



CHORAL NOTE

"Music is feeling, then, not sound" - Wallace Stevens



Mozart's Requiem was a wonderful concert in a beautiful new venue

Calendar

- 3/12 Assessment Preview Concert (Providence Presbyterian Church) 7-9 pm
- 3/16 Choral Assessment (WT Woodson HS) Time TBD
- 4/5-7 All Virginia Chorus
- 4/15-16 National Cathedral Performance (Washington National Cathedral)
- 4/20-21 Plastic Modelers Convention (FHS)
- 5/29-30 Spring Showcase Rehearsal (FHS Auditorium) 3-4 pm
- 5/31 Spring Showcase Concert (FHS Auditorium) 7 pm (5:30 call)
- 6/4 Graduation Rehearsal

Note from Luke

Dear Parents & Students:

March Madness is here! Three of our classes are preparing for Choral Performance Assessment which takes place on March 16th in the evening at Woodson High School.

A group of 50 FHS Chorus students performed at All District Chorus at Fairfax High School last month. A small subset of those students auditioned for All-Virginia Chorus and I'd like to congratulate Anna Valentino, Brigid Smullen, Noelle Buice, Jordan Hicks, Charles Wolfer, and Kabir Ali on being selected to All State Chorus. Congratulations also to Nathaniel Wilkins on being selected as an alternate. Thank you to everyone who donated food to District Chorus, and a special thanks to Andrea and Scott Gries for coordinating our hospitality suite.

Students are registering for classes for the 2018-19 school year. I hope that most, if not all of our talented choral students will continue taking chorus next year. We have exciting events, such as a trip to New York City in the works. If you are concerned about balancing chorus with academics, I want to let you know that students do have the opportunity to take some required classes in the summer. IFTA (Institute for the Arts) offers credits in Personal Finance and freshman PE. Please consider taking advantage of one of those or other summer courses that can help free up space in your schedule for the school year. For more information about IFTA, follow this link:

<https://www.fcps.edu/node/33188>



FHS Choral Patrons Association-FHSCPA

FHS Choral Patrons Association (FHSCPA) meetings are scheduled the first or second Tuesday of every month in the FHS Choral Room. All interested parents are welcome to join us at 7:30 pm. FHSCPA meetings for Spring 2018:

- 3/06/18
- 4/10/18
- 5/08/18
- 6/05/18

I hope you enjoyed Mozart's Requiem in January, and I look forward to presenting more outstanding music to you in the months to come.

Cheers,

Mr. Frels!

Letter from the President

Happy March Chorus Families!

With February being a short month, and March being packed with activities and Spring Break, we decided to make this a combined issue. What a wonderful Requiem concert we had in January! It was amazing to see our singers and orchestra come together with Battlefield High School's singers and orchestra for such a complicated, historical, and beautiful work of music. The stage presence and professionalism shown by all of the students is a testament to the incredible musicianship of our teachers. On behalf of the choral patrons, I'd like to congratulate and thank our choral director Mr. Frels, and FHS' orchestra director Mr. Fowkes for giving our chorus and orchestra students the opportunity to come together for such an incredible performance.

Thank you to Anne Bronaugh, DeVayna Edwards, Stacey Ragan, and Kathryn Schababerle for serving dinner to our hungry singers before the concert!

Congratulations to all of the participants in District Chorus and to those students who were selected for All Virginia chorus. Thank you to everyone who donated items for District Chorus. All of our donation needs were met! A special thank you to Scott and Andrea Gries for coordinating the hospitality suite for all of the teachers and judges. They have coordinated this event for many years and these events always run smoothly because of their efforts.

As always, thank you all for supporting our chorus community.

Have a great spring break!

With gratitude,

Jenn Robinson

President,
FHSCPA



SUPPORT FHSCPA!



The Fairfax High School Choral Patrons Association (FHSCPA) is the fundraising arm of the FHS Chorus program. Funds are raised to support the purchase of music, equipment, wardrobe items and general operating expenses. The FHSCPA also offsets the cost of chorus-related trips. Help us support your singers by supporting the FHSCPA!

Patron Levels:

Soloist (\$25)

Name appears in choral program for 2016-17 season.

Reserved seating at performances.

Producer (\$50)

All Soloist benefits.
Treble Clef magnet.

Conductor (\$75)

All Soloist and Producer benefits.

FHS Chorus car decal.

Maestro (\$100)

All Soloist, Producer and Conductor benefits.

FHS Chorus lanyard.

Virtuoso (\$200)

Corporate Sponsorship

All previous benefits.

Business card appears in choral program for the school year .

Checks payable to "FHSCPA"

Name: _____

Student's
Name: _____

Patron Level: _____

Name as you would like it to appear in our program/recognition materials:

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