

OMHS SHOW CHOIR

Parent Meeting

May 14, 2019

Mr. Zauchin's vision for the show choir family:

- His role is not just choral director, he is also a coach for his students to prepare them for performance on stage and in life. His heart is to see every student use every ounce of their potential to reach goals they never thought possible. Sometimes that will mean pushing them beyond what they may be used to in regards to work ethic and self-discipline. In those moments when your child comes home (and it is not a question of if, but when) and tells you how much they hate show choir and how horrible Mr. Z is, it is so important for you to encourage them to stick with it. The reward will come in that moment when they step off stage after their first competition performance!
- We are a show choir family and while we may perform in different groups, we are all one unit. Our goal as a family this year is to be inclusive and promote unity. Everything we do, we do together.
- Remaining active over the Summer is crucial to our success once we begin rehearsing in the Fall. This summer there will be opportunities to spend time together and strengthen existing bonds as well as creating new ones. One of those opportunities will be in the form of physical conditioning. There may be days when some members decide to get together to run at one of the local parks, or hike, or any number of other fun options. Those opportunities can be broadcast through our group me communication and it will be up to the students to choose to participate.

Introduction of Booster Board Members:

President- Susie Farley

Co Vice Presidents- Jamie and Heather Heath

Treasurer- Stephanie Land

Media Specialist- Johanna Horstmann

Secretary- Sherri Blackerby

**Notes from any meeting throughout the year (Booster meetings included) will be available on the website as a resource and to ensure total transparency as an organization.

Introduction to OMHSchoirs.com website:

- Calendar is subject to change so make sure you check it and stay up to date
 - Possible lock-in for kick off party (PLEASE MARK- entire family event)
 - Will definitely have a preview show. We will have a Family Reunion show that will only be open to family members of current members and alumni and their families. (Not your friend who pretends to be your cousin)
 - February is going to be PACKED, so please plan accordingly
 - ** If your student participates in other activities that may conflict with show choir, please make sure you and your student communicate with me regarding dates they may need to miss. Games trump practices and practice time should be divided evenly between choir and the other team activity. Please contact Mr. Z with any questions ASAP. Communication is key!
 - Resources, filing cabinet, volunteer forms
- **Get familiar with the website- it is your go-to for all things choir. If you email with a question that is covered on the website, you will be directed there for the answer.

A word from our Booster President, Susie Farley:

- Welcome to everyone, especially our newest members. It is a privilege to serve all of you in this role. We are so excited as we look at all the possibilities for next season. It takes a village to make all of this happen and if you are interested in helping in any way, let us know. We will have forms available on the website for you to sign up in a multitude of different areas. If you have other ways you would like to help that may not be listed, please let us know. Ms. Farley desires to know and serve the students not only as a group, but individually. She hopes to know them by name and learn their likes and dislikes in order to support them in whatever way possible!

Volunteering:

- Signing up on the google forms does not mean you will automatically be assigned to that task or event, it is just letting us know you are willing and available.
 - You will be contacted to confirm where you are needed and to confirm you are still available for the dates you registered for.
- **Chaperoning for competitions can be hard work. It requires you to be flexible, spontaneous, and meet whatever need may arise within the groups. Additionally, it does not ensure free entrance to the competition as we are given a limited number of armbands and they are prioritized for crew parents who have to work backstage.

Charms:

- Please go through the tutorial
- This program is where you can access your financial information such as payments, fundraising/fee-raising credits, and remaining balances.
- There are multiple other functions within charms that will be utilized throughout the year, especially for the students.

Fundraisers/ Fee-raisers

- Carwash and corporate sponsors links go live tonight
- Every student is required to get one sponsorship
- Carwash receipts need to be turned in with the money
 - In the event of a rainout, social media will broadcast and tickets can be used for later dates

**There will be little grace if you come to Mr. Z later in the year with financial concerns if you haven't done the work of taking advantage of the opportunities for fundraising/fee-raising that have been made available to you.

New York City

- All information can be found at <https://www.omhschoirs.com/new-york-city.html>
- If you intend on going either as a student or chaperone, please fill out the interest form.