

## Falcon Choir News to Note 9\_15\_22 Edition

Hello Falcon Choir Community! This is a very full newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read this in its entirety.

**HONOR CHOIR** - First, let's congratulate our 2022 WCSD Honor Choir Members:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Choir:

Lola Albertson	Dora King
Lucy Anderson	Hailey Koehler
Paisley Brown	Kilye Martin
Abby Fong	Daxtan Martucci
Benji Gonzales	Ava Muñoz
Julia Jones	Jake Patterson

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Choir:

Hope-Nicole Berry	Mikayla Gonzales	Lillian Rummer
Delilah Brown	Olivia Juhl	Four Stepaniak
Jamieann Chase	Jackson Lee	Tristan Szafranowicz
Angela Coyozo	Calleea Noblit	Matthew Wilkins
Tim Doss	Laine Parkhurst	Lucy Withers
Rebeka Fairbank	Bret Perez	

We also want to give a shout out to those Falcon choir students that desired to be in Honor Choir but were not able to fit into the limited number Marce Herz was able to nominate. Honor Choir is such an amazing experience. We wish every Falcon choir student who had the desire to participate could do so, but we were only allowed to send 12 for each choir (apart from Baritones). The dedication of all of those desiring to be in Honor Choir surely will be realized in future Honor Choir Experiences as they continue in choir each year through middle school and high school. Those selected this year will be spending 6 weeks practicing after school together with other selected students from middle schools all over the school district. They will work with a nationally known guest conductor from outside of Nevada and will get to perform their concert on the Pioneer Center stage in Downtown Reno on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. It is a thrilling experience!

Anyone can attend this Honor Choir concert and all Falcon Choir students are encouraged to do so. Documented attendance to this concert submitted to Ms. O can be used as a make-up for choir class absences and other choir formative assessment choir class assignments. Contact the Pioneer Center box office for tickets.

**FALL CONCERT** – Speaking of concerts... our Fall Concert is just a week away! Each choir class has been working hard learning songs and vocal/choral techniques in preparation for this first showcase of our 2022-23 Falcon Choirs. Below you will find the schedule of events for the Fall Concert rehearsals and Performance. This information, as well as the concerts events for this school year, was emailed out, sent home with students, and can be found on Ms. O's website.

- Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Period Choirs' Advisory Rehearsal with our Accompanist. Go straight to the choir room when you arrive at school, rather than to your regular Advisory class.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Period Choirs' Advisory Rehearsal with our Accompanist. Go straight to the choir room when you arrive at school, rather than to your regular Advisory class.

- Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Falcon Choir Fall Concert Event
  - 5:00pm – All Choirs Warm-up & Dress Rehearsal [Students need to be signed-in (sign-in sheets will be in the choir room) and on the stage ready to rehearse at this time.]
  - 6:10pm – MPR (cafeteria) doors open for audience seating
  - 6:30pm – Concert Performance (Concert will be 30-45 minutes.)

\* Please see the 2022-23 MHMS Falcon Choir Handbook found on the Documents page of Ms. O's website for detailed information on concert policies, expectations and grading.

**CONCERT ATTIRE** – Choral performances are both a visual and an aural art, and uniformity communicates professionalism and self-respect. We will wear our MHMS Concert Uniforms at all concerts and many other such performance events. This uniform consists of 1) Top: The MHMS Music Department Concert Polo for Intermediate, Mixed & Advanced Choir students and the MHMS Music Department T-shirts for the Beginning choir students. These shirts will be distributed next week. The cost of these shirts were covered with the class fees paid at registration. 2) Bottom: "Concert Black" from the waist to the floor. \*\* Please see the "Concert Uniform (Attire) Info" page on Ms. Orton's website for details about concert black.

**CONCERT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – A few parent volunteers are needed to help our concert run smoothly and effectively. Please go to the sign-up sheet linked below to see where you might be able to help out.

Link to the Concert Help Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948ADAF28A1FF2-fall12>

**CONCERT CELEBRATIONS** – On Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, each choir class will be having a concert celebration during their class period. We will be asking for party food donations to make this celebration amazing. Please be on the lookout for a separate email in the next few days with links to the sign-ups for each class period's party.

**COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER** - Our Choir Program is not given a budget from the school or the district. All funds needed for teaching the classes and running the program come from the generous donations of parents, our community, and through fundraising efforts. Thanks to all of you who have supported our choir students in our first fundraiser of the year: the ZBEST Coupon Book sales event. This fundraiser has come to an end. Please make sure that all orders and money are brought to school and given to Ms. Orton immediately, so we can submit our book totals to the company in order to receive the books for delivery to the supporters by the last week of September.

**CHOIR MOVIE NIGHT** – On Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, in addition to the Concert Celebrations, the Falcon Choir Council is hosting a Movie Night for choir students. Again, we will need help with food donations and chaperones. Link to digital copy of the MOVIE NIGHT Flyer and Event Sign-up: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16555>

Whew!! Thankfully, that's it for now! We appreciate your time taken to read all of this important information and for your support of the Falcon Choirs. With help from each of us, we are sure to have amazing experiences for all.

*Falcon Choirs Change the World with Music!*