

Fairfield **CHORAL F MUSIC**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 17TH – 21ST

WELCOME!

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! On behalf of the Choral Music Department, I'd like to welcome our returning choral families and our new choral families. Each week, this newsletter will be sent out which will provide information about what is taking place in the Choral Music Program. I ask that all parents and families take time to review the newsletter as many questions throughout the year that you may have are often answered in the newsletter. Of course if there are any questions please feel free to email! – Mr. Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 28th – HS Show Choir Payment 4 Due
- September 12th – FFS & FHS Day of Giving Fundraiser
- September 24th
 - MS Payment 5 DUE
 - RE Extended Rehearsal 2:40 – 5:30 pm
- September 24th – 26th – Choraliers Choreography with Randy
- September 25th – Concert Choir Tempo Club Payment Due
- October 1st – Calendar Raffle Begins
- October 2nd – Homecoming Parade and Game!
- October 5th – Fall Harvest Choir Concert

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FEES

Each choir in the Fairfield Choral Music Program has a fee that is associated with the choir. For all choirs, there is a school fee that is paid to the district and a separate fee that is paid to the Fairfield Tempo Club.

For show choirs, fee information was distributed in May and payments should be made in a timely manner. For students in the HS choirs, there is an additional fee of \$40 that is paid to help with concert attire maintenance. All information on fees can be found in the handbook that is distributed in addition to the newsletter.

FEES FAQ

- Fees can be paid through Venmo @FFTempoClub. Visit the Tempo Club Website ([CLICK HERE](#)) for more information!
- Cash is acceptable and can be dropped off in the red box in the FHS Choir room.
- Checks should be made out to the Fairfield Tempo Club
- Please make sure you are staying current with fees! If you need to adjust your payments, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH DIRECTORS!

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REMINDERS

- **Communicating with Directors** – Primary contact should be **email, Remind, or ParentSquare**.
- **Fees** – Please review the handbook for the fee schedule for your student. The final payment for non-trip fees for show choirs are due on **Thursday, December 17th for Rhythm Express** and **Friday, December 19th for all high school show choirs (Heartbeat, Nuts & Bolts, Choraliers, Pure Elegance)**.
- **Final Forms** – Please make sure your child and you have signed off on Final Forms and if you are in show choir, please make sure you have a current physical uploaded to Final Forms.
- **Renaissance Festival** – Families in show choir should be on the lookout for information on the Renaissance Festival in the next two weeks.
- **Calendar** – We have a website with our calendar which includes upcoming events. Please **CLICK HERE** to go directly to the Calendar tab.
 - You are able to add this calendar directly to your phone calendar by using the clickable links found below.

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Rhythm **EXPRESS**

- **Rehearsal** – Rehearsals have been going very well and we are hard at work at preparing the competition show. This is a reminder to parents and families to encourage their child to practice at home!
- **Extended Rehearsal 9/24** – Rhythm Express will have an extended rehearsal on September 24th to learn their next number of choreography. It is highly encouraged that a light snack is packed for this rehearsal!

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V O C A L IMPACT

- **Week at a Glance** – Students should be able to find the week at a glance in their Google Classroom. It would be great if we had students looking ahead at what we're working on to prepare for each day of rehearsal.
- **Honors Form** – Juniors and Seniors enrolled in Vocal Impact are able to earn Honors Credit for the class. This is a .3 added to GPA for each quarter. There are a series of tasks that are outlined for students to complete in the Honors Form which I will also send in this week's newsletter.
- **Concert Choir Fees** – Students enrolled in a concert choir have two fees associated with them. One is a school fee, and the other is the Tempo Club fee which is **\$40**. New families will be receiving communication of how to see this fee and how it can be paid. This fee is due on **September 25th**.
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FRESHMAN CHOIR

- **Welcome Freshman Families!** – I'd like to take a moment to specifically welcome the Freshman choir members and family. I am excited to have your child in choir this year and to get to see them grow. It is a privilege getting to work with these 68(!!!) fantastic musicians and I thank you for supporting your child in music! Please refer to information above and the choir handbook for information on the program and I look forward to meeting new families at our first choir concert on **Monday, October 5th!**
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- **Concert Attire Fitting** – I will be looking for two to three parents who would be willing to assist in helping fit students for their concert attire for Freshman Choir in the first or second week of September. This would take place during 4th period around 10:40 – 11:30. If you are interested and able to, please email Mr. Baker