for their continued membership in the band.

- No sarcastic, hurtful, or inappropriate language
- No disrespect to the D.R.E.A.M.S. team or any participant of the program
- No damage or vandalism to any property
- No bullying (physical, emotional, or verbal)
- No behavior that may be unsafe to others or self

### **Parents' Responsibilities**

It is the parents' responsibility to transport their child to and from practice. Participants must inform an instructor that his or her parent has arrived before leaving the premises. It is also essential that parents see to it that their child is practicing at home on a regular basis. It's also the parents' responsibility to respond to all the correspondence in a timely manner. It is absolutely parents' responsibility to take care of their children's needs and security during practice, public performances, TV shows and so on. Parents should support instructors and should address any concerns about the band, or its members/volunteers, with Fr. Lijo.

### **Weekly Attendance and Absence Procedures**

Since we only have practice once a week, it is crucial that participants attend every class. Due to the nature of our program, each week's material needs to be mastered in order to learn the next week's material. Weekly attendance also fosters relationships within the band. Please notify us if your child will not be attending practice, due to an urgent need.

### **Discipline**

One of the main purposes of the band is to build life-values and character. We recognize the critical role responsible behavior plays in the life-long success of our participants. To be successful, our participants must understand their role and responsibilities as learners and possess a full repertoire of social skills that will empower them to interact responsibly with adults and peers at home, in the community, and eventually in the workplace. We support a positive and instructional approach to discipline. Instructors are giving of their time and talents; therefore it is important that participants respect them. Instructors will correct behaviors as needed and participants must oblige to accept the corrections with a positive attitude.

Pictures and videos will be taken at practice and performances to be used at concerts and to promote future DREAMS projects. The band will also do TV shows and other public concerts. The DREAMS' team, its volunteers, and any organization allowing DREAMS to perform or practice will not be liable for any injuries or loss/destruction of personal property. Participants may drive with other members or volunteers of the band, when going to or from band activities; however, the driver will not be responsible for any bodily injury that may occur from any unexpected accident.

Since DREAMS is part of an action research project, conducted by Dr. Lijo Thomas through the School of Education at ULM. Participants may be interviewed and data may be collected to assess behavioral, leadership and academic progress. Names of participants will not be used in the study and all Code of Ethics will be strictly followed.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand all the regulations and conditions of this project and I would like to register/admit my child, \_\_\_\_\_ for the DREAMS Band by accepting all the above mentioned policies and strategies of the project.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**D.R.E.A.M.S. Band Registration**

The participant’s custodial parent/guardian must complete the following information..

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade Level for the 2012-2013 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent profession ----- Work address -----

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**Local person to call in case of emergency if parent/guardian cannot be reached (authorized to release child to):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_