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Hello Marce Herz Middle School Choir Students and Parents!

I am so thrilled to have been offered the opportunity to be a founding staff member of this amazing new school. Your reputation from your previous schools as hard-working, talented students and hardworking, supportive parents is so exciting. I know that together we can build a choir program that will make quality music, provide a quality education, and open-up many ways to share the gift of music with our community! You are now an important member of a team called an ensemble that will work toward musical mastery and having fun making music. I sincerely hope your membership in choir will increase your love for singing, learning music, and contributing to positive traditions. For...

"We are the music makers, And we are the dreamers of dreams. Wandering by lone sea-breakers, and sitting by desolate streams; — World-losers and world-forsakers, on whom the pale moon gleams: Yet we are the movers and shakers of the world for ever, it seems." — Arthur O'Shaughnessy

Falcon Choir Nuts & Bolts for the beginning of this school year:

1) Students, Microsoft Teams will be your main source for communication, information, assignments, etc. for this class; especially on your At-Home learning days. MS Teams is an app already downloaded on your MHMS laptop. If you have not been able to pick-up your laptop, please contact me so I can make sure you have the information and assignments needed until you receive your laptop.

2) Students, completing and submitting your Teams assignments is how attendance is taken on your At-Home learning days. Because of this, there will ALWAYS be an assignment of some-kind that needs to be completed on your At-Home learning days.

3) B Group Students, as I will not see you Monday (the first day of school), please be sure to go to Teams to find a message from me and your "get to know you" At-Home assignment. I'm so sorry that I don't get to see you in-person on the first day of school!

4) Parents, my Washoe County School District webpage will be your primary source to stay informed about what is happening in your child's choir class. I do my best to keep it up-to-date with everything you need to support your child's learning in my class besides the assignments themselves, as well as opportunities for you to support our Falcon Choir program and help us grow. Just google search my name, Janet Orton, and my WCSD site will be one of the first hits. Or, find the URL in my signature below.

5) Parents, on the homepage of my WCSD webpage you will find a link to a Parent/Guardian Information Form. If you could please complete this form as soon as possible, I would very much appreciate it.

I am looking forward to working with each one of you to make this year in our Falcon Choirs exciting, fun-filled, and musically rewarding for all of us.

Sincerely,

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