

Welcome, UA Vocal Music Freshman Parents!

We are looking forward to another great year and are happy your child is joining us! Please read carefully through our facts for incoming freshmen, the newsletter, and the online Choral Handbook in which we hope to answer your questions about the upcoming year.

What is UAVMB?

UAVMB stands for Upper Arlington Vocal Music Boosters. As a parent of someone in vocal music you are automatically a booster.

What does the UAVMB do?

We are the parent group that helps behind the scenes to make sure the vocal music program and its events run smoothly. Our first meeting will be September 11th at 7:30 pm. We meet on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in room 181. We encourage everyone to join us!

How do we communicate?

You will receive periodic emails from our Communications Chair, Lissa Wade. Emails are sent through CHARMS. Please be sure your email addresses are updated in CHARMS. Directions for logging into this system are detailed in the newsletter and on the homepage of our website: **UAVocalMusic.org**.

How do we pay the \$35 Choral Fee? How is this money used?

Your child should bring in a check to Mr. Kauffman payable to UAVMB. This fee pays for the maintenance and dry cleaning of the choir robes and stoles and/or the Men's Glee jackets and ties, an events photographer for our Encore! Publication and musical, and website fees.

What is on the UAVocalMusic.org website?

Important information about the program, upcoming events, photos, forms, and links can be found on our website. Be sure to check it out! We also have Facebook and Twitter accounts to follow.

What kind of fundraisers do we do?

The program raises money from several sources. To cover the costs for Fall Follies and the musical, we charge admission. ALL OTHER EVENTS ARE FREE! To raise additional funds, we sell ads for our Encore! publication. This takes place in the fall and students are asked to approach local businesses, families, and friends to become a UAVM benefactor and/or to place an ad in our Encore! program. Encore! is distributed at all our vocal music events throughout the year and contains information about the vocal music program as well as advertisements. Finally, we do a community canvass during which small groups of choir members sing as they canvass the neighborhoods.

What are the different choirs?

Glee meets before school from 7:20 - 7:55 am and is a mix of all grades.

Women's Glee meets Mon/Thurs and Men's Glee meet Tues/Fri.

Freshman Choir is for freshman.

Concert Chorale is the sophomore choir.

Symphonic is a combined junior/senior choir.

Vocal Ensemble is an audition-based, 28 member choir. Auditions take place in May.

What is the Fall Follies?

The Fall Follies is a themed concert with costumes and choreography, and ALL CHOIRS are involved. This year Fall Follies will take place Friday, Nov. 10, Saturday, Nov. 11, and Sunday, Nov. 12.

What and when are the other vocal music performances?

Performances throughout the year will be listed in our forthcoming calendar, as well as on our website. In addition to Fall Follies, our musical this year will be ***Anything Goes!*** Other exciting opportunities will be shared with you once the calendar is finalized.

Do we have vocal music yard signs and spirit wear?

Yes, we do! Yard sign information can be found in the August Newsletter and the spirit wear order forms will be available soon on our website and in class.

What is the dress code for concerts?

Everyone will be assigned a choir robe and stole, and/or jacket and tie (Men's Glee) to wear at the concerts. These stay at school, so you will never have to worry about them. Under the robe/jacket, the **boys** are asked to wear black pants and dress shoes with a white button down shirt. **Girls** are asked to wear a black dress or black skirt and white top with black closed-toe shoes with a heel no taller than 2.0 inches. For your convenience, we will be ordering Capezio character shoes at the beginning of the school year for about \$33. The order form can be found in the August newsletter and on our website. There will be sample shoes available for sizing. Checks will be due when the shoes come in.

What can you do as a parent?

Be supportive of your child's vocal music education and become an active member in our parent organization - the UAVMB! Please know that as parents we play a huge role in making the vocal music program a success. We will ask for volunteers throughout the year, especially with Fall Follies and the musical. Feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.

I look forward to meeting and working with you this year!

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