

# Sartell establishes Elementary Honor Choir

March 17 is a date you will want to mark on your calendar. A very special group of third- and fourth-grade students will make their vocal performance debut as members of the first-ever Elementary Honor Choir in Sartell. The choir is a new community project led by Sartell High School Choir Director Garrett Lathe and the Sartell Middle School Choir Director Kay Nelson. The goal of the EHC is to provide students with the experience of singing in a choir with others.

Approximately 50 students were selected to participate by music specialists at each elementary school. The choir will rehearse only six times before taking the stage along with the SHS choirs at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17 in Sartell High School.

"My son has been excited to come to rehearsal every week," said the mother of Avery Starz, a third-grader at Oak Ridge Elementary.

Another mom shared her daughter, Pine Meadow Elementary third-grader Kali Enstad, thinks it is pretty neat to see what choir is like before attending middle school. Both mothers agree that offering children the chance to participate in a community activity other than sports is a nice change of pace.

The Elementary Honor Choir is supported in part by the Sartell Music Association, a nonprofit group that seeks to share the joy of music in the schools and community of Sartell. An association of parents, community members, and music students, SMA is a



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**Sartell High School Director of Choirs Garrett Lathe works with third- and fourth-graders selected for the first annual Elementary Honor Choir.**

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