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CHATFIELD SENIOR HIGH CHOIR NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT: The choirs at Chatfield Senior High School strive to instill self-discipline, performance conduct, teamwork, and responsibility in students while inspiring them to discover their connection with singing. In addition to being exposed to various genres and styles of choral literature, students will be provided with an enriching experience in music education that supports the state and district level standards, working to build their skills as musicians. In their musical experiences the Chatfield Senior High School choirs will cultivate the personal and social growth of its members, enforcing their sense of self-esteem, accomplishment, and pride.

Director's Corner

by Josh Jackson

Happy New Year! My sincerest apologies for not publishing the January newsletter sooner! The month of January is extremely busy. With musical rehearsal beginning before school started, we have hit the ground running with rehearsals every day!

This spring semester is full of exciting events and opportunities! During the second week in January, we held our annual "Chatfield Area Honor Choir Concert." This concert is an opportunity for us to network with our feeder elementary and middle schools in the area. We have structured the event to feature the Elementary Schools by combining them into an "Honor Choir," allowing them to participate in a larger group. The middle school ensembles and a few CSH Choirs then have the opportunity to perform for them - making a great event for everyone to see what our Chatfield area has to offer! This event was very successful and I was pleased to see so many community members there to support Choral Music in our area.

This month is also a big month for recruiting! We need to bring more students into the choral program to keep it strong. Registration materials are being presented to students very soon at both the middle and high school levels. I am asking all students to reach out to their friends who will be at CSH next year - and encourage them to sign up for CHOIR! We have already had some students perform at both area middle schools - in hopes of attracting more students to sign up. On Tuesday, January 25th we will be hosting an 8th Grade Open House. Our musical cast and Chantons will perform to recruit, and we will have other students volunteer to work the 'Choir Booth,' and answer any questions parents and incoming students may have.

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Upcoming Dates

January 13th

Chatfield Area Choir Festival
4:30 PM Call Time in CSH Choir Room
7 PM Concert

Required for CHANTONS & CHARISMA

January 20th

8th Grade Open House
Details TBA

January 14th

Deadline for ALL CHOIR FORMS for students new to choir at the semester.

January 17th

Martin Luther King Day (No School)

January 26th – 29th

Colorado Music Educators Conference
(Mr. Jackson will not be in the building on these days)

February 6th – 8th

All State Choir Festival in Denver
All State Choir Concert is on February 8th @ 7 PM
Wells Fargo Theatre – Denver

February 10th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 17th

Women's Choir Festival @ Lakewood High School
(Field trip during the day)
Required for CHARISMA



Student Corner

by Jack Curzon

On November 18th and 19th, 7 choir students from Chatfield spent many long hours at the Jefferson All County Choir hosted by Lakewood High School. Over a dozen schools were represented with one person for each part Bass through Soprano. Starting Thursday night, we rehearsed 5 songs with our clinician. Friday morning at 8am we got right back to singing and rehearsed until 2:30 that afternoon - "fine-tuning" each of our songs.

With such a short time to learn these songs and with such a large choir, you can imagine it was quite an exciting atmosphere filled with those who have a love so strong for what they were doing that it was an amazing experience.

That night at 7pm, the concert started off with the directors chorus made up of all Jefferson County School District's High School Choir Directors. Following a thunderous applause, the Jefferson County Area Honor Choir took the stage and beautifully delivered 5 songs. We performed Highland Mary, Exultate Justi, Old Joe Clark, Erev Shel Shochanim, and Lullaby of Birdland under the direction of Dr. Leila Heil.

This was an amazing experience offered to us students here at Chatfield and throughout out JeffCo and I can't wait to try out again next year!

Butter Braid Fundraiser

CSH Choirs are planning to team up with the Band to participate in a Butter Braid Fundraiser. We are hoping families will want to take advantage of these unique and tasty treats just in time for Easter. Details to come soon! Be thinking of who YOU know that might be interested in purchasing a tasty treat and supporting the CSH Choirs!



Check Out the Spring Musical
“My Fair Lady”

February 24—26

Tickets: \$8

All State Choir

Congratulations to the following CSH Choir students for representing Chatfield in the 2011 Colorado All-State Choir!!

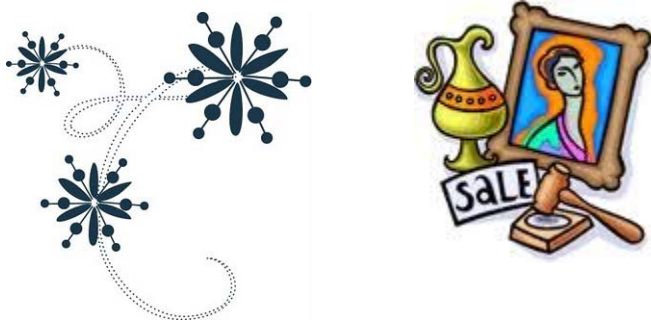
Sarah Dubetz
Summer Marsh
Sean Nogrady
Sarah Suzuki

Over 1,700 students from across Colorado auditioned for this prestigious ensemble. Only a few hundred were selected! Interested in hearing the 2011 Colorado All-State Choirs perform? The concert is Tuesday February 9th, 2011 downtown Denver. Tickets are available through King Soopers or by calling 866.464.2626.



May Silent Auction

Prior to our May Concert next semester, the CSH Choirs will be hosting a SILENT AUCTION! Think of what items you might be able to round up for donation! PARENTS— Can you help? Contact Mr. Jackson with ideas! Thanks!



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Director's Corner (Continued...)

This month, I am thrilled to be attending the annual Colorado Music Educators Association's State Conference at the end of January. This conference offers a wide variety of workshops and clinics that help me develop my skills as an educator. I believe that it is extremely important for all educators to brush up on their skills, learn new techniques, and discuss issues with other directors who do what I do every day. I am excited to bring back lots of new ideas to implement in the classroom! This conference is held during the week, so I will be out of the building for both Thursday January 27th and Friday January 28th. I will do my best to check e-mail, but if you need to contact me - I will respond as soon as possible.

For our March Choir Concert, we need your voice! We will be performing a combined men's number and a combined women's number. We are inviting Parents, Family Members, CSH Staff, and Community to help us with these numbers! This gives the community an opportunity to participate in our program, but also provides students the opportunity to sing with mature voices. Interested? Contact Mr. Jackson for details! We would LOVE for you to join us!

Thank you so much to all community members for your support with our vocal music program at Chatfield! We simply cannot do it with all of you!

Remember to check out the CSH Choir Website at:

www.CSHchoir.org

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