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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 cannot believe it is already the end of the school year! This year has come and gone by so fast!! The month of May is our final month of school and our final concert of the year. The final concert of the year is one of my favorites, as it allows me to recognize all of the students that have made significant accomplishments to the program over the year.

Our May concert is also labeled as our “pops” concert—where we are able to perform music that students are more familiar with. When performing pop music, we discuss the difference between a *composer* and an *arranger*. The majority of pop music is not intended for choirs to perform—so it is necessary for other musicians to come along and make an arrangement of that song that *is* designed for a choir to perform. Each of the choirs listened to the original recording of some of our songs—and then looked at our specific arrangement—discussing differences and similarities to the original. Some students wonder, “Why can’t we just perform it like the original? That’s how people know it!” My response is always, “Then why not just put it in the CD and push Play?” The students learn the importance of presenting something as musicians in a unique way.

Performing “pop music” also requires each choir to adjust their vocal technique to represent the style. It is interesting to see their reaction when I say things like, “Scoop into that,” or “Make that a brighter, more nasal sound.” They finally have the opportunity to perform in a way that I usually tell them *NOT* to.

Prior to the May Concert, we offered a Silent Auction featuring many generous donations from the community. Thank you to all who participated in this event. Each choir had the opportunity to select a “themed basket,” in which they brought in items to donate. It was fun and interesting to see what they came up with! We had a successful Silent Auction that will provide a good “cushion” for the fall! Thank you!

In the remaining days of school, students are preparing to perform at Graduation, perform their piano proficiency, and select solos for All State Auditions in the fall. The piano proficiency is designed for Chorines and Chorale—providing them a basic foundation for notes on the piano. As vocalists, we often use the piano as a resource for difficult passages that solfege does not seem appropriate. This will also prepare them for sectionals/individual work in the fall as they learn new music. Students who will be juniors and seniors in the fall are anxiously searching for an All State Solo that they can learn and memorize over the summer.



Have a *wonderful* and *safe* summer break! See you in the fall!



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! 2 PM at RED ROCKS AMPITHEATRE

Reporting time for all Non-Seniors in Chantons, Charisma, & Chorale is 11:30 AM

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

May 25th & 26th

Final Exams

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

Congratulations Choir Council!

All choirs voted for next year's *Executive Offices* of Choir Council!

President—ELIZABETH FISCHER

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

Vice Presidents— COURTNEY BOSTWICK & NICOLA LICH

Will help the president and complete president responsibilities when needed.

Historians—SAMI DEAN & CAROLINE KELLY

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

Secretary/Librarian— JACK CURZON

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



**CHANTONS REPRESENTATIVE
CHARISMA REPRESENTATIVE
CHORALE REPRESENTATIVE
CHORINES REPRESENTATIVE**



MEMBERS AT LARGE

The above positions will be voted in the Fall when all choirs have been finalized.

Choir Council will meet once a month to brainstorm events, recruiting, and other important items related to the choir program.

Senior Award

Students voted for

SARAH DUBETZ

to receive the Senior Award for the Class of 2011.

Congratulations, Sarah!



Remember to check out the CSH Choir Website at:

www.CSHchoir.org

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