

October 9th, 2018

To All Choir Families:

Our kids have an exciting year ahead of us with many performances, festivals, visits to our Battle Ground middle schools, and involvement in activities at Prairie High! Already we've heard many of our choir students opening the football games with the National Anthem, and they've been terrific!

The choir program at Prairie is growing this year, and with that comes the need for hired buses to travel to events, additional sheet music and accompanists to support the choir in their musical performances.

If we are able to raise the funds, the choir would also benefit greatly from performance uniforms (dresses for the girls; dress shirts, bowties and suspenders for the boys). The current Prairie Choir gowns are worn and tattered, and we hope to not ask the choir to wear those another year.

To support all of these items this year the **cost is approximately \$100 per student.**

The Prairie High School Choir Booster is leading several fundraising events to help support these costs, and we will need your help! We also want you to know about all the fundraising activities we are planning throughout the entire school year so you are prepared and can plan accordingly.

PIE SALES! NOW (October)! Willamette Pie Company, a local company who supplies handmade, organic pies to grocers like Whole Foods and Safeway, has a fundraising program where we can sell pies and fruit to raise money for our choir. These pies are pre-sold, and then distributed to us frozen. Our patrons can then thaw and bake their pies (if needed) for Thanksgiving, Christmas or any occasion.

- October 10th - October 19th (just one week to sell pies!)
- \$15 per pie, \$10 per cobbler, \$10 per 2 lb bag of frozen fruit and \$28 for a box of mini pies. Our share is \$5 per item sold (i.e. 20 sold = \$100 for the choir).
- Information will come home with your student on October 10th.

DONATIONS! Here's our request of Prairie Choir Families:

- **Really needed:** The ASB was not prepared to charge a fee for choir this year which would cover most of the core costs (not performance uniforms). It would greatly help us if each choir family could donate \$30 as a base expense for choir. If we receive **\$30 from each student** we know we can support bussing to events for the year and sheet music costs.
- **Optional:** While we are frantically researching options to keep costs down, we are anticipating the average of the cost of uniforms to equal \$85 for girls and \$50 for boys. In addition to the \$30 above, no matter the amount, **please also donate towards uniforms.**

Note - even with these uniforms, your choir student(s) will be asked to have their own shoes, and boys will need black pants, and black belt. Please budget accordingly.

- **Please spread the word!** If you have family or friends looking for a tax deduction for 2018, this is a great way to make a direct and immediate difference. We are a 501c and can respond to any donor with information for taxes.
- To collect these donations, please send **checks made payable to Prairie High School Choir Booster, or contact Tess Stewart @ 360-606-1390** (please know Tess works during the day so if you call and do not get an answer please leave a voicemail or text. Tess will get back to you as soon as possible.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR! November. The Holiday Bazaar on November 24th is a tradition with the band and choir at Prairie High School. At this time we do not have any asks ([requests?](#)) of families. However we encourage you to come to the bazaar and do some Christmas shopping!

CABARET! TBD - hoping for February. After the holidays, the choir students will have the opportunity to audition for and perform in the Cabaret.

- What is a Cabaret: It is an evening of entertainment where dozens of musical acts are performed. Guests will sit at tables, much like a cafe' where purchased desserts and coffee are served by the students.
- What will we need from families: We will ask for donations of baked goods, Keurig cups, tea, and punch. We will also need volunteers.
- How we raise money: There are many fun ways we collect cash donations while the audience participates in the Cabaret. More information will come on this!

WEBSITE FUNDRAISING! April or May. Those of you with students in other programs may be aware of the fundraising sites such as www.snap-raise.com. Sites of this nature are an easy and successful way for kids to raise money to support the cost of their activities. We plan to have a fundraising activity of this nature in the spring.

Have ideas? Suggestions or comments about any of the above? Please send an email to choirboosterphs@gmail.com.

We would love to have you join our team no matter how big of a commitment you are able to make. Whether it's serving for one evening at one of the events, or becoming an active member of our Choir Booster Board, we are excited to grow our team along with our choir. Please send an email to choirboosterphs@gmail.com.

You will hear from the Choir Boosters throughout the year. We look forward to a musical year at Prairie!

Sincerely,
 Prairie High School Choir Booster Club
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