Welcome to

Chorus Open House

2017-2018
Tonight’s Plan

- Important information
- Q & A
- Collect completed paperwork
- Release students and parents to:
  - Chorus Room (Ladies) & Ensemble Room (Men)
    - Measure for uniforms (new students)
  - VPA Hallway
    - Purchase Season Tickets
    - Pay Fair Share and Uniforms if you’d like
  - PAC Lobby
    - Meet the Voice Teachers
A Tradition of Excellence

- We are a nationally recognized music program, having performed at national and regional ACDA festivals. The highest honor any choral organization can receive.

- We are one of the premier choral programs in the country.

- We consistently earn the highest ratings at district, state, and national choral festivals.

- We received 7 “Choir of Distinction” awards in Florida in the past 3 years.

- Many of our graduates are highly sought after and go on to major in music at some of the most prestigious music institutions and receive scholarship money.

  - **Stetson University - Vocal Performance Major 2017 – Scholarship $60,000/yr**
  - **FSU – Multiple Music Education Majors**
  - **Oberlin Conservatory - Vocal Performance Major 2016 - Scholarship $65,000/yr**
  - **Boston University - Vocal Performance Major 2015 - Scholarship $50,000/yr**
  - **Ithaca College – Musical Theatre Major 2015 - Scholarship $10,000/yr**

- Other schools include UNF, FGCU, UCF, USF, Florida Polytechnic Institute, NYU, and more!
Directors and Communication

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Email is the best way to reach us. We always respond within 24 hours. Please do not hesitate to write with any questions or concerns.
Remind Account(s)

- **Student Remind Account**
  - To sign up: Text @dpchorus (followed by your chorus period) to 81010
  - For example – if you have Chorus 1st period, you’d text: @dpchorus1 to 81010

- **Parent Remind Account**
  - To sign up: Text @dphsparent to 81010

Stay informed about all upcoming events via text message.
Social Media

- Facebook – DPHSChorus
- Twitter - @DPHSChorus1
- YouTube – Dr. Phillips High School Chorus
- Instagram - dphschorus
Our Expectations

Classroom Responsibilities are posted in the chorus room. Students’ responsibility is to **C.A.R.E:**

- Communicate

- Attend all rehearsals and performances – Attendance is taken using student ID – ALL STUDENTS must bring to class and all chorus activities

- Respect property and each other

- Execute rehearsal procedures

Failure to follow any of the rules outlined in the handbook will result in disciplinary action including:

- Phone Calls Home
- Detentions
- Removal from Performances and alternative assignment(s) given
- Removal from trips – many times these are non-refundable
- Dismissal from the Chorus Program
ADDitions

- ADDitions is the only way you can volunteer and/or chaperone for a school event or trip.

- There is a link on our website – dpchorus.com

- Even if you are not 100% sure you are going to chaperone, please add yourself. It typically takes days to get cleared.
The DPHS Choral Program is large and expensive. Our typical yearly budget exceeds $100,000. This is the general operating expense of our department, an expense we all share. All of our students are expected and required to contribute their “fair share” of this budget.

- All Chorus students are expected to contribute their “Fair Share.” This is $100 per student.

- Ample fundraising opportunities are available for students so that there is no need for out of pocket expense.

- All unpaid fees will be placed on the obligation list at DPHS and students will need to clear them before graduating. In addition, failure to contribute can result in exclusion from co-curricular activities like field trips, concerts, and more.

- No student will be excluded for financial hardship. If there is an issue, please email your directors.
Your Fair Share

- Fair Share - $100 per student/per year – **Deadline: September 8th**
  - Chorus T-shirt
  - Bus and Transportation Fees throughout the year for EVERYTHING
  - Chorus Folder with student’s name
  - District and State MPA Registration Fees
  - Extra stuff that will arise through the year, and it will

- Uniforms and Shoes - $95 (One time purchase) – **Deadline: September 8th**
  - Ladies – Dress, Shoes, and Pearls
  - Men – Tuxedo

- Payment Options: (can be paid **tonight** in the VPA Hallway)
  - Cash
  - Check to Dr. Phillips High School
  - Online @ www.schoolpay.com (Must email receipt to Rebecca.Hammac@ocps.net)
Fundraising

Students can raise money to cover all Chorus expenses including voice lessons, uniform, trips, fair share, banquet, and more.

- Ads and Sponsors – CURRENTLY HAPPENING
  - Ads for the program book given out at each concert
  - Profit percentage is 70% for students – Highest All Year
  - Opportunity for parents and family to put pictures/messages in the program book for students.

- Cheesecake and Cookie Dough
  - Students can sell to family, known neighbors, and friends.
  - Parents take to work etc.
  - Profit percentage is 40% for students
Chorus Boosters

The Chorus Parent Boosters is an organization that is comprised of parents, family members, and friends who give support to the Chorus Department.

- Assist the Directors with fundraising, travel, and organizational duties.

- All parents are strongly urged to be an active and contributing member of this organization.

- Membership donations are used for Chorus special events like Winter Ball etc.

- Please fill out the Parent Information Form

- Current Booster President – Dee Dee Stone

- Booster participants will be given preferential treatment for Candlelight inclusion.
Solo and Ensemble

We are hosting this year, HOORAY!!! You don’t have to shuttle your kids all over OCPS!

- This is a HUGE money maker for us

- There will be hundreds of students from all OCPS middle and high school music programs

- We need ALL STUDENTS to volunteer at least 1 hour of time to help out

- We need as many parent volunteers as possible to help with crowd control and with concession sales

- Plus, it is really fun!
Chorus Performances

- Fall Concert – Thursday, October 12\(^{th}\)
- Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 12\(^{th}\)
- MPA – Monday-Wednesday, March 5-7\(^{th}\) (off campus)
- State MPA – Monday-Thursday, April 24\(^{th}\)-27\(^{th}\) (off campus)
- Spring Concert – Thursday, May 3\(^{rd}\)
Performance Tickets

- Tickets are available ONLINE through dpchorus.com.

- Tickets can be purchased at the door if any are left, but events typically sell out early so this is not recommended.

- We use an online service called Vendini where you can pick your seats, pay for your tickets, and print them at home, or have them emailed to your smartphone.

- Booster season ticket holders get advanced ticket sales and choice seats for all our concerts.
Season Ticket
Membership Levels

Never worry about missing a performance. Purchase tickets in advance for the whole year. ($2 to boosters per ticket)

- **Individual Membership - $30**
  You receive 1 premium seat at each of our concerts this year.

- **Parents’ Membership - $60**
  You receive 2 premium seats at each of our concerts this year.

- **Family Membership - $120**
  You receive 4 premium seats at each of our concerts this year.

You can purchase this evening, or return the season ticket form with payment by Sept. 8th.
Dr. Phillips High School Chorus

"Never Less than the Best!"

Last Post of the 2014-2015 School Year!

Posted on May 28, 2015

It has been a great year. Thank you all for working so hard and achieving such great things this year. We are so proud of all of you students. Hopefully you will have a restful and relaxing Summer and be ready to come back stronger, motivated, and ready to be better than we were this year.

One note about chorus placement next year. NOBODY will be moving choirs based on student request. If things need to be re-balanced, it will be handled over the Summer.
Charms

- Charms is a service we offer for you to keep track of your chorus account.
- This is a courtesy. OCPS does not recognize student accounts.
- You can access Charms at home 24/7
- School Code:
  - DrPhillipsHSChoir
  - Password is your ID #
Voice Faculty

Voice teachers come to campus and teach at a reduced rate.

- All of our teachers have at a minimum, a Master’s Degree in Vocal Performance, and/or Music
- All are highly recommended and extremely qualified.
- All are OCPS vendors
- In order to protect both student and teacher, financial policies are as follows:
  - After 15 days, a late fee will be applied
  - After 30 days, lessons will be suspended until student is current
  - After 45 days, lessons will be terminated
Boston Trip

This is an OPTIONAL trip and is not required

- Dates: (Tentative) Wed. March 28\textsuperscript{th} - Sat. March 31\textsuperscript{st}
- We are flying
- Activities:
  - Vocal Masterclass at Boston Conservatory/Berklee
  - Tours – Fenway Park, Salem Witch Museum, House of 7 Gables, USS Constitution, Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall, Haunted Boston Ghost Tour, Boston Harbor Cruise, Boston Conservatory at Berklee
  - Boston Symphony Orchestra with Ladies of Tanglewood Choir
  - Shear Madness Comedy Show
  - and MORE.......

- Trip Cost: Approx. $1,195 (depends on numbers)
Paperwork

Paperwork to be signed and returned tonight:

- Parent and Student Contract (google form)
- Boston Sheet (google form)
- Student and Parent Info Sheet (google form)
- Travel Permission Form/Medical Release Form (paper)
- Orange County Consent, Waiver, and Release Form (paper)
- Season Ticket Form (due with payment by 9/8)
Questions?
What Now?

Pass paperwork to the right for collection

- Ensemble Room
  - Measure for uniforms - MEN

- Chorus Room
  - Measure for uniforms - LADIES

- VPA Hallway
  - Pay Fair Share and/or Uniform
  - Purchase Season Tickets

- PAC Lobby
  - Meet the voice teachers