



Greetings Choir Families,

I just wanted to send a quick note to welcome you all to a new school year! We are excited to welcome you all back and to welcome some new faces and families to the choir program!

This information is being sent out early as it has to do with the first 7-10 days of school. Please take the time to read all of it so you feel prepared and so you do not miss out on any opportunities.

Choir Students/Families:

All choir parents/guardians are considered choir boosters. We have our first choir booster meeting on **Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm** in the auditorium. This will be running immediately after the Musical Parent/Guardian meeting.

Parents/Guardians – For booster information and updates, please sign up for our Remind101 messaging by **sending a text to 81010** that reads **@cvboost9**

All Men in choir need to **contact Wesner Tuxedo** for sign up for a time to get measured for a tuxedo. The tuxedos are provided to the students by Chippewa, so you just need to go get measured and when they are all ready, they will be delivered to the school.

To contact Wesner Tuxedo, you can call (586) 254-3838 or text (586) 602-3055. Measuring takes about 60 seconds in total. We ask that everyone be measured by Monday, September 13th.

We will be measuring women for dresses at school during the first two weeks of school.

WAIT DON'T SKIP THE NEXT PART...EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT BEING IN THE MUSICAL...take a minute to read about this amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience with our guest from Broadway in New York!!

MUSICAL

We have a Mandatory Parent/Guardian Musical Meeting in the Auditorium on **Wednesday, September 8th from 6-7pm**. The Choir Booster Meeting will follow immediately after. This is a great place to meet all the parents/guardians involved in the program!

We produce a full-fledged musical every year...singing, dancing, costumes...big fun! This year we have a WONDERFUL opportunity! We have a **guest director coming to us from Broadway!** My dear friend, Mr. George Abud who is an **Emmy Award winner** for his work on the Today Show and has been part of **Tony** and **Grammy Award** winning shows and recordings. He is also a **Drama Desk Award Nominee** for his leading role in a musical. One of the most common things we hear from students, is that they regret not joining musical in 9th grade. This is where you meet some of your best friends, you learn about the 10/12 building, and have a safe group of people to hang out with right away from the beginning of the year. It is so helpful to get involved and I know that incoming 9th graders will LOVE it! Take the leap! I am sure

they will have friends just from waiting in line, before ever entering the audition room. The culture of this program is so positive and welcoming, we pride ourselves on that and do what we can to help foster that from year to year.

We have been working non-stop this summer, preparing for our show this fall. With that, our time with our guest director is limited, so we are going to begin auditions on the first day of school. We are a no cut program, so if a student auditions and is available for the rehearsals, we will have a place for them in the show! We rehearse every day after school – usually until 5:30 with some random days that will end earlier or later. We will also be rehearsing the first 3 Saturdays of the school year, and potentially some other Saturdays as we approach the show. We are trying to navigate the rules and regulations and trying to keep everyone safe while providing an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience!

If your student is interested in being in the musical, you and your student will need to fill out the liability documents (this was originally a 4-page document, but now it is a Microsoft form...it takes about 20 minutes to complete but they cannot step foot into the audition without filling that out). Access to this will be provided below. If they are interested, they will come to the 10/12 (main building) after school on the first day of school (9/7). Those auditions run from 2:30-6:00pm. They will also be taking their headshot photo that day...so wear something that is comfortable but also something that they want in a photo for the program and posted in the lobby during the show. They will be able to leave when they are done with their monologue and headshot.

The next day (Wednesday, September 8th) will be the dancing and singing auditions (again...don't panic...they will do their best! No cuts...everyone has a part in the show). These will be running from 2:30-5:30pm – again, they can leave when they are done. We ask that students get in line in the order they would like to go. We receive a number of requests to go first or go last or somewhere in the middle. If we were to manage all of those, it would be chaotic, so we ask students to handle that on their end with the other students when getting in line. We will share the audition information and materials below. We also wanted to share that students get together in the hallway before auditions and practice over and over and over again, so they will have time to practice and learn the music if they did not have a chance prior to auditions. We will post a Call Back list that night.

Callbacks will be on September 9th from 2:30-6:00pm. Students will likely be given a time frame of when they will need to be in attendance, unless we determine that we need them there longer based on their auditions from the first two days. We will share the callback audition information below, as well.

We hope to cast the show that night, and then we will have our full cast rehearsal on Friday (9/10) 2:30-5:30, Full cast Saturday, (9/11) 9am-5pm, and then plan for 2:30-5:30 every day the next week and Saturday, 9/18 9am-3pm. We will share a more specific calendar with you soon, but wanted to give you a heads up at least, for the first two weeks.

Things to remember for musical:

_____ **Liability forms** must be filled out before auditions. You can find the liability form a www.cvhsmusicals.org on the home page. It is a LONG blue hyperlink at the top.

_____ **Where to find audition information.** Go to www.cvhsmusicals.org → Audition information/Callback Music → It will say the page is password protected. Type the password: bananas → click on “Preliminary Audition Information”. Within that document you will have some steps to follow. The final number has a link to the folder that includes all of the information about auditions, the music, and the monologues. Click on the link and then you will find a folder that says “All - Seussical General Audition Cuts” – In there you will find a word document explaining everything you need to do and you will find the PDFs of what you need to sing and read.

- You can click through the other folders to find the callback information for the other characters in the show.

_____ **Choreography audition.** When you complete the steps above on the preliminary audition information sheet, you will also have a sign up for a thing called Production Pro. When you fill that out, your submission will be sent to us and we can then release the specific invitation to our Production Pro, to you. This is where you will be able to see the choreography audition videos.

_____ **Music** – When you follow the steps on the Preliminary Audition Information form, you will sign up for a program called RehearScore. That is where you can listen to the music. You can turn up the vocal part and turn down the other parts...you can manipulate the volume of all parts within the song to practice how you feel will help you the most! This is an awesome program!

-Many questions can be answered by looking through the documents on the website. If you have questions, check around on the website, within the documents and folders, reach out to a classmate or two and see if they can help, if no luck, please reach out to me!

-If your student is on the fence about the musical and you would like me to connect them with a student who has been involved before, please reach out and provide me with your student’s name and contact information, and I will get a student to contact them as soon as possible.

-If your student has a friend who is not in choir, or you know of a student who is not in choir but would like to be in the musical, please share this information with them! Musical is open to everyone, but I currently only have contact information for choir families. THANK YOU!

Sorry for so so much information, but we wanted to make sure everyone had access to this information if you did not receive it this summer.

Remember you can find information on the musical website. www.cvhsmusicals.org

We look forward to seeing all of these students and parents/guardians at some point next week!

Thank you,

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