

Coming Up in Vocal Music

Lexington High School Vocal Music Newsletter



IT'S FALL, Y'ALL!

🍂 Welcome to the Lexington High School Choir Newsletter! 🍂

Dear Vocal Music Parents and Students,

As the leaves change color and the air turns crisp, we are thrilled to bring you our October Newsletter, celebrating the harmonious beginning of a new school year. The halls of Lexington High School are alive with the sweet melodies of our talented choirs, and we couldn't be more excited about the journey that lies ahead.

The school year has started on a high note, with students embracing the joy of singing and the power of unity through music. Our choir members have already demonstrated incredible dedication, enthusiasm, and unwavering passion. From the very first rehearsal, it was clear that this year is set to be extraordinary.

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In these pages, you will find exciting updates, upcoming events, and a glimpse into the musical adventures awaiting us this season. We encourage you to stay tuned and be part of the harmony, as we embark on a journey filled with music, friendship, and the thrill of performance.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our choir program. Together, we will create beautiful memories, share our love for music, and make this school year truly exceptional.

MMEA - NORTHEASTERN SENIOR DISTRICT CHORUS AUDITIONS

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 17

Sign-ups have been underway for the Northeast District Senior High Choral Festival auditions, and at this point, all interested students should have connected with either Ms. Labrie or Mr. Iannuzzi about registering. A successful district audition and participation in the Northeastern District Festival Chorus qualify you to audition for All-State Chorus. Both festivals are terrific experiences: a way for you to connect with other outstanding high school singers, perform great music and learn from guest conductors. The All-State Chorus performs each year at the MMEA (Massachusetts Music Educators Association) Conference at Symphony Hall in Boston. As this choir represents the best of the best high school singers in the state, it is quite an experience!

Senior District auditions are held on Saturday, November 18 at North Andover High School (transportation is provided by LHS). For the audition, you will prepare a choral piece, *I Will Be With You* (Sarah Quartel). There is also a sight singing component to the audition. Sheet music will be provided by Mr. Iannuzzi. At the audition you will sing to pre-recorded MIDI tracks "minus one" (all parts but your own). These mp3 files are available for reference and practice on the Northeastern District site linked below. You will be expected to prepare notes and rhythms for this piece outside of school. We will also rehearse several times after school in preparation for your audition. You are expected to attend some of these run through rehearsals.

If you have any additional questions, please email Mr. Iannuzzi or Ms. Labrie:

jiannuzzi@lexingtonma.org

slabrie@lexingtonma.org

<https://www.northeasterndistrict.org/senior.html>



Senior Festival Concert - Lexington High School

Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 1:00 PM

SNOW DATE: Sunday, January 7

Senior Festival Rehearsals - Lexington High School (IDLC)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 @ 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Friday, January 5, 2024 @ 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturday, January 6, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

(SNOW DATE 1/7)

ANNOUNCING THE 7TH ANNUAL LHS CHORUS MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

Since 2011 we have run a fall mattress sale fundraiser in the music department with Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS). This annual fundraiser has been a boon for our department, and many others in our area, allowing us to raise thousands of dollars with minimal effort on the part of our students and faculty.

Over the years, the sales have been enormously successful, and the monies (about \$60K now) have gone to terrific use:

New a cappella white board

Workshop tuition for a cappella students

Women's Chorus dresses

Madrigal Singers dresses

Madrigal Singers bow ties and vests

Concert Choir ties

LHS Chorale ties and hair ribbons

Space usage fees for Pilgrim Church, Hancock UCC, Old South Church and Follen Church
Commissions of new musical works (since 2011, the LHS Choruses have performed ten newly commissioned works, a portion of which have been paid for by fundraiser moneys, often with the generous support of FOLMADS)

MICCA registration fees

MICCA bus costs

Registration and bus for the WIAF a cappella festival

Registration for Madrigal Singers WGBH "Sing That Thing" television vocal competition

Guest artist travel, lodging and stipends

Purchase of choral performance binders

Printing event posters and programs for international concert tour concerts

Offset choral accompanist stipend

Bus offset and clinician stipend for Chorale Six Flags outing

Refreshments and flower gifts for Senior Gala Recital
Financial aid for domestic and international concert tours
(2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2023)

In addition to these items that have direct benefit to our students, we have also sold 50 twin mattress sets which were donated to three Boston area homeless shelters.

We are extremely fortunate in Lexington to have such amazing support for our arts program and curriculum. Many of our yearly needs are met by budget funds. However, fundraising is needed in order to continue to embark on "added value" experiences that provide the kinds of exciting and enriching opportunities our program offers to students. This "one and done" fundraiser is the only time we ask families to participate in such a sale. Students are not asked to sell mattresses, but participating families spend time advertising the sale, trying to find folks who are in need of new mattresses, and encouraging them to check out the no-pressure showroom set up by CFS in the LHS Gym. Besides presenting a low-effort method to earn money for our program, the sale itself is a lot of fun and a nice way for students in the program to bond.

Mattress Sale PARENT ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday, 10/25 at 7pm
Mattress Sale Student Kick-Off Meetings: in class Thursday, 11/2
Mattress Sale Fundraiser, Sunday 11/12 from 8am-5pm





LHS HONORS CHORUSES ARE DISNEY BOUND!

In April, Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers and Chamber Singers will embark on a tour to Orlando, FL to participate in the Festival Disney choral competition at Walt Disney World Resorts. In addition to enjoying time in the renowned theme parks, students will perform in a rated festival, receiving audio recorded and written comments from a panel of adjudicators and a choral clinic with a nationally respected conductor. We are also hoping to organize a special workshop with the Voices of Liberty, an outstanding, professional a cappella group that performs in the park. Check out their work [HERE](#):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQOCZB_DUzE&ab_channel=JameyRay

Our draft itinerary has the choruses departing Boston on Thursday, April 18 and returning on the afternoon of April 24. We may be able to revamp the itinerary to depart Boston on the 17th and return on the 23rd, saving students a day out of school.

Friday, November 17th- Payment #2 - Honors Chorus Disney Trip due

Fall Honors Choral Concert

Wednesday, November 8

7:00-8:15pm

Pilgrim Church, Coolidge Avenue, Lexington ▶

This concert is free and open to the public
LHS Chorale students can earn extra credit for attendance.



A Message from Ms. Hsieh, Vocal Coach

Hello! I am excited to work with the LHS choir students in Voice Class. Voice class is an enrichment class that meets during the choir block. Our goal is Voice Class is to give students strategies to help them become more independent musicians! Each chorus will learn and perform two Voice Class songs as a way to explore the following topics: vocal technique, practice methods, and IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet).



FOLMADS WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

FOLMADS, Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students, is a volunteer parent organization supporting Lexington public schools visual and performing arts in grades K-12. We recruit volunteers for events to help with ticket sales and ushering. We also raise money for grants for teachers/directors and help with the annual POPS concerts. This year, too, we'll be helping with concessions at the Senior Districts Festival, hosted by LHS for the first time. If you'd like to volunteer at an upcoming event this fall, you can sign up now on our sign-up genius link here. Students can help as ushers and earn community service hours. Parents, we'd love your assistance ushering or with ticket sales. If you'd like to know more about what we do, please feel free to email us at folmads@gmail.com. You can also learn more about us on our website at <http://www.folmads.org/>.

Thank you,
Linda Wertheimer Mintz
FOLMADS president



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