

Falcon Choir News to Note

August 30, 2021 Edition

Hello again Falcon Choir parents and students,

It has been a wonderful 3 weeks of school, even through the COVID and fire difficulties, and I am looking forward to the weeks to come as we are singing more and learning more about music together. Because...

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -- Helen Keller

NEWS TO NOTE:

- **CONCERTS & PERFORMANCE EVENTS** - Concert Dates are approved and posted!! You can find them on my website on the "Choir Concerts & Events Information" page. Please make sure to check those out ASAP so you can save the dates of these important events on your calendars. Our first concert events of the year begin in September. The dates for the 1st Quarter concerts and events are entered into my website calendar and I will continue to update that calendar quickly until it has all of our events for the year. There are a few events on our schedule list that are still awaiting official dates or additional details from the organizers and sponsors. I will update the schedule document and website calendar with this information as I receive it. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the COVID situation continues to allow us to have all of these events, because they are going to be awesome!
- **FALCON CHOIR COUNCIL** - Meetings begin tomorrow (Tuesday 8/31) right after school (2:00-2:45pm) for our choir student council. The Falcon Choir Council provides the non-curricular opportunities for Falcon choir students. All members of our choir classes are considered part of our council and although every student in choir won't be able to attend the meetings each week, we would love to have as many students attending as possible. Student voice is so very important to a successful choir program and this is where that opportunity is found. Last year our Falcon Choir Council raised all of the funds needed for special choir t-shirts for every choir student in our school and organized outings to the GSR and to Urban Air for our choir students to enjoy. I am excited to support them with all they want to accomplish this year!
- **STUDENT FEES** - Another reminder to make sure you have paid your student class fees so we will have the funds we need to order the materials we need such as our concert polos and music program t-shirts.
- **EXCLUDED STUDENTS** - Also a reminder that excluded students need to attend class each day virtually through the Teams live video meetings to earn their daily engagement points. Details about this are on my website.
- **ABSENT WORK** - Again, just a reminder that when a choir student is unable to attend class (in-person or video) for any reason, they will need to complete an Absent Make-up Assignment (found on my website) for that day to earn their Learning Engagement points.
- **COMMUNICATION** - Parents, please make sure your contact information (especially phone & email) are up to date in Infinite Campus and that you set your message settings to allow teacher messages to go to your email. This is the primary way all of the MHMS teachers communicate with parents... so you don't want to miss out!
- **VOLUNTEERS** - I love parent volunteers! Please email me and let me know if you are interested in assisting with choir needs in any fashion.
- **WE LIKE STAYING HEALTHY** - If you would please consider donating a bottle of disinfecting wipes to help keep germs from spreading in our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your support to help ***FALCON CHOIRS CHANGE THE WORLD WITH MUSIC!***

Sincerely,

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