

Fairfield
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 13TH – 19TH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 14th – Tri-M Meeting 2:40 pm – 3:00 pm
- September 24th
 - MS Payment 5 DUE
 - RE Extended Rehearsal 2:40 – 5:30 pm
- September 25th – 26th – Choraliers Choreography with Randy
- September 25th – Concert Choir Tempo Club Payment Due
- September 25th – HS Show Choir Payment 5 Due
- October 1st – Calendar Raffle Begins!
- October 2nd – Homecoming Parade and Game!
- October 5th – Fall Harvest Choir Concert
- October 29th – MS Payment 6 Due
- October 30th – HS Payment 6 Due
- November 7th – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast with Show Choirs
- November 7th – Show Choir Parent Meeting
- November 9th – 11th – Pure Elegance Choreography with Marah
- November 12th – RE Extended Choreography with Chantz
- November 19th – MS Payment 7 Due

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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 was distributed last week electronically. New students will be added to Cut Time soon!

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.
- **Day of Giving Fundraiser** – The Day of Giving Fundraiser had a great kickoff! The fundraiser will continue through September 28th so members who could not attend on Saturday can still actively get involved.

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REMINDERS

- **Homecoming Needs** – If anyone is interested in helping with the show choir float for the homecoming parade, please reach out to Denise Johnson at (513)300-0479. The first need that we have is for a trailer and a truck!
- **CutTime** – CutTime is the software that the music department uses to manage fees for the different ensembles in the HS music program. Soon, you will receive a text message asking to set up an account (if you have not already). This will be a link that will be sent through the number that is on file on Progressbook or that was provided to us by your child. Please make sure you get setup on this as this will have an accurate description of the amount your child owes for the ensemble(s) that they are currently enrolled. If you do not receive a text message or email, please reach out to Sara Sweetin at choirtreasurer@fftempoclub.org or Mr. Baker at baker_m@fairfieldcityschools.com. This communication should go out in the next week.

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Rhythm **EXPRESS**

- **Rhythm Express Calendar ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **Department Calendar ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **All Calendars ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **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! We only have three (!!) more rehearsals to review choreography before we learn a new number!
- **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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- **Heartbeat Calendar ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **Department Calendar ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **All Calendars ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **Heartbeat Music** – Music has started to be uploaded onto Google Classroom. I encourage you to start looking at it as it becomes available. More music will continue to be uploaded through the Fall.
- **Rehearsal Start** – Rehearsal for Heartbeat will begin after the conclusion of Marching Band. You are of course more than welcome to use rehearsal space when available to start practicing on your own!
- **Heartbeat Meeting** – Mr. Baker would like to meet with all members of Heartbeat after school on Friday September 19th. This will be no longer than 10 – 15 minutes and will primarily serve as a means to touch base about this upcoming season.

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NUTS
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BOLTS

- **Nuts & Bolts Calendar ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **Department Calendar ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **All Calendars ([CLICK HERE](#))**
- **[Google Classroom](#)** - Please make sure you are on the Google Classroom (Code: **4sy7bhx5**).

Communications will come through there for brief meetings and updates about the show.

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- **Choraliers Calendar** ([CLICK HERE](#)).
- **Department Calendar** ([CLICK HERE](#)).
- **All Calendars** ([CLICK HERE](#)).
- **Week at a Glance** – Students should be able to find the week at a glance in their Google Classroom. This will outline whether students will be focused on vocals or choreography for the day of rehearsal. Students are responsible for knowing if it is a dance or singing focused day and should be dressed appropriately.
- **Practicing at Home** – Please make sure you are encouraging your child to spend time practicing at home. We will be learning a new choreographed number next week and it is important that all students are staying on top of choreography!
- **Fees** – As we are traveling this year to New York, it is critical that all fees are paid in a timely manner. Students should communicate with directors and treasurers about fee payment issues but it is the expectation that all fees are paid before traveling to New York this Spring.

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PURE *Elegance*

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- **Vocal & Choreo Checks** – Students should also find a post that has all scheduled Vocal & Choreography checks and what will be checked.
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V O C A L IMPACT

- **Vocal Impact Calendar** ([CLICK HERE](#)).
- **Department Calendar** ([CLICK HERE](#)).
- **All Calendars** ([CLICK HERE](#)).
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- **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**.
- **Concert Attire Fitting** – I am still looking for two to three parents who would be willing to assist in helping fit students for their concert attire for Vocal Impact and Concert Chorale in the first or second week of September. If you are interested and able to, please email Mr. Baker by the end of this week!

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CONCERT CHORALE

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FRESHMAN CHOIR

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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 by the end of this week!