

August 28, 2018

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your support of music as part of your child's education. I am sure that you are aware of the many benefits, both academic and social, that participation in a choral program has for your child. The study of music has been proven to promote improvement in many academic areas such as language and math, and also promotes improvement in many social skills as well. I am looking forward to a wonderful year learning music theory, experiencing classical and world music and participating in the joy of singing.

During the first week of classes, I will send home a copy of the grading rubric, class syllabus and contract with each student. If you would please look over it, discuss it with your child, then sign and return these documents to me, it would go a long way in encouraging your child to succeed and showing your support of music education. A good understanding of the daily expectations of each choral student will help them individually with their grades, but also as a group to achieve a higher standard of performance. I am excited to see the potential each child has, and I am sure that each student wants to achieve and learn all that is possible for them this year.

Sincerely,

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Mandatory events for all students:

Renaissance Night
Dress Rehearsals
Concerts
District Assessment

Optional events available for students:

Student Leadership
Honors Choir (seniors only)
All-County Chorus
District Chorus
All-State Chorus (available to students who are selected to District Choir)
Chorus trips/competitions
Tri-M Music Honor Society (for 10th - 12th grades only)



A few important notes:

Check us out on Instagram @Team_Keene

...or Twitter @wildcatschorus

...or Facebook @ Mountain View Chorus

...and Remind

Students and parents may sign up for remind.com This is an anonymous way for me to be able to send texts to students and parents with reminders about upcoming events. This is a great tool to let students and parents know what is happening. Please use the following directions to sign up for this communication option.

Text @4d7f63 to 81010

I will send out a test text on Friday, September 14. If you intend to take advantage of this option and do not receive a reminder text after signing up, please email me @ keenebs@staffordschools.net

...and don't forget to attend the important Parent's Meeting on Thursday, September 13, at 7:00 PM for more information about all of our upcoming events!

We are planning a trip to participate in the Candlelight Processional program at Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida. We have already auditioned and been accepted into the program. Feel free to attend our first Boosters meeting to participate in the discussions concerning what is required for your student to be eligible for this trip.

- We are also planning a trip Medieval Times in Baltimore, MD
- Any student may go as long as they do not have any disciplinary action against them nor excessive absences
- Our first fundraiser information will be coming home soon. Scholarship availability for all chorus events will depend on the success and participation of fundraising.