

NEWSLETTER FOR HERSEY CHOIR AND CAP+S *December 2023, Vol 4.3*

HOLIDAY CONCERT BAKE SALE - HELP!!!!

It's not too late to still donate!

We are very excited for the holiday concert and the bake sale! This is one of the biggest fundraisers we have for our choir program. And in order for the tradition to continue, we need everyone's help! Below is the sign up to bring a holiday treat for two (or more if you like!) for us to sell on the day of the holiday concert. Think cookies, cupcakes, mini loaves, brownies, candies, snack mix like muddy buddies (puppy chow)/chex mix, whatever you want to make! if you make it - we want it and we'll sell it! Sign up even if you don't know what you're going to make. If you're not a baker/treat maker, consider donating money to help cover the cost of the donuts we are selling and the paper goods we need. See the flyer on the next page for more information on all of it.

This bake sale is unusual in that we run it from 8 AM through and after the concert. Why? Because there is a huge basketball tournament running all day that brings us LOTS of sales.

Last year our profit was just under \$3,000!!! Let's work to beat that this year



Click on link to sign up

[Holiday Bake Sale - Donation Sign Up](#)



Tuck Everlasting - Thank You!

Shout out to everyone that was in the production of Tuck Everlasting. It was an amazing show!

Thank you to the families who donated and volunteered for the meal between the Saturday shows! Everyone in the show was so appreciative and grateful for the meal. A special thanks to Jo Voelker for organizing and heading up this event!

Please consider donating or baking

Join CAP+S for our

Holiday BAKE SALE

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8 am - 6 pm

**Cookies - Cupcakes - Brownies - Candies -
Donuts - Rice Krispie Treats - And More!**

*Bake your favorite holiday treat & portion it into single portion servings.
Have your donation to the Choir Room by Saturday 12/9 at 11am.
We can't wait to share this holiday tradition with you!*

**HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL
CHOIR HOLIDAY SHOW**

Proceeds benefiting JHHS Choirs



UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY CHOIR CONCERT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The holidays are upon us! We hope you have a wonderful break to celebrate and see loved ones.

December is around the corner and so is our annual Holiday Concert on Sunday December 10th! We need your help with some various jobs over the weekend. Our greatest need is decorating the theater the day before. We need able-bodied adults and students who don't mind climbing ladders and people willing to pitch in where needed.

Click link to sign up to help

[Holiday Concert Volunteer Sign Up](#)

December 5th 7pm

- CAP+S board meeting,

December 10th 3pm

- Holiday Choir Concert

December 10th 9am-6pm

- Bake Sale

January 3-4th

- Snowstoppers Show
Choir Camp

January 21st 2:30-4:30

- Hey Nonny



UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.



HOLIDAY CHOIR CONCERT

Enjoy the Joys of the Season at the Choir Holiday Concert at 3 PM on Sunday, December 3.

All choirs will be featured along with our new Super Singer choir. We will also have students from River Trails, MacArthur and Thomas singing with us. A yearly favorite, OnStage will perform Be a Santa!

Seating is reserved and you can purchase your tickets online. Here is the link to purchase tickets.

[GoFan Ticket link](#)

Don't miss this great opportunity to get in the spirit of the holidays with beautiful music.

Before and after the concert, visit our Bake Sale for some yummy holiday treats!

Looking forward to see you there!!!

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Message from the CAP+S Presidents



CAP+S Meeting December 5th

Our next CAP+S meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7pm in the faculty lounge. All are welcome to come! A big part of this meeting will be about our Chicagoland Showcase on March 1st & 2nd, 2024. Come & see what is all involved to make Chicagoland Showcase happen!

Choir Fundraiser Events 2024

We have 2 additional Choir fundraiser events coming up in 2024 & we are looking for 2-4 more volunteers to join the committees. We need help planning the events, set up / clean up, obtaining donation items for our raffle baskets, decorations, etc. Please reach out to us at president@herseychoir.com if you'd like more information or you want to join us. We would like to plan a quick meeting this month (if possible) to start preparing for the event in January. Below are the two events:

Sunday, January 21, 2024 - Hey Nonny
Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Spring Extravaganza

Thanks so much! Enjoy the day!
Denise & Maryfran

Message from the CAP+S



Presidents

Don't forget to BAKE!!

Please send your delicious treats

(packaged to be sold in \$2 portions)

**With your choir student to Hersey
on or before Saturday December 9 at 11am**

Bake Sale will be held

**On the day of our Winter Concert
from 9am-6pm, Sunday December 10.**





NOTES FROM MIZZ

We had such a great time at our Meet the Choir event on 11/16! We had pizza, played Just Dance!, Baggos, Giant Jenga, and spent time getting to know each other! I want to thank all of our Hersey choir students for coming out and making the non-choir students feel so welcome! There were many who didn't want to leave when it was time to go!!! A Big Thank You to Clara Quach, Jo Voelker, and Kim Bianchini for their help!!

On Tuesday, December 5, we will have a rehearsal with our Special Guests (junior high and Hersey students) who are appearing with us on the concert. If anyone is available to join us from 7-8pm, we'd love to have you! I know they'd love to have you as well!!!

This Friday, December 8 is our Dress Rehearsal (in name only) from 3-6 or 6:30pm. Students do NOT have to come in costumes. We will run through the holiday concert with our professional instrumentalists and practice processing on and off stage. It is our one opportunity to be in the rehearsal space. Students should bring a snack.

This is all in preparation for our Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 10. Call time is 1pm and the Concert begins at 3pm. We will be taking all of our yearbook pictures at that time and run through any problem areas. Plus, I've invited the middle school students and high school students to join us on this concert. We will practice with them and our SuperSingers at this time.

Make sure that you purchase your tickets <https://gofan.co/event/1260897?schoolId=IL15508> using the Gofan link. For those of you who haven't attended, this is one of our favorite events of the year. You'll soon understand why we love this concert so much! It showcases how hard your students have worked to prepare and put on such a beautiful concert. It will really get you in the mood for the holidays!



NOTES FROM MIZZ

We're also gearing up for our OnStage competition season! We've got some costume fittings coming up and the show is starting to come together. Please make sure your checking your email for important notices/information. Sometimes we find things out at the last minute and have a quick turn around. It's starting to get exciting...we just got the car! IYKYK!!!! If not, ask your student!!! There's something for everyone in this year's show! We're definitely going to call on parents for support!

Also, an important deadline is coming up. Students who would like to participate in our Contemporary Solo Workshop need to turn in their music by Tuesday, December 19. This workshop is open to ALL choir students. They perform their music for an adjudicator and receive constructive criticism, which can then be applied the next time this piece is performed. The actual event is on January 17 & 18. For our show choir students, this is how our soloists are chosen for show choir solo competition. Hopefully, your student has already discussed this with their voice teacher.

Please have your student talk with Mizz if they have any questions.

On behalf of everyone involved in the Hersey Choir Department, I'd like to wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season. We appreciate your student(s) and you more than I can ever express. As I was saying at yesterday's Dickens performance, it is one of my favorite things that we do. We get to be in the community and talk with people and spread love and joy through music. I hope that as you sit at our concert you feel the love and joy that we feel being with each other and making music!

Mizz



MOMMA'S CORNER



CHICAGOLAND SHOWCASE



Don't forget our biggest fundraiser of the year, Chicagoland Showcase, our National Show Choir Competition, is March 1 & 2. We'd love for you to help plan the event. Watch for announcements of how you can get involved right after the holidays!!!!

We still have some roles to fill for the Chicagoland Showcase for next year.

- Equipment - will need one more to chair with Michael Emme after this year
- Group Check In - will need one more chair with Claudette Boeykens
- Volunteers - will need one more chair with Jo Voelker and Trisha Montesano
- Program - will need one more chair with Jo Voelker



DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAY CONCERT



Come and hang out with us on Saturday morning, December 9, from 9 AM - 11 AM to decorate the theatre for our concert.

Both moms and dads are welcome -- dads are especially needed to help with hanging of the wreaths.

Enjoy some time with parents and help us turn our theater into a beautiful holiday venue for the concert.



MOMMA'S CORNER



Mark your 2024 calendars for our Music Collage Event at Hey Nonny in Arlington Heights.

Our talented JHHS Choir singers will perform solos on the Hey Nonny stage. Last year was amazing and we anticipate the same this year.

Attached is the information flyer.

Here's the link to purchase tickets:

<https://givebutter.com/herseychoirliveatheynonny>

It will be a great way to spend Sunday afternoon during the after-holiday lull!

Hope we'll see you there!!



SAVE THE DATE

SNOWSTOPPERS - JAN. 3 & 4

Looking for something for your k - 8 kiddos to do over the holidays?

Snowstoppers is your answer -- kids have a blast with Ms. Jennifer (the clinician that was at Fallapalooza). They'll learn some choreography and tunes - do a mini show at the the end for parents and keep busy!!

If you have any questions, feel free to email Mizz at sara.michael@d214.org -- see the attached flyer for how to register!

SAVE *the* DATE
JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY 3 & 4, 2024

SNOWSTOPPERS
SNOW CHOIR WORKSHOP

SNOWSTOPPERS
SHOW CHOIR CAMP

GRADES 2ND-8TH
ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME

SHOWSTOPPERS
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Upcoming
Camp Details:

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CAP+S NOTES

Denise Gordon / Maryfran Leno
CAP+S Co-President
Hersey Choir Boosters

Choir Directory



Add your name to the choir directory! This will help parents with carpooling needs, choir get-togethers, and volunteering. Please use this [Google Form](#)

Google Calendar



Subscribe to the Choir Calendar so you don't miss a thing! Find the Calendar [HERE](#) and click the plus sign on the bottom right.



We still have openings that need to be filled!

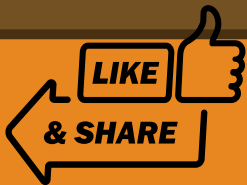
Student Fundraising Chair: Organize 4 fundraising opportunities for students to raise money for their Show Choir accounts. The Fall Plant sale is already taken care of; 3 fundraisers remain: Cookie Dough sales, Lou Malnati coupons, and the Spring Plant sale. Contact Denise Gordon if you are interested!

Middle and Elementary School Liaison: Keep in touch with these school directors to help encourage younger students to join Hersey Choirs when they reach high school. We will help you know who to contact, and what information to share! Email either Denise or Maryfran if you are interested.

RESOURCES

Sara Michael ("Mizz") Director of Choirs: sara.michael@d214.org
Joann Langley ("Momma") Fine Arts Dept: joann.langley@d214.org

Denise Gordon & Maryfran Leno - CAP+S and Hersey Choir
Booster Co-Presidents: president@herseychoir.com



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