

Vocal Meeting – September 11, 2018

Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Fundraiser

*40% of total sales will be credited towards individual student accounts to help pay for education donation and future events/fees.

*Yesterday & today a TALLY SHEET was sent home with each student. You will keep the glossy, picture brochure so you know who to give your orders to when they arrive. You will tally the totals for all orders on the tally sheet and sign at the bottom stating that all the totals, money received is correct. Cash and checks are acceptable forms of payment. *All checks should be made out to LaVilla Foundation.* Send in tally sheet and funds with your student to turn in to Mrs. King/Mr. Pendry on **THURSDAY, SEPT. 13TH** during their chorus classes. If they do not have a vocal class on Thursday, they must STILL turn in their form on Thursday either before, during, or immediately after school. Please send in the exact amount that equals the total ordered. We are unable to make change for any overage. Any overage received will be placed in each individual student account.

Order Pick-Up date/protocol: Cheesecake/Cookie Dough orders will be delivered on October 9th. Pick-up will occur between 3:30 – 5:00pm in the *vocal music suite*. Please make arrangements *now* so you will be available to pick up your items on this day during this time. Please note that anything not picked up will go bad as we do not have any refrigerated spaces in which to store items.

October 9th Vocal Meeting – Canceled because of the Cheesecake/Cookie dough order collection

* *“I have family who wants to donate towards my child. Can they donate via the website?”* Yes! Please make sure you put the student’s name in the Notes section. Checks and cash are the best way to send in donations as all electronic transactions incur a 3% fee that comes directly out of the vocal department budget.

Education Donations

*These funds help us run our vocal department (paying for our accompanist, music, guest artists, uniform upkeep, folders, supplies, and more). Based on the chorus your child is in, there is a different amount due:

Chorus 1: \$125

Chorus 2: \$175

Chorus 3: \$175

Chorus 4: \$30

If you pay by October 12th, there is a \$25 discount! Acceptable forms of payment: Cash, Check made out to **LaVilla Foundation**, or Credit Card on our site: www.lavillafoundation.org

If you have specific account questions, please contact our treasurer (email in the vocal handbook).

Progress Reports/Gradebook

*grades you see right now for choruses: required forms, daily rehearsal skills (the rubric is outlined in our vocal handbook), additional assignments vary by class. Music Theory online homework will start NEXT WEEK. This will supplement what they are currently learning in class. Composition grades will be uploaded in the next couple of days. Music Theory class grades are mostly up to date. We have been informing students of their missing assignments. If they are struggling, please reach out for help now. Mr. Diacheysn (our intern) has been pulling out small groups for extra help during our 5B class already.

Chorus After Dark

*Monday, September 17th – Chorus 3 students need to be here from 6:00 – 7:30pm to be a part of a teacher professional development seminar. Any students who are already in an afterschool rehearsal can stay through until the 6:00pm start. We will be selling pizza for \$1/slice and a drink for \$1/drink. Students can bring money to pay for this or bring their own dinner with them to eat. If you are having difficulties with travel (bus doesn't get to your side of town until 5pm), please EMAIL their chorus teacher to let them know of this conflict so we can help you with a solution.

Jax Sings Sept 29 @ UNF

*involves some Chorus 2 and Chorus 3 students who have already paid and registered for this event. The first 36 who paid for this event were registered.

*Currently scheduled rehearsals:

Friday, September 14th 3:30 – 4:45pm

Monday, September 17th 3:30 – 4:45pm

Please be ready for additional rehearsals.

We will be sending out an email with more detailed information regarding the details of this event as we get closer to the event.

*Students should bring water, pencil, light jacket (in case the room is cold). We will specify performance attire as we get closer to the event.

*Lunch is included in the \$30 that you paid for registration.

All-State Testing Saturday – Sept 15th

*Student contracts were sent home yesterday. Parent AND Student signatures must be on the front and back of this sheet and this needs to be returned TOMORROW/yesterday. ;) Students cannot test without their contract.

*Student drop off @ 8:30am. Test starts at 9:00am. Students should bring a pencil and a bottle of water. Regular school clothes are appropriate attire. They're also welcome to bring a snack.

* "When will this be finished?" We are *hoping* to have everyone finished by 12:30pm. The end time depends on how quickly your student takes tests and how quickly they are heard in their sight-reading rooms. (There will be 7 sight-reading rooms to listen to all of the middle and high school students).

Vocal Banquet – May 19th

*Every year we have held this event at Ramona Pavilion. This year, the prices have been raised, so we are looking for a new venue and/or catering businesses with any leads that may help us have a wonderful banquet this year. Please let know before the end of this month.

Nashville Trip update

*This involves CHORUS 3 & Chorus 4 students.

*Every year, this chorus participates in run-out competitions and/or international tours. This year is a competition year! We will be traveling to Nashville, TN during the last weekend in March (Thursday-Sunday). Tomorrow and Thursday, students will receive a deposit slip so you can start planning how to fundraise for this trip as we finalize the transportation for this event. Right now, the price is right estimated to be below \$600. We do *need* all of the students in each class to consider coming on this trip. But if you're having financial difficulty, please reach out to us and we will see if there is any way to provide additional assistance. As with any performance, a chorus without some of their members is *not* the same chorus. We will be accepting deposits for participants by the end of this month: \$150/participant – student and chaperone. Chaperones are also welcome to be a part of this trip (as a part of this trip and fully a part of our tour). All chaperones must fill out a volunteer link on the dcps website. All meals are covered as a part of this event. The only other cost might be stops on the way to Nashville and from Nashville when the bus stops for lunch.

* “Does a student need to ride the charter bus with you if we’re traveling alongside the trip?” Yes. Because this is a DCPS sanctioned event, all students must remain as part of the trip at all times.

*Please note that if you have raised funds over the amount of the education donation, you can use the funds in your account to pay for parts of the trip.