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STARR'S MILL HIGH SCHOOL

Choral Music Department

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Dear Choral Parents:

We are off to a wonderful start in the Starr's Mill Choral Department! I have enjoyed meeting everyone over the past week and am looking forward to continuing the excellent choral music tradition established at SMHS. It is an honor to work in this community and with such brilliant students each day.

To all students and families new to our program, WELCOME, and to all returning students and families, WELCOME BACK! The attached documents contain a great deal of extremely important information pertaining to participation in the choral department this year. Please review each of the following items and reach out with any questions. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

CHORAL PARENTS MEETING: Our parent meeting will take place Thursday August 17th at 6:30 pm in Duke Auditorium. This will be an opportunity for us to review important information for the year and to introduce everyone to our outstanding choral board members.

CHORAL PERFORMANCE APPAREL: (see linked [information sheet](#)) A limited number of used dresses will be available through our consignment closet. Our used performance apparel sale will take place **Wednesday August 23 from 4-5pm** in the choir room. Interested students should plan to stop by at that time and can make purchases on a first come/first served basis. Students who need to order new performance apparel will choose from three available options and will be measured during their class on Thursday August 24th. Link to order form for new apparel [HERE](#).

CHORAL FEE: Choral fees are collected each year to support our program. Fees are used to purchase sheet music, pay accompanist and instrumentalist fees, cover costs associated with GMEA registration and assist in other costs incurred throughout the year. Collecting fees allows us to avoid lengthy and numerous fundraising campaigns and to focus on making music. Choral fees this year will remain the same. Please complete the [choral fees sheet](#) for your student and remit payment (cash or check) payable to SMHS Choral Boosters.

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM: Please link to our [volunteer form](#) soliciting your help in one or more areas served by the choral boosters board. A successful choral program requires a great deal of volunteer help. Please take the time to complete the form by choosing one (or more) activities with which you are willing to help. This will give our coordinators a list of potential helpers and allow parents to serve in whichever way is most appropriate for them. We also use this form to compile a database of correct phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses, so please take a few minutes to complete the form and send it in to us.

CALENDAR: Our [choral calendar](#) is linked in this correspondence and can also be found on each Schoology class page as well as on our choral website. Please make note of important rehearsal and performance dates as well as deadlines for opportunities such as all state and honor choir participation.

Christmas/Holiday Greenery Sale: We will continue this yearly fundraising tradition once again this year. Further communication regarding the sale will be shared as the sale approaches.

Thank you in advance for your support of your child and their participation in the SMHS Choral Program. We are excited about the prospect of building on the foundation of excellence this program has enjoyed and look forward to continued

accomplishments as we make wonderful music together. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address listed above.

Sincerely,

Kellie Clark.
Director of Choral Activities