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*Heading*

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Dear Mom and Dad,

*Salutation*

If you came across an easy way for your child to improve her grades while having fun and making smart life choices, would you turn it down? Of course not! The answer is an easy one. Clearly you should allow me to join jazz choir this year.

*Introduction*

First of all, being in jazz choir will be convenient. Jazz choir meets after school, so you will be happy to know that I will not have to drop any of my other classes to make room in my schedule. You may be thinking that an after-school activity means you will need to pick me up from school two days a week, but you do not need to worry. Jazz choir conveniently ends just in time for me to take the activity bus home. You might view the cost of jazz choir as a downside, but compared to how I would spend my time otherwise, jazz choir is inexpensive. If I join jazz choir, many of my Saturdays will be spent rehearsing or performing. Normally I would spend my Saturdays paying to ski, swim, or see a movie. When you add those costs, jazz choir is a deal!

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Second of all, joining jazz choir would be beneficial. You might argue that another activity would negatively affect my schoolwork, but the opposite is true. According to the National Association for Music Education, multiple studies have proven that music has a positive effect on academic achievement. Students who are involved in music programs receive higher scores on tests than students who are not involved in music. Additionally, I have proven myself to be a dedicated student. I have never once turned in an assignment late or incomplete. I know how to plan ahead to meet due dates, and my grades would only benefit from joining jazz choir.

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Most importantly, jazz choir will help me have fun and build friendships with good kids. You know how much I love to sing. Rehearsing and performing with jazz choir will make me a truly happy teenager, and I am excited to join. Furthermore, Mr. Gullman, our school counselor, explained to us that students who participate in after-school programs are less likely to make bad life choices. For example, students who are involved in after-school programs like jazz choir are less likely to smoke, use drugs, or get arrested. You already know that I make good life choices, but if I am in jazz choir, you will also know that I am spending my after-school hours with friends who also make good choices.

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It is obvious that you should let me join jazz choir. Joining jazz choir is convenient, beneficial, and fun. My opportunity to join jazz choir is a gift that should not be taken for granted!

*Conclusion*

With love,

*Closing*

*And*

*Signature*

Jennifer