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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

I was very excited to see Chorale do such a great job representing Chatfield at the district choral festival on April 7th! There were many high schools from JeffCo who participated. The festival is designed for "large mixed choirs" to bring a group to perform for each other. I think the students had a great opportunity to observe what other schools are doing in their choral classrooms. We performed "Wade in the Water" and "Make Them Hear You" from our March concert.

With only two months of school remaining, students are currently focused on our May concert. The May choir concert is a chance for us to perform mostly "pop" songs that you might hear on the radio! Inspired by Glee and other vocal ensembles, our choirs will be exploring the process of taking an existing song, or tune, and creating an *arrangement*. Usually when an arrangement is made, the arranger is turning an original work into another format. For example, Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" was not written for a choir to sing – it was written for a pop singer and a band. When a choral arrangement is made, the arranger needs to creatively strategize how to transform that song into a piece that will work for 20 or so high school singers.

Our May Concert is also an opportunity for me to recognize student achievements throughout the year. Students will be presented with various awards and certificates to acknowledge their hard work and participation to our choral program throughout the 2010-2011 school year.

Prior to the May Concert we will be attempting to hold a Silent Auction to raise funds for next year's program. With the budget situation, fundraising is an absolute "necessary evil" at this point. We are asking each choir to create a themed basket to start the silent auction items! Ask your student what item they should try to locate for the basket. Items do not need to be expensive, and students can be creative with what they choose to contribute.

For the Silent Auction, I am in need of some parents to help. I need a parent in charge of taking payment, I need a few parents who can help with managing the Silent Auction (monitoring bids, etc..) If you are willing and able to help, please e-mail me at jojacks@jeffco.k12.co.us. Thanks so much!

I am looking forward to a great end of the school year! Thanks for all that you do!



Upcoming Dates

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

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

May 20th

Graduation! 9 AM at RED ROCKS AMPITHEATRE

Reporting time for all Non-Seniors in Chantons, Charisma, & Chorale is 8:15 AM

Required performance for Chantons, Charisma, & Chorale (Seniors)

May 25th & 26th

Final Exams

All Make Up Work and due for non-seniors!!!

Choir Council Elections in May!

Choir Leadership will have a new look in the Fall! We are creating a “Choir Council” in order to bring the choirs together, and to provide more leadership opportunities for students in all choirs. The choir council will consist of the following positions:

President—Will lead/organize all meetings. Will assist Mr. Jackson with various items.

Vice President— Will help the president and complete president responsibilities when needed.

Historian— Will brainstorm ideas to collect photos/memories of choir events throughout the year.

Secretary/Librarian— Will help keep Music Library organized/take notes at all meetings.

CHANTONS REPRESENTATIVE
CHARISMA REPRESENTATIVE
CHORALE REPRESENTATIVE
CHORINES REPRESENTATIVE



MEMBERS AT LARGE

Positions underlined will be voted on in May prior to summer break! Students should create a poster to “campaign” what positions they want. Students will then vote to fill positions so we have some leadership in place at the beginning of the year.

Positions in CAPS will be decided in the Fall.

ANY student may join the Choir Council. Meetings will be held monthly in the Choir Room. This looks great on college applications!!

Students should look for more details in class!

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!



Choir Lettering

Students who wish to letter in choir for the 2010-2011 school year need to complete a **LETTERING APPLICATION** and submit to Mr. Jackson no later than **MAY 6TH!**



Remember to check out the CSH Choir Website at:

www.CSHchoir.org

Need to contact Mr. Jackson?

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