

CHOIR NH NOTES

News from the North Hills High School Choral Program

February 2019



Cabaret Night – This Friday!

Choir Cabaret Night returns to the cafeteria this Friday, March 1 at 7:00PM! The high school cafeteria is transformed into a casual coffee shop style environment with an “open mic night” feel to it. \$5 admission gets you a seat and refreshments provided by the Choral Parents Association. Student performances range from solos to duets and small groups, pop songs, original songs, with keyboard, guitar, and tracks – and all selected by the performers themselves.

NEW SECURITY PROTOCOLS: With the alarm system that was installed this year at the high school, we will not be allowed to use the cafeteria doors to enter or exit the event. All volunteers as well as audience members must enter through the main entrance and walk down the A Hallway to the Cafeteria. All of the cafeteria doors are alarmed and are only to be used as emergency exits.

WE NEED COOKIE DONATIONS! In order to have the refreshments to provide for our audience, we’re asking that choir families each bring in cookies for the event. They can be brought to the robe room in the morning on Friday, or dropped off in the cafeteria after school while we are setting up.

There are still a few spots left where we could use a helping hand. Please take a look at the online sign-up and help where you can. [Click here to visit the online sign-up](#) to volunteer, donate and/or let us borrow a few things (which will be returned that evening).

Spring Choir Apparel Store – Ends at Noon Sunday 3/3

We are once again running an online apparel store for NH Choir gear. Items are supplied by GPSA and come as embroidered or screen printed depending on the selection. New for the spring are some Under Armour athleticwear tops. Several new hoodies and t-shirts with the NH Choir logo screen-printed are also available. Orders will be accepted online until 12 Noon on Sunday, March 3 to allow for time to fill the orders and have them delivered before the NYC tour in April. To purchase your gear, visit <https://nhchoirspring2019.itemorder.com>



PMEA District Chorus

Congratulations to Jesse Crownover and Donny White on their participation in the PMEA District Chorus festival at Mt. Lebanon High School on February 6-8. Duquesne University choral director Dr. Daley was the guest conductor.





New York Update

As you all know, our high school music department performance tour this spring is to New York City, with performances and clinics at Messiah College on the way back. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 to Monday, April 15. We have finalized all arrangements and have determined that the **final payment due is \$200**. As usual, checks can be made payable to “NH Choral Parents” and are due by **Friday, March 8**. If you have questions about your individual contribution amount, please email choral parents treasurer Linda McCann at lmccann867@gmail.com

Rooming list sign-ups took place last week, and during the next week, we will be compiling the list, making necessary moves to assure we have as many quad rooms as possible, keeping total costs down. All students are aware that if they were unable to come up with a complete quad room that they will be put in one as appropriate.

As we get closer to the departure date, we will be asking families to bring in cases of water to take on the bus that we will use for pre-packaged meals and one meal that will be delivered to us on the way back after our Messiah day. This information and the detailed itinerary along with chaperone assignments and permission slips/medical forms/etc., packing lists, luggage and medication drop-off procedures will all be discussed and distributed at our tour Parent & Family Meeting on **Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00PM in the high school auditorium**. Please make sure a representative from your family attends this meeting and gets the required forms. You will not be permitted on the bus without completed forms (school rules!).

Within the next several weeks, you may receive an email asking for assistance in putting together the food items that the group will be eating on the ride to NYC. Since we are leaving early (5:00 or 6:00AM), students will receive a breakfast items for the beginning part of the bus ride, then another pre-made meal for lunch that will either be eaten on the bus or possibly at the park on Liberty Island before touring the statue.

“Arrows of Caring” Benefit Concert

You may have noticed that we have an extremely motivated group of guys in the choir this year that have been working together in the Arrow Men’s Ensemble. They’ve been a primarily student-run group for this school year, and organized themselves to perform at the Block Northway back in December for the North Hills Cares “A Community of Music” night.

We’re hoping this all comes together, but we have tentatively put on the calendar a benefit concert to assist North Hills Cares that features Arrow as well as some of the other student-led ensembles in the school such as saxophone quartet, string ensemble, guitar ensemble, and more. Details are still coming together about how it will all work, but our hope is to be able to hold this event in the auditorium on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00PM, with donations going to assist the programs of North Hills Cares, and showcasing the talents of our motivated student leaders and musicians. As more information is solidified, it will be communicated to you.

Senior Banquet

The calendar worked against us last year in being able to schedule the choir senior banquet, but parents of several seniors have requested that we find a way to make the banquet happen again this year. The date we have chosen that fits with the crazy end-of-the-year schedule is Wednesday, May 8. Many details still need to be worked out – location, costs, menu items, etc. If you are interested in helping to plan this event (especially parents of younger choir members so that the senior parents can enjoy the night), please email nhchoralparents@gmail.com so we can put together a planning team.

Future Leadership

You may not be aware, but our officers for the Choral Parents Association (president Jody Mawhinney, secretary Tina Vojtko, and treasurer Linda McCann) are all parents of seniors and will no longer have students in the program next year. That means we will need some help leading our efforts for next year! We have lots of information compiled into binders, saved into Google Drives, or saved on Mr. Cloonan's computer, so stepping into these leadership roles is not as daunting of a task as it may seem. If you have any interest in stepping up your participation and helping our choir members with the various events we hold each year, please reach out to any of the current leaders or Mr. Cloonan. We would love to have a team in place by the end of the school year so that we can get together over the summer to transition (change signatures on the checking account, give access to the email account, etc.). Come join the family!

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 1	Cabaret Night, 7:00PM, Cafeteria
Sunday, March 3	NH Choir Apparel Online Store closes at noon
Friday, March 8	Final NYC payment of \$200 due
March 21-23, 28-30	Come see the high school spring musical, Tuck Everlasting! Tix available March 1 online
Tuesday, April 2	New York Parent & Family Meeting, 7:00PM, Auditorium
Wednesday, April 3	Tour Choirs rehearsal, 2:15-4:00, choir room
Tue/Wed, April 9-10	Tour Choirs rehearsals, 2:15-4:30
Sat-Mon, April 13-15	Music Department Performance Tour to NYC & Messiah College
Wednesday, April 24	"Arrows of Caring" Benefit Concert, 7:00PM, Auditorium (more details to come)
Friday, May 3	Arts Alive at the High School (NH Singers perform)
Tuesday, May 7	Symphonic Choir After School Rehearsal, 2:15-3:15PM, Choir Room
Wednesday, May 8	Women's Choir After School Rehearsal, 2:15-3:15PM, Choir Room
Wednesday, May 8	Senior Banquet (location & time TBD)
Wednesday, May 15	Combined Choirs on Stage (Logistics Rehearsal), 2:15-3:00, Auditorium
Thursday, May 16	Combined Choirs on Stage (Concert Run-thru), 2:15-4:30, Auditorium
Friday, May 17	Spring Concert & Senior Recognition, 7:00PM, Auditorium
Wednesday, May 22	New North Hills Singers Auditions, 2:15-4:30PM, Choir Room

Reminder of Communication Methods

There are several ways to find out about what is happening with the North Hills Choirs:

- NH Choirs on Facebook: www.facebook.com/northhillschoirs
- NH Choirs on Twitter: www.twitter.com/NorthHillsChoir or @NorthHillsChoir
- NH Choirs on Instagram: @northhillschoirs
- Email or Call/Voice Mail Mr. Cloonan: cloonans@nhsd.net or 412-318-1400, x2731.
- North Hills Choral & Drama website: www.nhchoiranddrama.net
- NH Choirs YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/northhillschoirs

 **Remind App Directions:**
Search by *class code name*—

Women's Choir: @nhwomens

Symphonic Choir: @nhhssymph

NH Singers: @nhsingers

NYC Tour Choir: @nhtour2019

To receive messages via text, text @*class code name* to 81010. You can opt out of messages at any time by replying, 'unsubscribe @*class code name*'. Trouble using 81010? Try texting @*class code name* to (302) 321-6356 instead.

Or to receive messages via email, send an email to *class code name*@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.