



Welcome back vocal music students and parents! We are looking forward to a great year! The following is the UAVMB September newsletter. In this newsletter, you will find information on the following:

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Please forward any questions to uavocalmusic18@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Best,
Kirsten Barrett
UAVMB President

Welcome from Lydia Smith-Lockwood

Dear Choir Families,

What an exciting year we have ahead of us! This year, the Upper Arlington High School Choral students will present numerous performances. These evenings will evoke Joy Through Song. We will celebrate the "Sounds of Winter", and we will finish the year by sending off our seniors with style and commemorating all of our students in the "Spring Celebration"!

One of the most beloved shows in the world, *Cinderella*, will be performed in our own auditorium on February 20-23, 2020. Auditions will be held in November for all students who are interested in being a part of this beautifully designed and magical show. If you are interested in helping to recreate the magic of *Cinderella* for a new generation of students, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our UAHS Vocal Music Boosters organization is an amazing place to not only get involved but to also meet committed and kind parents who only wish for the best experiences for the entire student body at UAHS. The Choral Department at Upper Arlington is one with a long history of superior performance, and we look forward to carrying on that tradition. Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our Choral program!

Sincerely, Ms. Smith-Lockwood

Welcome from Kirsten Barrett

Greetings!

On behalf of the Upper Arlington Vocal Music Boosters, we are really excited that your child has chosen to participate in a choir at the high school. Our main goal is to enhance that experience for all students in our program.

We like to communicate with you regarding critical information throughout the year, so it is important for you to share your contact information when you are paying your choir fees. That is the only way we have of reaching you with details regarding the year's activities.

Additionally, I encourage you to come to the Booster meetings and get involved. We are always looking for additional people to help support our work. Feel free to contact me directly at barrettpartyoffive@yahoo.com if you would like to have a leadership role this year. We still have openings and would love new people with fresh ideas!

Let's make this year one full of wonderful memories for our students.

Kirsten Barrett
UAVMB President

Choir Fees, Registration and Yard Signs

Using the following link, you can pay your choir fees as well as order a yard sign for your student. In addition, this is the place to share all of your contact information with us so we can communicate with you throughout the year regarding key information for the performances. To access the link, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Picture Day Information

It's time to share those amazing smiles! **All choirs will have pictures taken during their class time on September 5th & 6th.** While robes and blazers will be provided, the students are expected to bring the following to school for pictures:

- Men - Black dress pants, black dress shoes and white dress shirt
- Women - Black dress pants or skirt, black dress shoes and white blouse

To print the picture form at home, please:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to print page 1
2. [CLICK HERE](#) to print page 2

Fundraising Opportunities

We currently have a number of fundraising opportunities for this fall.

ENCORE! Sales: Recently, your student was given information regarding the sale of Ads for our yearly ENCORE! program. Please encourage your student to get out there and sell Ads! **All vocal music students are asked to sell at least 2 Ads or obtain 2 Donations by Friday, September 6th.** *This is our biggest fundraising project!* To secure Ad space or make a Donation, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Additionally, we are working on a Kroger's Rewards program, a coupon book, as well as the always popular pie sale. More information will be sent out in weeks to come.

2019-2020 UAVM Calendar of Events

For a full listing of events (ie. auditions, concerts, banquet, etc.) scheduled for the upcoming year, please [CLICK HERE](#).

UAVM Booster Meeting Dates

The UAVMB 2019-2020 Booster meeting dates are listed below. All meetings are at 7:00 pm in the UAHS Orchestra Room (room 181). We hope you will join us!

- September 10, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- November 12, 2019
- December 10, 2019
- January 14, 2020
- February 11, 2020
- March 10, 2020
- April 14, 2020
- May 12, 2020

UAVMB Board and Committee Chairs

Thank you to these parents for volunteering their time to support the vocal music program!

Board

President - Kirsten Barrett

Vice President/Musical - Scott and Tobey Huntley

Treasurer - Kellie Ali

Secretary/Communication - Heather Evans

At-Large Member - Ronna Porterfield

Committee Chairs

Caroling Canvass - Ariel Silver

Community Outreach/PR - Jenny Glowing

Concessions - Tammi Mattson-Bailey

ENCORE! Ads - Leah Sneed

Ensemble - Josanna Kawakami and Ronna Porterfield

Lobby Decorations - Amy Reitz

Photography - Alicia Overmyer

Social Media - Matt Evans

Senior Recognition - Kristina Hartzell

Tickets - Scott and Tobey Huntley, Allison and Jonathan Grimes

Volunteer Coordinator - Tiffany Berke

Website - Mark Manoukian

Yard Signs - Jen Mason

Volunteer Identification

This is a must for ALL volunteers and drivers!

All volunteers must be vetted through the schools SchoolSafe ID kiosk. This includes anyone planning to drive students for choir functions such as Caroling Canvass. It is simple process that takes about 1 minute, but must be done in the high school office, or any school office in the district. Please note the vetting must be completed during school hours Monday-Friday

You scan your driver's license or valid state-issued ID at the kiosk, which will compare your name and date of birth to the national database of registered sex offenders. Once approved, the kiosk will then print an identification sticker, with the date and time, for the volunteer/visitor to wear while on school grounds. The entire process takes a matter of seconds.

Each visitor will also have an opportunity to create a digital pass on their phone for future visits to our buildings. You will be given the option of creating a digital pass during the check-in process that will then sent directly to your smartphone. Android users will need to download a free app called Wallet Passes before setting up their digital pass. iPhone users will be able to link their digital pass directly to the Apple Wallet app.

Financial Need Information

We realize that for some families, the cost of choir registration, musical fees or costumes may create financial hardship. If this happens to be the case for your family, please contact Lydia Smith-Lockwood at smithlockwood@uaschools.org. She will work with the students to find ways to defray costs through fundraising opportunities, as well as addressing the timing of payments.

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Connect with UAVM on social media! In addition to sharing your contact information with us, you can stay connected through social media. Follow us on Twitter (@UAVocalMusic) and Instagram (uavocalmusic).