Hello Spring HS choir students! I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer and you are looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year. There is some important information that I need to share with you. Please read it all.

- 1. Mandatory workshop for some students this week:
  - a. The FREE Spring ISD All-State Music Workshop is this Monday and Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Dekaney High School from 12:30pm-5:30pm.
  - b. If you are auditioning for all-state and/or enrolled in Pre-AP choir this year you must attend both days.
  - c. Many of you attended a camp already which is fantastic. The more you work on the music now, the readier you will be to compete in our new region!
  - d. If you are not attending one of the days, you should have communicated with me by now. Thank you to those of you that contacted me already.
- 2. New uniforms for women:
  - a. This year we will begin to replace some of the choir uniforms. Due to budget cuts, we are not able to replace all of them at one time.
  - b. Uniforms will be replaced first for the Chorale Women.
  - c. We need students to help us select the new dress. <u>I will meet with the women attending the</u> workshop at Dekaney HS on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to help choose the new dress.
  - d. This decision must be made in the next week or we will not receive the new uniforms in time for our first performance.
- 3. Changes at Spring HS:
  - a. We have a new principal, Ms. Diaka Carter. I met her several weeks ago and she has been wonderful so far!
  - b. Due to significant budget cuts, Ms. Berner was not replaced. Mr. Levine and I will be your teachers this year. We are going to have a fantastic year; however, Mr. Levine and I will have to rely on help from **you** to manage everything. Stay tuned for more information about how you can help.
  - c. The choir class schedule has changed for this year. The 2016-17 schedule is:
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Conference
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Concert Men
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Chorale
    - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> Chamber Choir
    - v. 5<sup>th</sup> Concert Women
    - vi. 6<sup>th</sup> A Cappella Women
    - vii. 7<sup>th</sup> Vertical Teaming (Middle Schools)

The schedule was changed to eliminate as many schedule conflicts as possible and allow for us to handle additional responsibilities that Ms. Berner covered.

There will be more information coming your way before school begins. I look forward to seeing many of you this week at Dekaney HS.

Mr. Landgrebe