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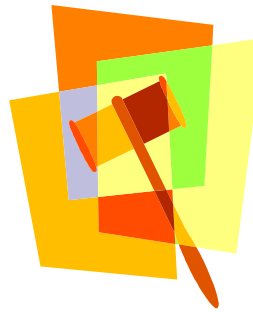
Kennedy High School

From the President's Desk

It's April!!! The robins are everywhere letting us know that it's spring, but more than that, all you have to do is look at the energy the kids have in their step and you can tell as well. Pants have turned into shorts, tennis shoes have turned into flip flops and kids are practicing for spring sports. Unfortunately that means that there is very little left of the school year. I know that kids are ready for it to be over, but for us parents, that means another year has flown by and our kids are another year older and closer to moving on to college.

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind our Senior choir students about our music scholarship program that was started last year. You should already have been think-

ing about this and getting your paperwork in line. If you have any questions about it, please see Mr. Ziegler. No time like the present to get things rolling.



Additionally, we have some new and exciting things coming down the road for the upcoming year. One of those is a new fundraising committee that we would like to have in place prior to next years choir season. For years we

have had similar fundraising opportunities that have done well for the kids - chocolate sales, food sales, Hy-Vee coupon books - but there are many other opportunities out there for our kids to raise money without having to go door to door selling items. We have gathered many great ideas from our parents but it's just too much for one or two people to handle. So we decided that we would like to have a committee handle all of the fundraising events for next year. Please stay tuned for further details and seriously consider being part of this future committee.

Sincerely,
Teresa Solorio

JUST A NOTE, ALL SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND THANK-YOU'S WILL BE DONE AT THE BANQUET AND NOT THE MAY CONCERTS.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS

Please turn in your senior and baby pictures to Lorrie Poland by **April 23**. Please put them in an envelope with your name on them so that they can be returned to you.

Chanteurs Corner

Chanteur's finished off their competition season at Cedar Rapids Jefferson Invitational. They did an awesome job finishing third in the **Prep Choir Division!** What a season! Every Chanteur's performer should feel very proud of their membership in an exceptional 9th grade show choir.

I also want to send kudos to the Chanteur's band and tech crew. They did a fantastic job! Most critiques commented on the band's great sound and the techs did a lot of work making sure props and costumes were where they were supposed to be.

We're not going to see each other the entire month of April. Come to our final rehearsals on **Tuesday May 4th 6-8pm** and **Tuesday May 11th 8:30-10:00pm**, ready to review and fine tune our show for the **Going Out Concert Thursday, May 13th at 7pm**. Stay healthy and we'll see you May 4th!

Debbie Craig

Protege Prattle

GRAND CHAMPIONS!!! That's right. Protégé took Grand Champions last weekend at Fame's National Show Choir Competition in the Prep Division. What a great end to an already outstanding season! These kids have worked hard and it's paid off. It was challenging at times to keep the kids focused and quiet so they could hear the directions they were being given, but it's always amazing how quickly they pull things together when it comes to competition time. For everyone out there who hasn't had the opportunity to see these kids perform, there is one last chance - The Going Out Concert. Spread the word! Tell everyone to stop in and check us out! We'll be ready to perform.

Teresa Solorio

Humming Along With Happiness

Chicago kept its reputation as the Windy City when Happiness joined Protégé, Chamber and Concert Choir for our trip to FAME during Spring Break. We enjoyed dancing at Excalibur, shopping on Michigan Avenue, bus bonding time, the great breakfasts at the Hilton, and the Blue Man Group. It was interesting to see how we compared to groups from all over the country (which is further, Arizona or Virginia?). Our pride in our program was confirmed as Happiness came in third in a tight contest after the day round and ended up the night in fourth place. Some tears were inevitable as the seniors finished their last competition but mark your calendars we still have our **"Going Out" Concert on May 13th**. Bring plenty of Kleenex!



A big thank you to all the parents who helped on this trip!

Alice Pei, Darcy Magee, and Mindi Gascho



Simply Charming.....

The Kennedy High School Vocal Music Department is in the process of rolling out a new student information system for our program. The system is called CHARMS Office, and it is designed to be a one-stop shop of information for students and parents in our program. I wanted to give you some information about this transition, as well as instructions about how to access your child's CHARMS Account. In addition **THERE IS AN ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK** below.

First, what is CHARMS? CHARMS is a web-based information portal allowing directors to keep track of all the information necessary to manage a large program and to share information with students and parents. Students and parents will be able to login to CHARMS and:

- See a calendar of events
- Check student fundraising account balances
- Check student fee amounts
- Volunteer to help with an event
- Check student attendance at evening/weekend rehearsals and events
- See descriptions of all events
- Access websites with additional information about events
- A link to the vocal music page at the Kennedy Activities website

...and much more! CHARMS allows us to send mass emails, text messages, and even phone calls to give up to the minute information about schedule changes or other information. We really think CHARMS is going to vastly improve our ability to provide you with current information.

In this initial roll out, we are focusing on two things: getting accurate student/parent information into the system and transferring the financial information about student accounts into the system. So, let's get started!

How to access CHARMS

CHARMS accounts are setup in the name of your student. To access, please use the following steps:

Go to www.charmsoffice.com (Bookmark this site for easy access!)

Locate the "Parent/Student Login" box on the right hand side of the homepage.

Enter your school code: jfkennedychoir

This will bring up the main parent page and will allow you to look at our public calendar, event list, handouts and a link to the Kennedy Activities webpage.

In the "student password" box, enter your child's six-digit Kennedy student ID number. You will see a host of additional options open for you.

Click the "Personal Info" button. **(THIS IS THE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT!)**

Please fill in all requested information on your child in the top section of the page if it is not already filled in. (Many students have already completed this step on their own.) Please check existing information for accuracy.

Please fill in contact information for one or two parents/guardians

If you have an occupation or skill that you think might be helpful to the choirs or show choirs and are willing to volunteer those skills, please list them in the occupation/skills box. Such things would include: sewing, pulling the trailer, electrical work, welding, etc... anything you think you might be willing/able to help with.

We DO NOT need or want parent Driver's License information

We DO NOT need or want parent Date of Birth information

Please DO NOT check the "Booster" box

If you are willing to volunteer in any capacity, even just handing out programs at one concert, please check the "Volunteer" box.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17—State Solo & Small Ensemble Contest—Prairie High School

April 22– 24—Spring Musical “Sweeney Todd” - 7:00 pm auditorium

May 6—Spring Choir Concert—7:00 pm auditorium—
Concert Choir and Chamber Choir Only

May 8—State Large Group Contest @ Linn Mar—**Concert Choir, Chorale and 9th Grade Select Choirs Only**

May 13—Going Out Show Choir Concert—7:00 auditorium

May 18—Choir Awards Banquet—6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm awards—Cafeteria/Auditorium

May 21—Fine Arts Showcase—7:00 pm auditorium/black box theatre—Selected students

May 25—Spring Choir Concert—7:00 pm auditorium—
Kennedy Singers, Chorale and 9th Grade Select Choirs Only

May 28—Graduation—7:30 pm US Cellular Center—**Concert Choir and Chorale Only**

