



# Quarter Notes

## Get ready for an exciting year!

### A Note from our Choral Director...

Each summer when preparing to write this note, I take a look back at previous newsletters to start my thoughts and ideas. This year dealing with a pandemic puts us in a position I never thought I'd see in my 30+ years of teaching high school. As different as things will be, I was heartened to still be feeling some of the same emotions: working hard to prepare for the start of school, excited to meet new students, and looking forward to seeing returning students.

Although all classes will be remote this semester, there are many things we can do to thrive and develop as musicians. Choir will still be an important part of the day where students will work in creative, meaningful ways! Mrs. Snelten and I will be outlining our plans in more detail, but we can assure you the following things about choir this semester:

#### **There will be singing and learning about music!**

- There will be opportunities for solo and small group performing with video recitals and collaborative performance apps.
- We are exploring virtual choir performance options for our large ensemble classes.
- We are developing units on musicianship, sight reading, vocal technique, composition, and music technology. Students will have greater choice than ever in selecting projects of interest for them in choir.

#### **There will be fun!**

- Our amazing student Choir Board is planning social events like game nights and movie nights
- Choir Board is developing service projects in our community including outreach to senior homes and our consortium school music programs
- Our first ever Stevenson Choir department *Masked Singer* contest...more to come!

Thank you for making the decision to be in the choir program at Stevenson. Now more than ever it is important to nurture and support your student's interest in music. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or be of further help. We look forward to partnering with families and making this year a success for everyone!

Sincerely,  
Alice Nuteson, Choral Director  
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# A Note from our Co-Presidents...

Summer 2020

Hello and welcome to the 2020-21 school year from your SHS Choral Guild Co-Presidents, Cheryl Giddens and Carolyn Lewis! Welcome back to our returning choir parents and welcome for the first time to our parents/guardians of students who are new to Stevenson choirs! New or returning, this year will be something different than ever before, and we are looking forward to working together to support our singers and the choir directors as they navigate a new path for making music.

If you haven't already, and you are on Facebook, please join the Stevenson High School Choral Guild Facebook page. Given our current circumstances, we are going to maximize our social media presence and conduct all meetings and events virtually for the time being. We want to build as cohesive a family community partnership as possible and hope you will join us in our efforts to support the incredible choir programming at Stevenson!

In addition to social media and quarterly newsletters, we will reach out via email with important updates and ways to support the choir programs through the Choral Guild. One great way to be involved is by attending the general Choral Guild meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.**, via Zoom.

Please reach out to us anytime with questions, suggestions, and to get involved!

Cheryl: [cherylgiddens3@gmail.com](mailto:cherylgiddens3@gmail.com) or 847-525-8776

Carolyn: [cjlewis0719@gmail.com](mailto:cjlewis0719@gmail.com) or 847-708-4673

Warmly,

*Cheryl and Carolyn*



**We have a Facebook page!**

Stevenson High School Choral Guild

## First Choral Guild Meeting

**Monday, September 14**

7 p.m.  
via Zoom

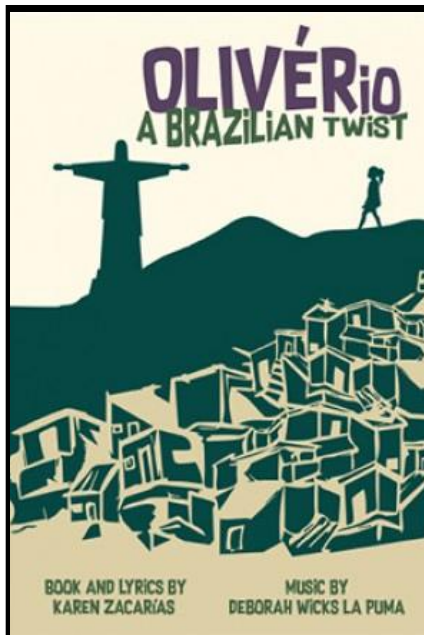
*All parents of chorus  
students welcome!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Fall 2020 Musicals (Yes, Musicals)

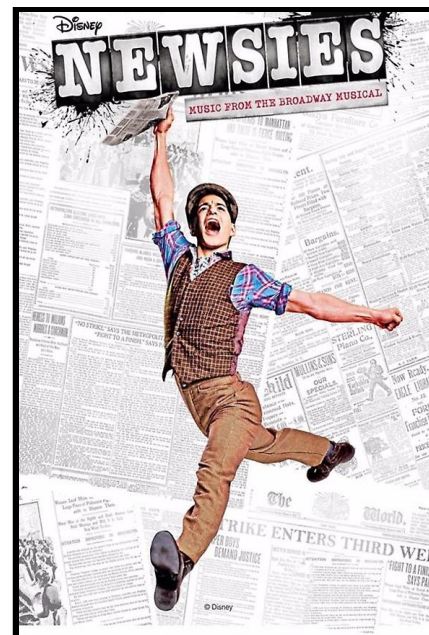
October

*OLIVÉRio: A Brazilian Twist*



November

*Newsies*



Auditions for both musicals will be held the week of August 24.

Please visit [d125.org/arts/theatre](https://d125.org/arts/theatre) for more info.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2020-21 SHS Choral Calendar

*Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m., and will be held via Zoom until further notice. All choir parents are welcome at our General Board Meetings.*

**September 14** – General Board Meeting

**October 5** – Executive Board Meeting

**October 19** – General Board Meeting

**November 16** – Executive Board Meeting

**December 7** – General Board Meeting and Party (starts at 6:30 p.m.)

**January 11** – Executive Board Meeting

**February 8** – General Board Meeting

**March 8** – Executive Board Meeting

**April 12** – General Board Meeting

**May 3** – Budget Meeting

**May 10** – General Board Meeting and Volunteer Recognition

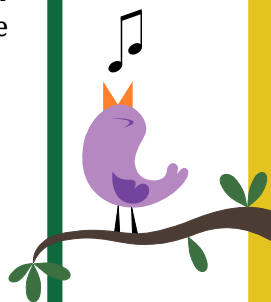
## PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS AT STEVENSON

We are fortunate to have four outstanding private voice teachers who teach lessons during the school day at Stevenson. Choir students can take half period lessons once a week during their choir class, lunch period, study hall, or free period. There are also some teachers that offer lessons after school. Private lessons are an excellent way to develop individual technique and confidence.

For more information, new students can view the Private Music Lessons webpage at: [d125.org/arts/private-music-lessons](https://d125.org/arts/private-music-lessons).

You can also contact Alice Nuteson ([anuteson@d125.org](mailto:anuteson@d125.org)) for more information. Returning students please contact your teacher before school begins to get priority scheduling!

*Please note: all private voice lessons will be held via Zoom until further notice.*



## SHS Co-Curricular Choirs!

- Dan Kassel will be directing our tenor-bass ensemble (Just the Guys)
- Susan Borkowski will be directing our soprano-alto ensemble (Lady Jazz)
- Alice Nuteson will still be directing our mixed ensemble (Jazz Etc.)

Dan is a former SHS choir student (class of '13) who music directed his college *a cappella* group at Western Michigan University. Susan is currently the choir director at West Oak Middle School and was involved in treble voice *a cappella* at University of Wisconsin and at the previous school she taught at. We are excited to have them on board!

More information about the groups will be shared the week of August 24.

Auditions will be by video the week of September 7.

# FUNDRAISING

*Did you know that most of our fundraising events help build funds in your student's individual account?  
100% of the funds raised help pay for concert gear and choir field trips.*

## Committee Chairs

Corn Roast*	Diane Lefebvre and Angela Clarke
Spiritwear & Cheesecake Sales	Dara Winkleman and Leslie Cunningham
Scrip Gift Cards	Donna Cobb
Concessions*	Vaiju Ravi and Diane Lefebvre
Special Events	Sara Eisenstein
Snack Favorites	Moanna Mowers
Dining for Dollars*	Cheryl Landau
Photos	Erica Lee
Leider's	Carolyn Lewis
Lou Malnati's	Erica Lee

## All Fundraising is Optional

\*Proceeds from these fundraising events are deposited in the Choral Guild Fund and may be used for need-based student scholarships for activities and uniforms; student awards and activities; other non-budgeted choir needs; and fund all-choir events.



## Leider's Gift Card Sale

Imagine hardy mums, bright orange pumpkins and other fall foliage sprucing your garden or patio. Sound beautiful? Well, then how about ordering Leider gift certificates? Buy \$20, \$50 and \$100 gift cards and 25% goes to your choir student's account. Check out the Leider's website at [leider.us](http://leider.us).

We will be selling gift cards **September 14–25**.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Lewis at [cjlewis0719@gmail.com](mailto:cjlewis0719@gmail.com).

*Dining4  
Dollar\$*

**Event coming  
soon!**

## Get In the Spirit! Spiritwear Sales

Get in the Spirit with new SHS Choir apparel! Keep your eyes open for an online school store link.

The online store will be available **August 17 – September 4**, and items will be shipped directly to you.

Lots of new items to choose from!

**\*All Sales Are Final\***

Questions? Contact  
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or Leslie Cunningham  
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# FUNDRAISING



Proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly into individual student accounts.

*Be on the lookout for more information about this fundraiser soon.*

## Questions?

Erica Lee

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*Fundraiser Dates:*

**August 27 – September 15**



## GIFT CARDS

Looking for an easy way to earn \$ toward your student's account? Try ordering Scrip gift cards. The Scrip program allows participants to order gift cards to hundreds of your favorite retailers, including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, and MANY more. A percentage of your purchase is refunded back to your student's choir account...it's that simple! Purchase either: Physical gift cards or ScripNow cards (e-cards that can be printed at home at anytime). We currently will NOT be doing physical card orders. All orders are placed either online at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) – Fundraising While You Shop or with their new app, RaiseRight. Payments can be made either through an electronic debit funds transfer system or with a credit card.

Sign up now and you can start ordering ScripNow cards immediately! You will also be receiving an e-mail in August, directly through the Scrip system, inviting you to sign up.

Our first order for physical gift cards will not be until Stevenson goes back to in-person learning. Once that happens, an email from Mrs. Nuteson will be sent out to provide you with order deadline information.

Questions? Contact Donna Cobb at [sjr753@yahoo.com](mailto:sjr753@yahoo.com).

# CHORAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP

**Join the SHS Choral Guild for 2020–21!**

*Only \$15 per family*

The Guild fosters student pride, respect, and a sense of community while supporting many choir activities.

*More info will be available soon.*



## CHORAL GUILD BOARD

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# CHOIR STUDENT BOARD



*Pictured starting from top left to right:*

Ashwini Narayanan (Photos/Publicity); Lillian Tang (President); Becca Fischmar (Advanced Chorus Class Rep.); Mahitha Chaturvedula (Patriot Singers Class Rep.); Abby Froyshteter (Service/Outreach); Amelia Landau (Spirit Events); Shawn Zhu (Choir Room Manager)

If you would like to reach out to members of our Choir Student Board, please email our choir directors.



Attention all new choir students and parents! Please join us in our welcoming Zoom party scheduled on **Friday, August 21 @ 7 p.m.** The meeting will be hosted by the choir teachers, Mrs. Nuteson and Mrs. Snelten, as well as our student Executive Board. It will be a night filled with fun games, helpful information, and insight into the wonderful choral program at Stevenson. As we get closer to the event date, a Zoom link invitation will be sent to all choir students and families. We hope to see you there!