

# WESTERN HILLS CHORAL DEPARTMENT

## Orientation Newsletter '13-'14

### Dear Singers and Parents:

I would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations on becoming a part of the Western Hills High School choral program! I am thrilled you have chosen to be a part of this group. There are many facets, activities, and opportunities in the choral program and this newsletter is an attempt to help you become oriented.

### Know your choir:

The most important thing is to know which choir you are in! There are three choirs in the Western Hills High School choruses, all with different schedules and activities. (See second page for details.)

### Communication:

Communication is the key to a smooth year. I always make announcements in class, post information on the board, and often pass out printed info in class. To ensure this information makes it home – we also email it. Another great resource for parents and students is the choir website:

[www.westernhillschoir.org](http://www.westernhillschoir.org) which is regularly updated. Check it out! Pay particular attention to the Google calendar available there! And also if you are a Facebook user, become a member of the Western Hills Choir Facebook page!

Communication is a two-way street. I will always do my best to keep you informed, but please do not hesitate to contact me when questions or concerns arise.

### Handbook:

There are two documents that will make this year go smoothly for parents and students. This newsletter gives the basics and reports upcoming events, activities, news, etc.

The second is the WHHS Choral Program Handbook. This handbook serves as a syllabus and contains academic information that is important to your success. It will be passed out the first day of classes, but is also available online: [www.westernhillschoir.org/forms.html](http://www.westernhillschoir.org/forms.html).

This handbook is the first grade each student will receive and will need to be returned by the specified date with parent signature.

This will be a great year with all of the activities planned!

Again, I welcome you and have no doubt that you will make tremendous memories and great friends here! I look forward to working with you!

Tiffany Marsh

Help the  
WHHS Choral Program  
through the  
**Kroger Card  
Fundraiser**

Only \$5.00 per card

Check out the  
WHHS Choral  
Program Website



[www.westernhillschoir.org](http://www.westernhillschoir.org)

Updates on activities,  
forms, and program

**\*\*Important  
Parent Meeting\*\***

**Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.  
WHHS Choir Room**

The meeting will cover concert attire, fundraising, schedule, M2 lesson program and other important items for the year. There will also be the opportunity to meet and talk with Mrs. Marsh as well as members of the WHHS Chorus Booster Club.

**Please make plans to  
attend!**

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### Choral Events at a Glance

Fall Informance  
October 3

KYACDA All-State Chorus  
November 1-2

Sing 'n Joy  
November 28-December 1

Winter Concerts  
December 10, 17

KMEA/KJHC All-State Chorus  
February 5-7

Spring Sing Cabaret Show  
April 24

Ice Cream Concert  
May 6

Spring Concert  
May 13

Honor Banquet  
May 15

\*See the included Dates sheet  
for more details.

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# Booster News

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## Booster Meeting Schedule

September 10

October 1

November 5

December 3

January 14

February 4

March 4

April 15

June TBA - Summer Planning Mtg.

*All meetings are Tuesday at  
5:30 p.m. and are open to anyone.*

## Meet the Ensembles

### Beginning Chorus

This ensemble is designed for beginning and intermediate choral instruction. It will provide an understanding of fundamentals of proper vocal technique, choral techniques, and music theory. The Beginning Chorus has set required performances throughout the school, but are developmental based in their focus.

No audition is required for enrollment.

Beginning Chorus meets 2<sup>nd</sup> period.

### Advanced Chorale

This ensemble is the highest-level vocal ensemble at Western Hills. It is a performance-based class geared to expose students to a wide variety of choral literature, ranging from historical styles, cultural styles, to different languages. This ensemble has a full performance schedule all year. Adv. Chorale is open to students by audition only.

This class will meet 5<sup>th</sup> period.

## M2 Voice Lesson Program

The WHHS Chorus Boosters are again offering the after school voice lesson program called Mastering Musicianship (M2). This will be open to 15-20 chorus students and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Please see the included information sheet for details.

Registration is due Friday, August 30.

## ★ Sponsorship Campaign ★

Every year the WHHS Choral Program seeks sponsors. We ask every student to **sell 2 ads** that will be displayed in the chorus concert programs. The campaign runs **August 12-30**. Proceeds from this year's fundraisers will assist in new attire purchase, M2 lessons, Sing 'n Joy competition, in addition to the regular operating items. Please see the included detailed fundraiser sheet for more information.

The WHHS Choral Program is willing to do in-kind sponsors of goods or services. Info, forms, and request letters can be found online:  
[www.westernhillschoir.org/fundraise.html](http://www.westernhillschoir.org/fundraise.html).

## Concert Attire

All ensembles of the WHHS Choral Program will have defined concert attire. For all members dresses and tuxedos will be provided for rental from the WHHS Chorus Boosters. The rental fee is \$50. Students will be required to be fitted after school on one of the following dates:  
August 26, 27, 28.

