



Memorial High School Choirs

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Welcome to Choir 2018-2019

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Welcome to "On a High Note," the newsletter of the Memorial High School Choir Boosters. We publish this newsletter quarterly to keep parents and students up-to-date with all of the activities and events related to the choir program at Memorial. The Fall copy is the only one that is mailed to everyone; others will be available through a link emailed to families and on the new choir website:

www.memorialchoirs.com

Please bookmark the site and visit often for the most current information. The website is also a place where you may contact board members and get volunteer information for upcoming

fundraisers and events. Another great resource is Skyward. Make sure your information is accurate because the directors send out a lot of important information and timely announcements using Skyward. There is a free Skyward app available for smart phones, too. We hope you find this newsletter helpful. Welcome back to another year of great music!

Mrs. K
And The MHS Choir Boosters

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MONDAY DECEMBER 17, 2018

Please join us for Memorial High School's "Songs of the Season" Choir Concert

featuring Concert Choir, Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, and the Memorial Madrigals! We will be performing the Hallelujah Chorus with the orchestra, and alumni of the MHS Choirs are invited to sing with us as usual. Combined choirs will also be performing Personent Hodie, Night of Silence, and a new song with the orchestra.

Other featured songs include Silent Night, We Need a Little Christmas, Silver Bells, Little Drummer Boy, White Winter Hymnal, and more!

Cookies and water will be available for purchase and will help support the students going on the Chicago trip.

SCRIP will also be available for last minute gifts!



The 2018-19 MHS Choir season is off to a great start! We are so excited for the upcoming Holiday concert, OASC and Eagle competition season and of course **WINTERFEST!**

All choir parents are considered members of the Booster Club and we hope you can attend the upcoming meeting on **January 7th at 6:30 in the choir room.** It's a great way to stay up to date on how the Boosters is supporting the program and we would love to hear your ideas for continued growth and fundraising support!

The Choir Boosters Executive Board would like to encourage parents with students in any of our choirs to be involved with the board. It is ever-changing as students graduate and parents move on. We are hoping to have freshman and sophomore parents shadow an existing board position to learn its functions and be able to easily step into the position when the time comes. We are also hoping for Winterfest committee shadows! As the saying goes, "many hands make light work". New faces bring new ideas and both are always welcome!

A huge thanks to all the volunteers we've had already! The support the Boosters offer would not be possible without you!!!

Sincerely,

Co-Presidents, MHS Choir Boosters

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Dear MHS choir families,

As I write this, it is hard to believe that December is here! I have enjoyed my time at Memorial High School immensely so far. I feel that the students and I have created a true “choir family” together, and I hope that they feel the same way, too. They work hard, rise to the challenges I put before them, and we have fun along the way as well. I am so grateful for the laughter, tears, and music that we have shared together so far. I am also grateful for the support I have received from administrators, co-workers, and you, the parents and guardians! I truly do not know where I would be without all of you supporting your student’s music endeavors and volunteering your time to help the program be successful.

As we head into show choir season, I hope to see many of you around and to get to know you better (I love to talk!). I also encourage you to shadow a choir booster board position—this is a great way to ease into a position that really helps me and the program out! I hope all parents are planning to volunteer for **Winterfest**, our biggest fundraiser, on Feb. 2nd—what a fun event! We need hundreds of volunteers to make it a success.

As the new year starts, please encourage your student to plan ahead and sing at solo/ensemble, audition for KIDS from WI, sing the National Anthem at a game or event, audition for a spotlight act for Pops Concert, and/or audition for Old Able Show Choir and Madrigals for next year. All of these opportunities help students grow as singers, musicians, and performers. They gain confidence, team-working skills, and become better leaders. I am here to help your student succeed in these endeavors. Students can check the weekly schedule on my office door to sign up for a lesson—many of them have done so already.

As always, please e-mail or call if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. E-mail is the best way to contact me: akrajnikconde@ecasd.us. Thanks for a great start to the year!

~Aurora Krajnikconde



Choir News

Chicago Trip Info.

Mandatory meeting for students attending the trip and at least one parent/guardian per student on Monday, Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Friday, March 8th: Depart MHS at 10:30 a.m., group dinner (included) at Giordano's, and attend the musical "Dear Evan Hanson"

Saturday, March 9th: Museum of Science and Industry, Millennium Park, Shedd Aquarium, and return to MHS at 11:59 p.m.

Total cost is \$366 due by Jan. 8th.

Not included in the cost: students need to pack a lunch for Friday to eat on the bus, lunch and dinner on Saturday will be on their own, and any souvenir costs.

KIDS FROM WI

Kids from Wisconsin Audition Info.
Great way to spend the summer singing, dancing, making friends, and making money!

Auditions are on **Friday, Feb. 15th** at UW-Eau Claire.

More info. at www.kidsfromwisconsin.org/auditions

[KIDS FROM WI](#)

SHOW CHOIR COMPETITION DATES:

January 5 — Colby (Eagle/OASC)
January 19—Bloomington (Eagle/OASC)
January 26 — Altoona (Eagle/OASC)
February 2 — WINTERFEST(Eagle/OASC)
February 23—West Dubuque (OASC O.N)
March 2— Holmen (Eagle/OASC)

Information about each competition will be emailed right the week before the comp.

There will be a **PARENT SHOW** for EAGLE and OASC on **January 4th**. Please watch for an email for times and come help us kick off the show choir season!

OASC

Old Abe will have its final TUNE UP days on **January 30 and 31st** — 3:15—8:30pm. Please be sure to plan accordingly for this important time to work on your choreography with the one and only Ellie Jordan!

Eagle Show Choir

Updates for Eagle Show Choir Members and Parents! Eagle rehearsals will now be 6-9pm through the end of January every Tuesday night. We are adding two Thursday night rehearsal 12/13 and 12/20 5-7pm. These are not mandatory but we need the time to clean and perfect the choreography so the more girls that can be there the better!

If you don't know yet this year's show is "Dance-" themed and Amber, myself and Lilia have really been pushing the girls with both vocals and choreography. We can't wait for you to see all their hard work and hope you will be able to be at the parent show on January 4th.

Just a reminder that I, Rapacz, will be out of the country from December 26th-January 9th. I have complete faith that Lilia and Amber will have the girls pumped and ready for their first performance. Plus with Jamison leading the combo they are sure to put on one great show! Cheers to 2019!

Want to find out more about Memorial Choir Boosters and how **YOU** can be involved? Please plan to attend the **Boosters' meeting** to be held on **January 7th at 6:30 pm** in the Choir Room.

The purpose of the Boosters is to provide financial assistance and support services for the choir program of Memorial High School. The goals are to aid in the development of student interests in choral music; to support the music curriculum and activities in accordance with the directors' and school's philosophy; to promote student leadership and responsibility; and to act in any other way appropriate to these purposes.

All parents and guardians of students participating in choir activities and any person whose interest is to further the purpose of the Memorial High School Choir Program is considered a member of the Memorial Choir Boosters.

We offer a scrip gift card program for fund raising. This is an easy way to earn money for choir expenses by purchasing gift cards for places that you will already be shopping anyway.

Please send your orders to **arrive by the set due date (1st Wednesday of the month).

If mailing including your checks (no cash) made out to "**MHS Choir Scrip**" and mail to: Angelina Schnook, 3702 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Orders will need to be mailed to the address above BEFORE or on the due date. Angelina can also pick up orders at Eagle and Old Abe practice the week they are due (Tuesday and Thursday)

Winter and Spring due dates are: **January 2nd, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st.**

Delivery will be at the Show Choir Practices. Eagle (Tuesday), Old Abe (Thursday) two weeks after the Wednesday due date. Listed are the Mondays of that week below for reference:

January the week of the 14th, February the week of the 18th, March the week of the 18th, April the week of the 15th, May the week of the 13th.

Other arrangements for pick up can be made by messaging Angelina or listing it on your order form.

Here is a link for more information and the order sheet as well:

[Scrip information](#)





The Winterfest Show Choir Competition is celebrating its 27th year on February 2, 2019. This is the **LARGEST** fundraiser for the entire vocal music program and we **NEED EVERYONE'S HELP** to make it a success. **Volunteers are needed starting Friday evening for set up and shifts are available throughout the day and evening on Saturday. There is something for everyone! Watch for a sign up email soon.**

The money generated from this event helps cover all the expenses the school district doesn't fund, like accompanists at solo competitions, supplemental equipment and guest judges/conductors to name a few, as well as show choir and trip scholarships.

The members of Old Abe Show Choir and Eagle Show choir are "Hosting" the competing choirs for this event. They will need to be available to help with set up on Friday evening from about 4-9 pm and **ALL DAY and NIGHT** on Saturday until released by Mrs. K. Any exceptions to this must be cleared by Mrs. K ahead of time.

Besides volunteering for one or more shifts, there are two other ways we need all families to help this fundraiser succeed:

- If you have a student in **10th -12th grade**, we are asking that you bring at least one 12-pack of canned soda to school to be used in our concession stand. There will be a sign up for specific kinds of pop on the Sign Up Genius page. Please sign up on this page so that our concession directors know if they will need to go out and purchase specific kinds of pop/juice ahead of time.

If you have a **freshman**, we are asking for a donation of one box/bag of individual bags of chips. (at least 12) Flavors and brands are up to you.

- We are looking for items or baskets of items for the Raffle for Winterfest. Reach out to your favorite local merchant/supplier/vendor; do you know anyone famous? The possibilities are truly endless. Families can work together on this, too; example: you have 5 choir families each contribute \$50, you have \$250 to create a basket with (laptop, tablet, gas cards, etc). These baskets can also be brought to school on the Friday before Winterfest.

If you have any questions about the Basket Raffle, please contact Jessi Jenson at jessimj26@yahoo.com

Thank you so much for your support of this fundraiser for the Memorial Choir program.

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Choir Events



WINTERFEST SHOW CHOIR INVITATIONAL

Saturday, Feb 2 - All Day - MHS

Winterfest is a day-long event held at Memorial High School on the first Saturday in February. This competition features junior varsity and varsity show choirs from all over the Midwest competing for many different awards including the Grand Champion award in the evening. This is the MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT for Boosters and benefits all Memorial choirs. Parents are asked to assist with one or more Activities associated with this event. Additional volunteer information will be given at a later date. Parents who are interested in participating in the beginning of the planning stage, please contact Tammy Schmitz at tamjschmitz@gmail.com

Spring Concert **

Monday, Feb 22 - 7pm - MHS Auditorium

DISTRICT SOLO/ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 6—Memorial High School

This is a day-long event will be held at North High School this year. Students perform solos and/or ensembles that are critiqued by judges. Parents are welcome to attend the performances. All Show Choir and Madrigals plus individuals participate.

MEMORIAL MADRIGALS IN CONCERT

Monday, April 29 - 7pm - Little Theatre

A concert for the Memorial Madrigals to show off some of their vocal jazz repertoire.

SPRING POPS CONCERT **

Wednesday, May 15 - 5:30pm - Owen Park

This concert and Booster sponsored tailgate party are held in Owen park. All choirs, show choir, spotlight acts and the Really Old Abe Show choir will participate. More information about Pops Concert will be available in the spring newsletter



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