

Special Information for Parents New to Vocal Music!

As you can see, we are looking forward to another great year and are very happy that your child is joining us! Please read carefully through the below frequently asked questions of incoming freshmen parents. You will also find information in this newsletter and the online Choral Handbook.

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 12 at 7:30 p.m. and we hope that you will plan on joining us. We meet on the second Monday of every month in room 181 at UAHS.

How do we pay for the \$35 Choral Fee and how is this money used? Eventually you will be able to pay your fee on CHARMS, but for now 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, 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 kinds 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, during the fall students are asked to approach local businesses, families, and friends to become UAVM benefactors and/or to place advertisements in our *Encore!* program. *Encore!* is distributed at all vocal music events throughout the year and contains information about the vocal program. 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 meets Tues/Fri. *Freshman Choir* is for freshmen. *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 are Fall Follies? The Fall Follies are a themed concert with costumes and choreography, and ALL CHOIRS are involved. This year Fall Follies will take place Thursday, October 20, Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23.

What and when are the other 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 *The Wizard of Oz*. Other exciting opportunities will be shared with you as soon as the calendar is finalized.

Do we have have vocal music yard signs and spirit wear? Yes we do! Yard sign information can be found in this 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. To make it easier for you, we will be ordering Capezio character shoes the beginning of school for about \$33. There will be sample shoes available to help with sizing. Checks will be due when the shoes come in.