

MAYFIELD LIMITED EDITION SHOW CHOIR – 2018-2019

PARTICIPATION FEES AND COSTUMING

The Participation fee for Show Choir this year will be **\$200 per Vocal member and \$50 per instrumental/band/crew member**. This year we are also anticipating trying to do a separate female only show choir. The fee for this will be \$100. As in the past, families with more than one child in the group will be discounted \$50 per each additional child. Therefore, additional children are \$150. As part of the fee, all parents will be in Choral Boosters.

Ideally, fees should be paid at the start of the rehearsal process for the group. The preferred date for payment is by the Saturday, August 18th. Payment **must** be received and/or payment plan arrangements for such must be made by that time. Checks for participation fees shall be made out to “Mayfield Choral Boosters”. These can be turned in to the director or board members for the Mayfield Choral Boosters.

The participation fee is just that, a fee to participate. The cost of this participation fee does not fund any specific item - including costumes, props, competition fees, music licensing, equipment or other associated items. Rather, it is a fee to allow the student to participate and be a member of the group. Unlike other extra-curricular activities, this is a full year commitment.

Costumes – participants will have the opportunity to use the costume garments issued to them for the entire year for purposes of practice and performance. The user will be responsible for maintaining garments in a clean and neat manner. Costumes must be turned in at the conclusion of the season. There may be some costume items, such as shoes, and accessories that are the responsibility of the student and remain the property of the student.

BUDGET AND PERSPECTIVE

While we want to keep this opportunity affordable and accessible to all. We want the students and the parents to be as excited about this year as the director and the Choral Boosters are. We see this as an opportunity to develop a fun, competitive and exciting program that will continue at Mayfield for many years. We believe that Show Choir is an important group and event to support the development of our children and to help make them into the young adults that they become through their high school years.

To put it in perspective, the costs associated with

- costuming
- props
- music rights/arranging
- competition fees
- stage set

are budgeted to be around \$400 per student.

Add in equipment, scholarship opportunities, clinics and spirit wear and that budget is close to \$550 per student.

Clearly, our goal is to make participation affordable at \$200, but there will need to be fund raising efforts from the students as well as assistance and volunteer opportunities from the parents to make this the best experience now and into the future.

FUND RAISING

All profits from fund-raising are held in the Choral Boosters account. It is desired that a choir trip will be held every other year – this year is New York City. To assist with this there will be opportunities for fund-raising as a group and opportunities for individual benefit to help defer costs of travel. These opportunities will be outlined as part of each fund-raising event. The Choral Booster treasurer will keep a log of each student's travel account funds. These funds belong to the Choral Boosters, but represent specific fund-raising efforts of the student and will be used to defer costs of travel for that student. If the student leaves the group or does not attend the trip, the funds will remain part of the general account.

Malley's Bars – in the past Show Choir sold Malley's chocolate bars, we will once again be doing that this year. The bars are \$1 each and each member will be required to sell three boxes of 36 bars – boxes come in crunch, pretzel, almond, plain and dark chocolate pretzel and can be mixed. Members will pay \$108 to receive their three boxes and will recoup their funds upon their sale of the bars. In this manner there is no cost to the participant. There is a buy-out option, if a member does not wish to sell the candy. The buy-out option is \$54 and represents the profit to the boosters. Members are encouraged to sell more for the benefit of the group and their travel account. For all bars sold in excess of the minimum three boxes (108 bars), half of the profits (\$9 per box) will be posted to the specific student's travel account. Students in the curricular choir may also sell bars and can have half of their sales. We also sell bars at the home football games. We need parent and/or student volunteers to sell in the stands. Come see us at the table at the game, we'll get you set up. This is an opportunity to receive credit in the individual travel account.

Pasta Dinner/Arts Festival – the group has, in the past, held a pasta dinner in the Spring. This may occur in some capacity – either as a stand-alone dinner with a Show Choir performance or potentially as a larger Arts Fest to assist in funding various items and philanthropy. Members may be required to sell six (6) tickets to this event.

Drug Mart Cookout – The Highland Heights Discount Drug Mart cookout provides hot dogs, chips and drinks at no charge to customers and will be held from **11AM to 2PM on a Saturday in June or July, to be determined**. Patrons have the opportunity to make a donation and many students participated. Our group will get to keep all funds donated and Drug Mart usually donates additional funds.

Open Mic Night – An open mic night was held in the past at the Local Tavern in Willoughby Hills. The kids sang and entertained. A portion of all sales came back to the Choral Booster account. We are looking to do this again in the near future.

Other Fund-Raising Opportunities

Selling advertising for our programs at our events

Bob Evans, California Pizza Kitchen or other restaurants

Fall Festival

Popcorn (Curricular Choral Classes) – all can participate

Yankee Candle Fund-Raiser

Spring Musical

Show Choir and Musical Day Camp with elementary students

Spring Arts Fest

Murder Mystery Fund-Raiser event

Your Feedback – other thoughts on fund raising – please share your ideas!!

CHORAL BOOSTER OFFICERS AND SHOW CHOIR COUNCIL POSITIONS

The Choral Boosters board is comprised of five officer positions –

- President – Ken Muhlbach
- Vice-President (Membership/Volunteers) - OPEN
- Vice-President (Fund-Raising) - OPEN
- Treasurer – Jerry Gressley
- Secretary – Andi Cerrillo-Nunez

Additional positions:

- Spirtwear Coordinator – OPEN
- Publicity/Photography/Electronic Archiving – OPEN
- Musical Sponsor/Advertising Coordinator - OPEN

If you are interested in filling these positions, please contact Ken Muhlbach or express your intent at the next Booster meeting on September 6th. An election will be held at the next Booster meeting – September 6th. All parents are required to volunteer in some capacity throughout the year – organizing fund raising opportunities, chaperoning at performances, Spring musical, etc. Sign-ups will be coordinated.

Booster meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Meetings are short and informative, please attend. Any individual holding an office will receive a \$50 reduction in their student's fees for the year. Individuals holding positions must attend all meetings and events throughout the year.

The Show Choir will have its own student governance body. The election to fill these positions will occur at the beginning of the school year. Being a part of this will make your experience better and make for a much more fun year! It is imperative that the student governance body work closely with the Choral Boosters in coordinating and fund raising events.

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Community Outreach - The Show Choir will be making a concerted effort to be involved in the community to showcase its talents.

Festivals - Mayfield Show Choir Fall Festival (November 17, 2018); other local festivals (possibly Rocky River)

Competitions - Two to three competitions

End of Year Banquet

Musical – Shrek (awaiting rights approval) – performances two weekends – April 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14

A more finalized calendar is located on the website:

www.mayfieldvocalmusic.org

REMIND MESSAGES

Please sign up for remind – it is the best way to keep in touch to current events and activities!

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