

Stevenson High School Choral Guild

October/November 2018

QUARTER NOTES

A note from our President

The school year is off to a great start. We've already had 3 exciting events.

- Thank you to everyone that attended the Kick-Off dinner on the first night of school! The night was a chance for ALL choir students AND parents to connect and hear about the wonderful opportunities for the year.
- On September 16, we had our annual Corn Roast. A big Shout Out to Yoko Walrath for heading this great event and thank you to all volunteers and customers.
- The first concert was September 25 and, wow, it was a magical night! Kudos to Mrs. Nuteson and Mrs. Snelten for the beautiful arrangements and succeeding in making our kids sound terrific. Thank you to Nina Strezewski and Julie Walsh for organizing fantastic concessions. Thank you to Leslie Cunningham and Dara Winkelman for providing the cheesecake samples. Thank you to FayeAnn Hirsh for planning the Culver's Dining for Dollars. Thank you volunteers!!! It takes a village.

Please note: Our next general meeting is October 15 **in room 1414** at 7:00. Everyone is welcome!

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See everyone soon, Stacy Shub



Next Choral Board Meeting October 15th 7:00 pm Rm 1414



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Congratulations on a beautiful Concert! <u>Here is a link (https://vimeo.com/291973410)</u> to the video from the Fall Choral Concert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018-2019 SHS Choral Calendar

09/26/18		Cheesecake Sales Begin
10/01/18	4:00 pm	ILMEA Choir Auditions (Crystal Lake South High School)
10/15/18	7:00 pm	Choral Guild General Mtg Rm 1414 (Note: Room Change)
10/29/18	3:00 pm	Cheesecake Orders Due
11/10/18	7:00 pm	ILMEA District Festival (New Trier HS)
11/16/18	7:00 pm	Shrek the Musical (PAC)
11/17/18	8:30 am	Cheesecake pick-up
11/17/18	1:00 pm	ILMEA Jazz Festival (Waukegan HS)
11/17/18	7:00 pm	Shrek the Musical (PAC)
11/18/18	2:00 pm	Shrek the Musical (PAC)
12/03/18	6:45 pm	Choral Guild General Mtg. and Party (Choir Rm-2202)
12/06/18	7:00 pm	December Choral Concert (PAC)
01/04/19	7:00 pm	Consortium 125 Choral Concert (PAC)
02/11/19	7:00 pm	Choral Guild General Mtg. (Choir Rm-2202)
02/21/19	7:00 pm	Winter Choral Concert (PAC)
03/09/19	All Day	Stevenson Solo & Ensemble
04/05/19	7:00 pm	Evening of Jazz Concert (West Auditorium)
04/08/18	7:00 pm	Choral Guild General Mtg. (Choir Rm-2202)
05/09/18	7:00 pm	Spring Concert (PAC)
05/13/18	7:00 pm	Choral Guild General Mtg. (Choir Rm-2202)

2018 Stevenson Musical



Book by: David Lindsay-Abaire Music by: Jeanine Tesori Lyrics by: David Lindsay-Abaire

Synopsis: "Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek ..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand ... and his name is Shrek.

> Friday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.

Private Voice Lessons Available at Stevenson

Choir students can take half period lessons once a week during their choir class, lunch period, study hall, or free period.

We are fortunate to have 4 outstanding private voice teachers who teach lessons during the school day at Stevenson. There are also some teachers that offer lessons after school. Private lessons are an excellent way to develop individual technique and confidence.

Voice lessons are handled through the PREP office at Stevenson. For more information, new students can view the PREP website at:

http://www.d125.org/quicklinks/prep/private-musiclessons . Contact Alice Nuteson (anuteson@d125.org) for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Choral Guild Needs You!!

We need your help and membership! Share your time and talents during choral events. Many volunteer jobs will only take an hour or two of your time. Volunteering with the Choral Guild is a fun, easy way to support your student while enjoying the company of other choir parents.

- Help at Concerts
- Chaperone Trips
- Bake and Help with Concert Concessions
- Organize Fundraisers
- Support fundraisers
- Help at school with special projects

For more information or to volunteer please contact: Laurie Levinson at 224-676-0890 (LaurieLevinson023@gmail.com)

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

<u>Concessions for Shrek the Musical – November 16th – 18th</u> Volunteers are needed to bake and sell at concessions.

<u>Cheesecake Distribution Day - Saturday, November 17th</u> Volunteers are needed to help sort and handout cheesecakes.

<u>December Choral Concert - Thursday, December 6th</u> Volunteers are needed to bake and sell at concessions.

Join the SHS Choral Guild Today It's Simple and Only \$15.00 a family

The Guild fosters student pride, respect and a sense of community while supporting many choir activities. Your MEMBERSHIP directly helps your student and the Choir program!

Join the Choral Guild and have an opportunity for "Preferred Seating". All members will be entered in a drawing at each concert for reserved seats at the following concert.

Join today by completing the **Choral Guild Membership form** at the end of newsletter or found on the Choral Guild webpage. (<u>www.d125.org/academic/divisions/fine-arts/music/choir/choral-guild</u>). Send the \$15 payment and form with your student to choir class.

Questions? Email: Stacy Shub at shub1@comcast.net

\$\$\$\$ STUDENT FUNDRAISING NEWS \$\$\$\$



CORN ROAST

At Sunset Foods, Long Grove

We had a beautiful day to host our annual Corn Roast.

Thank you to EVERYONE that came out to support our fundraiser. That includes volunteers and customers. It was HUGE Success!









Leider's Flower and Plant Sale



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Leider's Fall Flower and Plant sale! Gift certificates were available for pickup at the fall concert.

> Please contact Sandy Lee at <u>Sandra.e.lee@comcast.net</u> if you didn't receive your certificate. We will be back in the Spring!

\$\$\$\$ STUDENT FUNDRAISING NEWS \$\$\$\$

Most of our fundraising events help build funds in your student's individual account? (Some events *will fund the Choral Guild General Account) 100% of the student funds raised help pay for concert gear and choir field trips.

Fundraising/Event											
CornRoast*	Yoko Walrath	ywalrath@gmail.com									
Cheesecake Sales	Leslie Cunningham Dara Winkelman	lagoldelox@aol.com darawp@comcast.net									
Concessions*	Nina Strezewski Julie Walsh	nina_strez@yahoo.com cjwalsh@prodigy.net									
Dining for Dollars*	FayeAnn Hirsh	doremi100@aol.com									
Flower and Plant Sale	Sandy Lee	sandra.e.lee@comcast.net									
Gift Cards	Gina Weiner	gtw9494@comcast.net									
Lou Malnati's	Damaris Cortes	cortesdamaris7@gmail.com									
Madrigal Singers Dinner	Wendi Muise										
Snack Favorites	Carolyn Lewis	cjlewis0719@gmail.com									
Special Events	Beth Richardson	Jrich41@comcast.net									
Spiritwear	Barbara Powers	powersfam@gmail.com									

All Fundraising is Optional

*Proceeds from these fundraising events are deposited in the Choral Guild Fund and may be used for summer camp scholarships; need- based student scholarships for activities and uniforms; student awards and activities; plus postage, printing and other nonbudgeted choir needs.



Dining 4 Dollar \$ Fundraiser

Jason's deli

November 27 5:00pm-9:00pm



October 30 4:00pm-8:00pm

\$\$\$\$ STUDENT FUNDRAISING NEWS **\$\$\$\$**

It's Cheesecake time!



So Many Flavors Traditional, Chocolate Chip, Mint Choc Chip, Chocolate Marble, Pineapple Coconut, Key Lime, Blueberry, Pumpkin, Strawberry, Pecan Caramel, Turtle, Raspberry Fudge, Cookies & Crème and Variety!

Students earn \$7 for each cheesecake sold!

9/26 - Cheesecake Tasting Day in Classrooms 9/26 - Order forms sent home with students 10/29 - All Orders Due 11/17 - Cheesecake Pick-up Day-8:30am-10:30am

> Questions? Contact: Leslie Cunningham (lagoldelox@aol.com) Dara Winkelman (<u>darawp@comcast.net)</u>

Volunteers Needed for Pick-Up Day. Contact: Laurie Levinson @ LaurieLevinson023@gmail.com/847-975-0735



Great for the Holidays!



Need a holiday gift? Looking for an easy way to earn \$ toward your student's account? Try ordering Scrip gift cards.

Congrats to everyone that placed their first orders of the school year. If you are not familiar with the program, the Scrip program allows participants to order gift cards to hundreds of your favorite retailers, including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theatres, and MANY more.

Purchase either: Physical gift cards or E-Cards (print them at home!). All orders are placed online using PrestoPay, an electronic funds transfer system. You must be enrolled to participate. Sign up now and you can start ordering E-Cards immediately!

Questions? Contact Gina Weiner at gtw9494@comcast.net with questions or to enroll.

Choral Events

Fall Concert Highlights!











Patriot Singers

STUDENT CHOIR BOARD

Executive Board Members

Victoria Bekker – President Frankie Walsh – Photos/Publicity Samhita Madduru – Service Projects Nitya Kavuluri – Spirit Events/Treasurer Donna Ilyukh – Choir room manager Amelia Landau, Kate Lee Dwija Ramesh, Claire Lefebvre – Class Representatives

Upcoming Events Movie Night – Friday, October 19th Feed My Starving Children - TBD Bernie's Book Bank – TBD Next Choir Board Meeting October 18th 8:00 am Choir Rm Encourage your student to attend a meeting to represent their class and give input about choir events!

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Homecoming 2018



STUDENT CHOIR BOARD



Vika Bekker Senior President



Nitya Kavuluri Junior Spirit Events/Fundraising

Meet the Choir Board



Frankie Walsh Senior Pictures/Publicity



Samhita Madduru Junior Outreach/Service



Donna Ilyukh Senior Choir Room Manager



Kate Lee Senior Patriot Singer Rep



Ameria Landau Sophomore Advanced Choir Rep



Dwija Ramesh Freshman Stevenson Choir Rep



Claire Lefebvre Freshman Stevenson Choir Rep

Upcoming Choral Events



Thanks!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the Choral Guild Kick-Off Dinner in August, Spirit Wear Sales, Lou Malnati's Pizza coupons, Corn Roast, Flower Sale and Fall Concert. It was a great start to the new school year!

SHREK The Musical is just around the corner.

Just like SHREK The Musical, the theme for our concessions is "Fairytales."

We will again be asking for volunteers to bake and man the concessions table during intermission on:

- Friday, Nov. 16
- Saturday, Nov. 17

The musical is the largest choral fund raiser of the year, so all help is greatly appreciated. We're looking for volunteers to bake or buy Fairytale treats and/or help for the shows.

This is the link to the Sign-up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA9A82DA5FD0shrek

And if you're not able to volunteer at this time, please come visit the concessions table for delicious treats or beautiful flowers being sold for your special cast/crew/pit member.



Questions: Contact Nina Strezewski at nina_strez@yahoo.com or Julie Walsh at cjwalsh@prodigy.net

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Stacy Shub	President	847-903-1164	shub1@comcast.net									
Laurie Levinson	Vice President	224-676-0890	laurielevinson023@gmail.com									
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CHORAL GUILD BOARD

Stevenson High School Choral Guild 2018-19 Membership Form

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TOP IO THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CHORAL GUILD

10. Support the directors and students throughout the year to

meet their goals. We are like the Sports Boosters but for the Choral Department! And we don't need to stand in the rain.

9. Membership is only \$15 It obligates you to nothing but helps underwrite all we do for the Choir. Your name will appear in each program as a member and supporter.

8. Volunteer! We love having parent volunteers at many of our events. You can volunteer just once or become more active and join a committee. You don't need to be a Choral Guild member to volunteer.

7. Volunteer during school hours If you want to volunteer for an event that is directly with the students (ie, coming to chaperone the 8th graders at the preview of the musical or chaperoning a choir lunch during school hours), you need to have a current background check on file. It is easy to do. This is a great opportunity to come see your kids during school and meet their friends.

6. Check your email Be sure you are getting emails from Alice Nuteson and/or Kirstin Snelten. They send information on a regular basis. Be sure they are not going to your spam!

5. Join our Facebook page More information gets posted there!

4. Read the Quarter Notes – our quarterly newsletter that is emailed to parents. You will be amazed at the amount of info in the newsletter. Be sure to see the summer newsletter that had the full list of important choir dates!

3. Get excited about the field trip announcement The directors will announce a local field trip soon. Next year, there will be a travel trip year for Advanced Choir and Patriot Singers. The announcement of the trip will come in the spring, but you can start fundraising soon!

2. Participate in Fundraisers Fundraisers such as Dining For Dollars and Concession Stand (during concerts) raise money for ALL kids and are spent on underwriting the cost of lunch or ticket prices for ALL kids.

1. Encourage student fundraising The Choral Guild also plans fundraisers that go directly into your kids individual fundraising account. This money is used directly by your student to buy what they need. There are some fundraisers that pay back higher returns to your kids account. In prior years, we have had kids that are able to finance almost half their travel trip cost! It is not to soon to start raising money for your kids account!

Questions? Email Stacy Shub at shub I @comcast.net