



# THE VOICE

## NEWSLETTER FOR HERSEY CHOIR AND CAP+S October 2023, Vol 4.1

### Extra! Extra!

Welcome all new and returning families to Hersey Choir for the 2023-24 school year! Each month a newsletter will go out and we ask that you please take a few minutes to read through since there is a lot of information parents should know.

### REMINDERS

Did you receive your orange choir folder? Please read through all the information included in your folder and continue to refer back to it throughout the year! Don't forget to sign up for Remind to receive important reminders from Sara Michael (a.k.a. Mizz)! There are detailed instructions in your orange folder.

#### REMIND

Treble Choir: @jhtc24  
Concert Choir: @23jhcc24  
Hersey Chorale: @23jhhc24  
Chamber Singers: @jhcs24  
Onstage: @jhos24

Missing your orange

folder? Contact

Joann at

[joann.langley@d214.org](mailto:joann.langley@d214.org)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Fallapalooza

Our fall concert is Wednesday October 11th! MacArthur and River Trails middle school choirs will be joining Hersey Choirs. This is a great way for middle school parents to see our friendly faces and to encourage their children to join choir in high school!

We have some volunteer needs for that day.

Please use the link below to view the volunteer needs and sign up. Thank you in advance for your time and help!

[Fallapalooza Volunteer Sign Up](#)



## Mattress Sale

On Saturday October 28th, John Hersey High School Choir Program will be holding its mattress fundraiser. This will be the 11th year for this event which has been successful for us in the past.

We will need volunteers throughout the day and students to wear the mattress costume along Thomas & Rand. Look out for Sign Up Genius. Don't forget to like and share the post on social media.

**Please see below for more information under Momma's Corner**

**October 11**

- **Fallapalooza Concert**

**October 17**

- **Chicagoland Showcase meeting**

**October 28**

- **Mattress Sale**

**November 7**

- **CAP+S board meeting,**

**November 9-11**

- **Fall Musical**

**November 16**

- **Picnic with incoming freshman**

**November 24**

- **Tree Lighting Ceremony @ North Park**



# NOTES FROM MIZZ

## **We're off to a great start in the Hersey Choir Department!**

Concert Choir attended the Voices of D214 Festival at Elk Grove with choir students from across the district. We spent the day meeting students and making music together with people who are passionate about and love doing the same thing as us! It was an incredible day!

We just celebrated Homecoming Week with two amazing performances. Chamber Singers performed the Anthem at The Big Game and OnStage performed Celebrate!

A big thank you to everyone who worked hard on our banners for SuperSingers, Concert Choir, Hersey Chorale, Chamber Singers, and OnStage. They were hanging in the hallway all week long as we celebrated. I also want to recognize our students who helped and participated in Open Mic Night. A big Thank You to Sam Frye and Delaney Marquette (our emcees), George Paschilis (roadie extraordinaire), and all of the students who helped set-up and clean up after the event. The Black Box was packed and we had both students and parents in attendance this year!!!

I can't wait until we get to show you how hard all of these students have been working! Fallapalooza is on Wednesday, October 11, in the East Gym. Students will rehearse during the day with choir students from MacArthur and River Trails. Jennifer Toney will join us during the day and teach us some movement to go with our music! We then come together for the concert Wednesday evening. It will include performances from our choirs and solos. Call time for students is 6:00pm. The concert will begin at 7:00pm.

Parents - When it comes to Reminds, make sure you're enrolled in all of the choirs in which your student participates, i.e. OnStage and Hersey Chorale. Sometimes, I send information that is group specific. Ask your student or consult your orange folder for the code if you're unsure.

We're hosting an event on Thursday, November 16 from 6-8pm for current incoming Hersey 8th graders through JHHS juniors. It's a chance for everyone to hang out with our choir students and get to know us. There will be Just Dance, karaoke, games, and food. Think Choir Picnic without all of the adults. This is open to anyone, not just students who are in choir at their school. If you know anyone who you think would like to come, please let them know about the event and have them fill out the Google Form on the attached flier.



# NOTES FROM MIZZ

Private lessons - I've been contacted a lot about private lessons. I cannot emphasize enough the benefit of taking private lessons. I encourage you to consider enrolling your student to further their vocal development. Tricia is almost completely full. Our new teacher, Ron Watkins, has openings and is eager to begin teaching at Hersey. If you're interested in taking lessons with him, please let me know and I can help you sign-up.

Although our Dickens Carolers have been singing holiday tunes since June, everyone else will be joining in the fun. Our SuperSingers class got in the spirit on Friday as we started to think of what songs we want to sing at this favorite concert of ours! In other words, I'm warning you that the most wonderful time of the year might visit your house a little earlier than you're used to!!! Mark those calendars for Friday, December 8 (Dress Rehearsal) and Sunday, December 10 (yearbook pictures and performance). You do not want to miss this incredible concert!

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!  
Mizz



# MOMMA'S CORNER

FIND OUT ABOUT CHICAGOLAND SHOWCASE -- WE'RE IN OUR 31ST YEAR on  
MARCH 1 & 2, 2024!

**Come to our Information/Organization meeting on Tuesday, October 17 in the Faculty Lounge! We want you to learn what Showcase is all about. No pressure to be a committee chair - just find out how you can be involved.**

Chicagoland Showcase is the biggest fundraiser the choir puts on each year. For 30 years, we have been able to produce this event which is a nationally recognized show choir competition which funds the many activities involved in our choir program for the **ENTIRE** choir - every member - not just our show choir!

Which brings us to this year, our 31st year. In order to run this event we need parents to step up and help us to produce it once again. We're sure you have talents you can bring to the event....even if that means connections to businesses that can be a part of the festivities.

Come meet your fellow choir parents, learn what is ahead and be part of something that has an amazing history of success for our choir kids!

Take a look at this attached video to get a sense of what's involved in setting up and enjoying the day!

[https://youtu.be/13J\\_5SAQNF8](https://youtu.be/13J_5SAQNF8)

Hope to see you there!

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# MOMMA'S CORNER



CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER: [VIDEO LINK](#)

Visit our FACEBOOK event - Click "GOING"! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! SHARE OUR POSTS! [FACEBOOK LINK](#)

Mattress purchases by choir families get the following generous deposits into their student accounts:

Twin - \$50

Full - \$75

Queen - \$100

King - \$125

Mattress Protector - \$10

Pillow - \$10

For every referral form turned in with a student name, the student will receive \$25. If the patron who turns in the form with the student name purchases a mattress, the student will receive payment for their account as outlined below.

Please share this on all your social media.....the more people we get to come, the better. If there is no referral name on the form, cap+s gets the proceeds.



# MOMMA'S CORNER

To: All John Hersey High School Choir Families

Re: John Hersey High School, Choir  
11th Annual Mattress Fundraiser



Event Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

**On Saturday, October 28, 2023, John Hersey High School Choir is pleased to host a one of a kind fundraising event.** This event has been VERY successful for us and for thousands of school districts all over the country, for over 10 years. We are excited to bring it back for the 11th time to John Hersey High School.

I am very excited about this fundraiser for many reasons:

- The kids do not have to sell anything!
- The kids do not have to collect money or be responsible for distribution!
- We will raise **several thousand dollars** in a one-day event!
- This costs us nothing!
- The company runs the event! ([www.customfundraisingsolutions.com](http://www.customfundraisingsolutions.com))
- The mattresses are brand name and priced up to 50% less than retail!
- The kids can earn "personal referral" incentives!

EACH student is responsible to:

- Find at least **one referral** to come in and check out the sale. (*Did you realize 1 in 10 families buy a new mattress every year? – **BE SURE TO TALK TO AT LEAST TEN FAMILIES!***)
- Hand out your referral flyers to people you know.
- Print your name on the coupon at the bottom, so you get credit!
- Be at the school on Saturday, October 28, 2023 to help promote the event and have **FUN!**

Sale Info:

- Saturday, October 28, 2023, Hersey H.S. Cafeteria.
- 10am-5pm.
- There will be Simmons Beautyrest, Therapedic and Southerland brand products on display.
- Twin from \$199, Full from \$249, Queen from \$349, King /CA-King from \$549.
- All sizes, all styles and name brand sets are available **up to 50% below retail**.
- There will be a showroom set up with 20+ displays and a team of experts to assist.
- Layaway & delivery are available.

Our contribution:

- FIND AT LEAST **ONE REFERRAL** TO COME IN AND CHECK OUT THE SALE.
- PLEASE help spread the word! Tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!

It is a pleasure to be able to find a way to help our students while providing great value to our community. We appreciate your support and hope to see you on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Thank you!

P.S. Sharing our event is easy on Facebook & Twitter!

 [.com/cfsnwichicagoland](https://www.facebook.com/cfsnwichicagoland)

Event Link: Scan QR code for Facebook page

 [.com/cfsnwichi](https://twitter.com/cfsnwichi) #beds4hersey

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# MOMMA'S CORNER



## CAP+S Membership

REMINDER

### Choral Association of Parents & Students 2023-2024 CAP+S MEMBERSHIP

Dear Parents,

We invite you to become a booster of the JHHS choral program by joining **cap+s** through the membership opportunities described below. The work of this group directly benefits all of the students, and has a direct impact on the opportunities we are able to offer.

**Our goal this year is 100% participation. Because of our success at our annual fundraiser, Chicagoland Showcase, we have been able to lower the membership fees with the hope that we will meet our goal of 100% participation.** We are grateful for your generosity. Please know that we are counting on your support to offer the best program possible for each and every student!!

**Please keep in mind, cap+s is a 501c3 organization. As such your membership is considered a donation and is tax deductible.**

**cap+s membership supports the choral music program and impacts each choral student directly by funding:**

Scholarships	Clinicians/special event professional musicians
Awards	Concert expenses (printing/postage/refreshments)
Concert attire (purchase/maintenance)	Educational opportunities @ colleges
Transportation	Equipment as needed

**Through your generosity, we have purchased**

Grand Piano	Testing Recorders
Portable Sound System	Dickens Costumes
Choral Risers	Desk-top Computer
CD Duplicating Equipment	College trip buses
Electronic Keyboard	Scholarships
Sound Headsets/Speakers	Microphones

Please complete the form on the reverse side of this letter, make check payable to **cap+s** and return it to the choral office or to the Vice Presidents by Friday, September 1st or check mark the box to send me an invoice to pay electronically. An invoice will be emailed to you to be paid online.

John Hersey HS – Choral Office  
1900 East Thomas  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Thank you for your support!

Claudette Boeykens/Kathy Charley Gad  
Vice Presidents – cap+s  
Membership/Recruitment  
([vicepresident@herseychoir.com](mailto:vicepresident@herseychoir.com))

**PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS LETTER!!**





# MOMMA'S CORNER



## CAP+S 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print as you would like your name(s) to appear in choral program)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Cell

PARENT E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which membership you wish with an "X" (501c3 – tax deductible)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership.    **\$ 50**    Includes 2 complimentary tickets per concert (Fallapalooza, Winter & Spring – does **NOT** include Holiday Concert)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Membership    **\$200**    Includes 4 complimentary tickets per concert (Fallapalooza, Winter, Spring as well as Holiday Concert) in preferred center section front to middle row seating
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation (Amount is your choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me an invoice for the amount selected above so I may pay electronically

**Please make checks payable to CAPS and return with form to Choir Office or mail to:**

John Hersey HS - Choir Office  
1900 East Thomas  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

### Welcome to the Choral Association of Parents & Students!

Please feel free to contact Claudette Boeykens or Kathy Charley-Gad  
([vicepresident@herseychoir.com](mailto:vicepresident@herseychoir.com)) with concerns or questions.



# MOMMA'S CORNER

JOHN HERSEY CHOIR PRESENTS

## Fallapalooza

A musical staff with a bass clef and several eighth and quarter notes, positioned horizontally across the middle of the poster.

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 11TH**

**7:00 PM - EAST GYM  
ADMISSION: \$5**

**FEATURING  
CHAMBER SINGERS  
HERSEY CHORALE  
CONCERT CHOIR  
ONSTAGE**

**SPECIAL GUESTS  
MACARTHUR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
RIVER TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

MORKES APPLE CIDER DONUTS FOR SALE AT THE CONCERT.







# MOMMA'S CORNER

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS

## TUCK EVERLASTING

**November 9th-11th**

**JHHS Theatre**  
**7:00 PM - Thu/Fri/Sat**  
**2:00 PM - Sat**

**Admission**  
**\$15 - Reserved Seating**  
**\$10 - Student Reserved Seating (Ages 5-18)**

**Information: (847) 718-4882**  
**Tickets: Scan QR Code Below**





# MOMMA'S CORNER

PLEASE  
SHARE

## COME MEET THE JHHS CHOIR!!!

(All incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders & JHHS students interested in being a part of the JHHS Choir)



**WHEN:** Thursday, November 16

**WHERE:** JHHS Cafeteria

**TIME:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**WHAT:** **No pressure** – just fun

Pizza, treats, baggos, giant jenga,

Karaoke, , Connect Four  
and more!!!!

We want you to get to know us and  
we want to get to know **YOU!!!**

**RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/SuXnqgggDcWeNqQFv5>





# MOMMA'S CORNER

SAVE  
*the*  
DATE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL  
JANUARY 3 & 4, 2024



SNOWSTOPPERS  
SHOW CHOIR CAMP

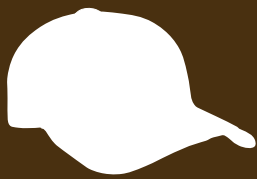
**SHOWSTOPPERS**  
PERFORMING ARTS, LLC.

GRADES 2ND-8TH  
ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME

Upcoming  
Camp Details:



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# CAP+S NOTES

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



## Plant Sale

The mums sale was a success! We sold 29 additional mums on the day of the sale for an overall total of 451! Thank you to the parents and students that volunteered that day.

## Lou Malanati's Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that participated and ordered food.

## 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!

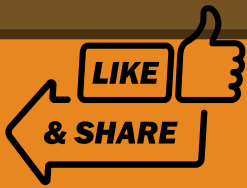
**Student Fundraising Chair:** Organize 4 fundraising opportunities for students to raise money for their Show Choir accounts. The Fall Plant sale is already taken care of; 3 fundraisers remain: Cookie Dough sales, Lou Malnati coupons, and the Spring Plant sale. Contact Denise Gordon if you are interested!

**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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**Website: <https://herseychoir.com>**



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