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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

Greetings! March was a busy month for the CSH Choir students. We started off the month with CSAP testing, followed by our March Concert, then midterms followed by auditions. Whew! All of that just in time for Spring Break.

I was so proud of all of the choirs for their outstanding performance in our March concert. The March concert is usually when I am able to showcase more difficult choral literature for the students. Each choir was presented with a challenging number that allowed them to synthesize all of the concepts we have been working in the classroom. Thank you to all of our "special guests" who joined us on the combined numbers! I hope to see more parents participate in next year's March Concert! I will try and get information and the music available sooner next year so you have more time and notice.

Students just completed the audition process to be placed into choirs for next fall. The audition required students to learn a harmony part to "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and sight read an unknown musical excerpt. This process is very "nerve racking," and can be quite stressful – so I am very proud of all who auditioned. My goal is not to create such a stressful situation for students just because "Mr. Jackson is mean," but to provide them the opportunity to go through an audition process – so they can learn from the experience. My hope is for students to continue singing in choirs after they leave Chatfield. Most choirs require new participants to go through an audition process to be admitted. My hope is to provide students with enough audition experiences to where they seem less "nerve racking," so they can demonstrate their skills in future situations.

Audition results will be posted prior to spring break. I always remind students that they can schedule an appointment with me to review their audition score at least 24 hours after seeing the results. If your student is disappointed in the results, please encourage them to come in and talk with me about areas they are doing well in, and areas that we can focus on improving.

Chorale is getting ready to represent Chatfield next month in JeffCo's Annual "Sing-in," hosted at Arvada High School. Students will be taking a field trip on **Thursday April 7th**. Students need to submit a signed permission slip no later than Tuesday April 5th (after Spring Break.) I hope everyone has a wonderful (and safe) Spring Break! See you in April!!



Upcoming Dates

April 7th

JeffCo Sing In @ Arvada High School
(Field trip during the day)
Required for **CHORALE**

April 27th

ACT Test

May 6th

Choir Lettering Application DUE
All signatures required

May 10th

Dress Rehearsal – All Choirs Practice on Stage during class time. This is an **EXTRA** grade and required for performance in the Concert!

May 10th

Choir Silent Auction 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

7:00 p.m. Choir Concert and Awards

Ceremony

CSH Auditorium

Warm-up time: 5:45 PM

(Required for ALL CHOIRS)

All rental uniforms need to be turned in at the end of the concert (Chorines ONLY)

All Make-up work is due for Seniors!

May 11th

Concert Critiques DUE for 2nd Semester

Butter Braid Pick-Up

Butter braids will be available for pick-up on
Monday March 21st!!

Students should come to the CHOIR ROOM after school!
Congratulations to CHISA TOLBERTSON for selling the most Butter braids!!



Choir Council Elections in May for the following positions:
President, Vice President, Historian, & Secretary/Librarian



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!

Each choir will be submitting a “Themed Basket” for auction! Ask your student for more details!



Have an AWESOME Spring Break!



Remember to check out the CSH Choir Website at:

www.CSHchoir.org

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