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AUGUST 2013

ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2017

We want to extend a warm welcome to our incoming Freshman Choir, Armstrong Class of 2017! There are so many wonderful opportunities open to each of you through your participation in the Vocal Music Department. It is our hope that you will find the Choral Program to be an inviting "home" for you throughout your high school career.

Freshmen are assigned via computer scheduling to one of two sections of Freshman Choir. Fourth hour includes band/choir students, and seventh hour includes orchestra/choir students.

To help you plan your year, a concert and event calendar is included on page 5 of this newsletter. Freshman Choirs will perform at the following concerts:

Winter Concert

Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013
6:00 pm

Spring Concert

Monday, May 19, 2014
7:00 pm

We encourage private voice study at Armstrong. If you are interested in beginning lessons, please see page 3 for more information. The investment you make in your voice throughout high

school will pay off in your future, not only here at Armstrong, but in college and beyond.

We look forward to a wonderful year of music-making with you. See you on Tuesday, September 3, during 4th or 7th hour, if not earlier!

Stephanie Trump and Tony Rangel, Directors, Armstrong HS Choirs

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CANTORI AND CONCERT CHOIRS TO SING AT TWINS GAME



On Monday, September 23 the Armstrong Cantori and Concert Choirs will be performing the National Anthem at the Minnesota Twins game. Cantori and Concert Choir families who would like to purchase tickets to the game need to call the Minnesota Twins Box Office at 612-338-9467 ext. 0. Group tickets are being held under "Armstrong Choir." **Cost: \$7.00/person.** These tickets are first-come/first-served so call soon!!

Armstrong Choir Boosters' Mission Statement

Armstrong High School Choir Boosters provide visibility, communication, and support for the choral music program at AHS with resources that ensure growth and development for all students.

All Cantori and Concert Choir members will be provided a ticket as part of their annual choir/tour fees. All other students, friends, and family are welcome to join us for Armstrong Choir Night with the Minnesota Twins! It will be a fun night out together to start off the school year.

CHOIR NEWS

2012 - 2013 AWARDS

The following students were presented with Armstrong Choral Awards at this year's Spring Concert:

CHOIR AWARDS

Outstanding Cantori Member

Olivia Frey & Jazmyne McGill

Winners of this award are chosen by the current members of Cantori.

Outstanding Concert Choir Member

Tim DeJonge, Michael Hagstrong & Hana Trump

Winners of this award are chosen by the current members of the Concert Choir.

Outstanding Musicianship

Tim DeJonge & Michael Hagstrom

Awarded by the directors to students who have demonstrated consistent vocal growth and excellence throughout their years in the Armstrong Choral Program.

National Choral Award

Robert Marston, Lainie Ribnick & Hana Trump

Awarded by the directors to students who have exhibited exemplary leadership in choral music. Recipients are typically pursuing advanced degrees in choral music.

Fine Arts

Olivia Frey & Tim DeJonge

Awarded to students who demonstrate the highest quality workmanship, development and talent in any and all areas of arts education at AHS, including music, theater, visual and literary arts.

2012 - 2013 ALL - CONFERENCE

Congratulations to these students for being selected 2012-13 All-Conference Choir:

Tim DeJonge
 Laura Englund
 Zachary Gibbs
 Sydney Glup
 Michael Hagstrom
 Robert Martson

Lainie Ribnick
 Peter Schultz
 Nick Thorp
 Hana Trump
 Elizabeth Ward



ALL-STATE CHOIR



We are thrilled to announce that the following Armstrong singers have earned seats in the choirs for the 2013-2014 school year. These students will spend one week at the summer All-State Camp in August. Their experience will culminate with a performance at Orchestra Hall.

Congratulations to: Cierra Buckner, Michael Jaeger, Duncan Schulte, Nick DeLaPoine (alt.)

AHS CHAMBER SINGERS

Congratulations to the 2013 - 2014 Armstrong Chamber Singers. These students were chosen through a highly competitive audition process and we know they will provide positive representation of the AHS Choral Program.

2013 - 2014 Chamber Singers	
<p><u>Sopranos</u> Erin Anderson Karen Clark Kymmie Hatlestad Haley Lewis Jennifer Lowry Chloe Paavola</p>	<p><u>Altos</u> *Cierra Buckner Maddy Dahl Meghan Hayden Sophia Pellizer Ellie Sjoldal Courtney Yung</p>
<p><u>Tenors</u> Nick DeLaPoine Kirk Folen Luke Jarzyna *Duncan Schulte Peter Schultz</p>	<p><u>Basses</u> Kevin Dye Ryan Hipsher Matthew Holten Michael Jaeger David Laansma Tyler Tapio</p>
<p>* Chamber Manager</p>	

2013-14 CHOIR OFFICERS

<p><u>2013 - 2014 Concert Choir Officers</u> Duncan Schulte, President Cierra Buckner, Peter Schultz, & Courtney Yung, Officers</p>

<p><u>2013 - 2014 Cantori Choir Officers</u> Selena Bergin, Breanna Naubauer & Sydney Richman</p>
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CHOIR NEWS, CONTINUED

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

This year as students arrive at school, they will be asked to submit an email address and a parent email address on paper. We will collect these at the start of each school year.

You will begin receiving communication from a Booster Club Liaison. We will have a Freshman, Varsity and Upper Choir (Cantori/Concert Choir) Liaison.

These emails will then be used by our Liaison volunteers to send out reminders about concerts, Choir Booster Meetings, fundraising updates, ushering help and other important changes or reminders throughout the school year.

PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS

We are fortunate to have a very strong Voice Studio Program at Armstrong. Our faculty provide excellent private lessons to our students at a competitive cost. About one-third of the students enrolled in choir take voice lessons.

All new and returning private voice students must register for lessons in the fall. Registration forms are available in the Choir Room and on the website www.armstrongchoirs.org. After registration is received, students will be assigned to a voice teacher based upon availability and priority. Our voice teachers are hired by the Choral Program as independent contractors and, as such, handle all of the details of their studios individually, including scheduling of and payment for lessons.



ARMSTRONG CHOIR ATTIRE: CHOIR SHIRTS AND ROBES

FRESHMAN CHOIR SHIRTS

As part of our choir program at Armstrong, the Freshman Choir is required to purchase a choir t-shirt. Freshmen wear these shirts with black dress pants, black shoes and socks as concert dress for their performances. This concert attire will continue to be worn as the student moves on to the other AHS choirs. Order forms will be handed out early in the school year and are available in the Choir Room and on the AHS Choir website www.ahschoirs.org.

ROBES FOR VARSITY, CANTORI & CONCERT CHOIRS

If you have seen the choirs perform at Armstrong you know that we are fortunate enough to have beautiful robes for the Varsity, Cantori and Concert Choirs. We have worked very hard to purchase these robes and take great pride in them. Because of their expense and the amount of wear and tear they receive, we send the robes in for cleaning at the end of each year. Clean N' Press cleaners has provided this service at a very reasonable cost and each choir member who wears a robe is asked to pay a cleaning fee at the beginning of the year to offset this cost. More information will come home in the fall choir packet.

ROBE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping preserve the quality of our robe collection, we are always looking for volunteers willing to assist our students after concerts with returning their robes to neat, hanging status. (Do they really need help? A look at their rooms will tell you!) This is a great way to help out and the time commitment is small, just the time it takes for you wait for your student after the concert. If you are interested please contact **Carlotta Rosebrock** at ckrosebrock@earthlink.net for more information or to sign up.

ATTENTION 2014 SENIORS & PARENTS



Senior Parents:

Make it easy on yourself, when you upload your senior picture (and baby picture) for the yearbook please send a copy to stephanie_trump@rdale.org for the choir department. Senior pictures will be used for the choir wall and Spring Concert.

Seniors:

We will be asking for a bio for the Spring program and we want you to be thinking of a performance choice for the Senior Recital. We would love to have our class well represented in this program.

FUNDRAISING

One of the main functions of Armstrong Choir Boosters is to facilitate fundraising efforts throughout the year. Some fundraisers support the choirs in general, but most of the fundraisers provide opportunities for each choir member to raise funds for their individual accounts. Those new to the Armstrong Choir program may be wondering "What is an Individual Choir Account?" Each student has the opportunity to raise funds for their own use on choir related expenses, such as choir tours, voice lessons or extra choir fees. The Choir Booster Treasurer keeps track of what each student has earned from each fundraiser and deposits those earnings into the student's account. Even freshmen are encouraged to participate in fundraisers and begin an account from which they can reduce future costs. Unused funds are automatically transferred to the scholarship fund unless a donation to a specific student or sibling are indicated. All students on scholarship for lessons, tour, or any other needs are expected to participate in all fundraising opportunities. If you have any questions about Fundraising in general, contact Karen Brehmer, Choir Booster Vice President at karen.brehmer@comcast.net



EAT & EARN WITH TASTE TESTING!

Your opinion counts when food companies create new products or change existing ones. Anyone 18-65 may sign up to participate in taste tests to earn money for your student's individual account. To get started, go to www.foodperspectives.com to register. Click on "Respondents". Fill out the form, typing "Armstrong Choir Boosters" under organization. You will be recruited for taste tests, many of which are conducted at a facility on Hwy. 55 & Vicksburg. You will be paid a portion of the earnings directly (\$15-26), while another \$10 will be sent to Armstrong for your student's choir account. If you have previously signed up for Food Perspectives taste testing for another organization and would like to change it to Armstrong Choir Boosters, please call Customer Care at 763-354-2776 to make the change. If you sign up (or change your organization to Armstrong Choir Boosters), please email Choir Booster Treasurer, Kris Thorp at pjthorp@aol.com indicating the name(s) of the participant(s) and which student should be credited with their earnings. There have been times when we have received a check for taste testing but did not know which student should be credited!

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

General Fundraising

(Benefits entire choral program)

Concert Choir Benefit Concert
Hi-Note Certificate Books
(first book sold by each student)
Restaurant "Nights Out"

Individual Fundraising Opportunities

(Deposited into student's Individual Choir Account to use for tour payments, voice lessons & other expenses)

Hi-Note Certificate Books
(second book sold and beyond, Fall)
Flower Sales (Fall, Winter and Spring Sales)
Cookie Dough, Pizza Sales (Fall)
Photo Greeting Cards
Soy Candle Sales
Bagging at Cub Foods
Consumer Taste Testing (all year)
Scripts - retail gift cards (Fall, Spring)
Other opportunities as they arise

HAPPENINGS IS NOW HI-NOTE CERTIFICATE BOOK

The entire music department (choir, band and orchestra) will be selling Hi-Note Certificate Books. Students will receive more information at the start of school. Each student in grades 10-12 will be required to sell one (1) books, with the profit going to the General Choir Fund. If a student chooses to sell any additional books, the student will receive the additional profit for their individual student account.

Freshman may choose to sell books under the same terms, but are not required to do so. The cost of each Hi-Note Certificate Book is \$25.00. The profit for each book sold is \$10.00. Let family, friends and neighbors know that these books are for local vendors in our district. Checks should be made out to Armstrong Choir Boosters.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS OUT

Join your choir friends and families once a month to help raise funds for the Armstrong Choir Program. A percentage (anywhere between 10% - 25%) of your total sales will go back to benefit the General Fund which benefits the whole choir. So watch your email for information on upcoming nights out, then come out and dine with us. It's that simple! A list of upcoming Restaurant Nights Out will also be available on the Armstrong Choirs Website.



For more information on fundraising opportunities, check out to the [Armstrong Choirs Website](http://www.armstrongchoirs.org)

CHOIR BOOSTER STEERING COMMITTEE		
Position	Name	Contact Information
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Freshman Choir Liaison	Stephanie Gonrowski	sgonrowski@msn.com
Concert Chair	Becky Lowry	becky_lowry2002@yahoo.com
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Choir Robe Coordinator	Open	
Choir Shirt/Apparel Orders	Christy Haider	763-242-2199 haider4@usfamily.net
Newsletter Editor	Deb Johnson	763-559-8417 Johnson6pk@comcast.net
Web Master	Open	
Benefit Co-Chair #1	Open	
Benefit Co-Chair #2	Open	
Hi-Note Books	Open	
Pizza/Cookie Dough	Kris Frey	612-201-6073 krispk2@comcast.net
Plant Sales	Karen Brehmer	612-799-7069 karen.brehmer@comcast.net
Restaurants Nights Out	Open	
Soy Candles	Heidi Haines	763-522-7458 jeffheidi@comcast.net
Greeting Cards	Mark Trump	763-550-7993 mltrump@yahoo.com
Grocery Bagging	Stephanie Gonrowski	sgonrowski@msn.com
Cantori Breakfast Fundraiser	Open	
Director	Stephanie Trump	763-504-8857 stephanie_trump@rdale.org
Director	Tony Rangel	763-504-8856 tony_rangel@rdale.org

2013 - 2014 CONCERT & EVENT SCHEDULE		
Date & Time	Concert or Event <i>Choirs participating</i>	Location
Mon., Sept. 23 7:10 pm	MN Twins Anthem <i>Cantori & Concert Choirs</i>	Target Field
Mon., Nov. 11 7:00 pm	District Fall Music Festival <i>Concert and Cantori Choirs</i>	Orchestra Hall
Tues, Dec. 17 7:00 pm	Wassail Concert <i>Chamber Singers</i>	AHS Auditorium
Thurs., Dec. 19 6:00 & 8:00 pm	Winter Concert <i>All Choirs</i>	AHS Auditorium
Thurs., Jan. 30 7:00 pm	Showcase Concert <i>Concert Choir</i>	AHS Auditorium
Mon., Feb 3 All Day	Northwest Suburban Conference Music Festival <i>Concert Choir</i>	Champlin Park HS
TBA	Northwest Suburban Conference Treble Festival <i>Cantori Choir</i>	AHS
Tues, March 4 7:00 pm	Masterworks Concert <i>Varsity/Cantori/Concert Choirs/Ensembles</i>	AHS Auditorium
March 6-9	Concert Choir Performance Tour	TBA
Mon., March 10	Region 6AA Choral Contest <i>Varsity/Cantori/Concert Choirs</i>	St. Louis Park HS
Mon., April 7	Local 6AA Solo/Ensemble Contest	AHS
Friday, April 11 6:30 pm	Choir Benefit Event <i>Concert Choir</i>	BSLC
Tues, April 15	Region 6AA Solo/Ensemble Contest	AHS
April 24-26	Cantori Performance Tour	TBA
Mon., May 19 7:00 pm	Spring Concert <i>Freshman & Varsity Choirs</i>	AHS Auditorium
Thurs., May 29 6:00-9:00 pm	Chamber Auditions	AHS
Mon., June 2 6:30 pm	2014-15 Mandatory Cantori/Concert Choir Parent Meeting	AHS Auditorium
Tues., June 3 6:00 pm	2014-15 Mandatory Chamber Singer Parent Meeting	AHS
Thurs., June 5 7:00 pm	Commencement <i>Concert Choir and Seniors</i>	AHS

Share your talents with the Boosters & Choir Program. Consider Volunteering for one of the open committee positions.

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CHOIR BOOSTERS' 2013 – 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE
AHS CHOIR ROOM
AT 7 PM (unless otherwise noted)

Mon., August 26
Mon., September 30
Mon., October 28
Mon., November 25
(soup/sing)
Thurs., January 16
Thurs., February 13
Thurs., March 13
Mon., March 31
(Choir Benefit Planning)
Thurs., May 15

FROM THE CHOIR BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Welcome to another new school year. The Choir Boosters have been very busy planning for the upcoming year.. We have some new faces on our executive board. We welcome Karen Brehmer as Vice President, Kris Thorp as Treasurer and Beth Hammer as Secretary.

The Booster Club supports the entire Choral program and we have monthly meetings. These meetings are open to any parent who has a student enrolled in a choir at Armstrong High School. At our meetings you will hear important information directly from our choir teachers, learn about opportunities to earn money for your student's individual choir account and more. The individual student choir account can be used for lessons, tours, fees, etc. The meetings also give you a

chance to put a name with a face by getting to know some of the parents of your students choir friends.

Throughout the year and especially in the fall, there are many ways to get involved. We often need help with activities big and small. Some activities only happen one time a year making it very easy to be involved. You will hear about all of the areas we need help at our meetings. Our first meeting is Monday, August 26th at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room at Armstrong. We invite you to come and share in the fun by being part of the active Choir Boosters.

Christina Schulte
President, AHS Choir Boosters



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Has Your Singer Graduated?

If you are a parent of a graduated senior and would like to remain on the AHS Choir Booster Alumni list contact Booster secretary, Beth Hammer at knbhammer@hotmail.com.

You will receive information about upcoming concerts, fundraisers (like Restaurant Night Out) and other information about the Choir program.

What's happening in Choir??

- Performance Calendar
- Director's Blog
- Forms & Publications
- Pictures & videos
- Fundraising Info.
- Individual Choir Pages
- Voice Lessons
- Helpful choir links
- Booster Club

www.armstrongchoirs.org

KEEP IN TOUCH!!

You should be receiving Choir Booster information by email through our choir liasions. If you are not receiving or if you want to change or add another email address please contact Booster Secretary, **Beth Hammer** at knbhammer@Hotmail.com.