



## October Parent Meeting Minutes-10/19/21

### Director's Report (Mr. Lisner)

- Welcome and choir program update
  - Please make sure when you enter the zoom meeting you are on mute, the student board will be monitoring the questions submitted via zoom to make sure all your questions are answered
  - We are diving into music this year. First and foremost we want to make sure the students are having fun because these last 18 months have been very hard on them and secondly that we provide as many opportunities as possible to them
  - Chamber choir did amazingly with Voces8 on Saturday in NYC. The kids sounded fabulous
  - All in all a great start to the year, especially the fundraisers we have had so far.
    - \$1,000 Movie Night
    - \$900 Car Wash Sales
    - \$300 Spooky Spectacular
  
- Spring Trip
  - **\$200 due November 16th**
  - **\$200 due December 8th**
  - **\$200 due January 18th**
  - **Final payment amount tbd-due February 15th**
  - *(via venmo (EHS-CHOIR-1) or check/money order made out to EHSCPO. If submitting a check/money order please have your student put it in the choir room mailbox or hand it in at the parent meeting to our treasurer, Mr. Hofstra)*
  - We are going to Virginia Beach, VA
    - Wednesday March 30th--Sunday April 3rd
    - We have 5 performing choir groups this year going on the trip, which is amazing.
    - We will have Competition while down there but we will also be working on team building as well, and having fun!
    - With bussing, covid protocols, trip insurance & such, we do not have the final cost yet but as soon as we do we will relay that information to you
    - We will be requiring travel insurance which is an extra cost but is completely necessary with everything that is going on in the world right now
    - Individuals will not be able to cancel as we get closer to the trip, We can only cancel as an entire group

- Should there come a time where the entire choir group needs to cancel, then we will of course try to get back as much of a refund possible but we will cross that if we get there
- This trip should be accessible to everyone, regardless of financial limits because of all the fundraising opportunities ahead that the students can take advantage of
- There are district set guidelines for how things need to operate during this trip given the current state of the covid19 pandemic
  - Mr.Ross will speak more about those

Mr.Ross Address:

- It's a new era for EHS choir
- Momentum of the year has been amazing thus far and we only expect better things to come
- Spooky spectacular was well run and awesome! Great job to the student board for that!!
- Regarding Covid19:
  - We have to be very strict with things
  - Mr Ross likes to do wiggle room with a lot of things and your children will tell you that, but he can't do wiggle room when it comes to covid and exposure/quarantine
  - If a student is in quarantine than unfortunately that means they may miss out on things
  - We need to make sure there are NO unnecessary risks when it comes to our kids
  - As we get closer to the trip hopefully things will change, we don't know, but we hope it'll get easier for the students. We have to make the best of it and make this the best we can for the students.
  - Its the people in this room and the Director of the Choral program that make this program so great

Presidents' Report (Patrice)

- First payment for the trip is due at the next parent meeting (11/16)
- You will note that the second payment for the trip is due in December. We do not have a parent meeting in December, so please make sure payments are submitted either via venmo, or into the choir room mailbox by that date.
- Sponsorship Updates
  - We need to make sure the students/families are going around and asking businesses to sponsor, you can bring the form to work and ask
  - There are various levels for being a sponsor (please see the form that was handed out & will also be emailed to you)

Vice President's Report (Raj)

- Membership Updates
  - Please everyone who is not signed up please sign up for membership
  - In order to participate in choir fundraisers, your membership must be paid.

- These fundraising opportunities are great for the students, they all get involved, have fun while doing them, and the parents get involved too. It's a great way for the whole family to be involved and spend time together.

#### Treasurer's Report (Peter)

- Financial Updates
  - Fundraising money will of course help offset the expenses for the trip
  - If you have any financial difficulties, please come speak with Mr.Hofstra or Mr.Lisner and we will work things out to make it work for your student.
    - No one should have to feel badly, or have their student miss out. We will work with you if you come to us about it.
  - Please contact him if you need to know the student account balances, or if you need to discuss anything.
    - Mr.Hofstra emails address: [paphofstra@gmail.com](mailto:paphofstra@gmail.com)
  - Please understand that should the choir as a whole need to cancel the trip we will try to get back as much money as possible to refund you. There are some expenses that we will not be able to get back, but what we can we will certainly work to get back to you. This is why we have travel insurance as well.
    - Like Mr.Lisner stated we can not refund on the individual level, as those monies were allowed used and allotted and cannot be returned.

#### Secretary Report (Jessie)

- Sportswear Update
  - We are expecting sportswear to arrive within the first two weeks in November. Should anything change with this, Jessie will blast the information out to you via email, remind, facebook, and the student board will update on instagram.
    - Once we have an arrival date from the apparel company as to when the sportswear will arrive, we will set up pick up dates in the choir room for you to come get your purchase
  - Please make sure that if you haven't filled out and submitted the choir membership form yet that you indicate on it your student's shirt size.
    - A choir t-shirt is included in the cost of choir membership up until 10/31
  - Remind App class code: ehs-choir
  - Instagram Name: ehschoir
  - Facebook group: Edison High School Choir 2021-2022
  - Choir Website: edisonhschoir.com

#### Fundraising Committee Report

- Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Bar Sale (ongoing)
  - Pick up dates to be announced shortly
  - The family pays up front for the box of chocolate and then the student sells the chocolate bars at \$1 each
  - Its a very successful fundraiser for the students

- Gertrude Hawk Holiday Sale (deadline November 8th)
- Delicious Orchards (deadline November 10th)
  - Order pick up day will be thanksgiving week, Delicious orchards is going to get back to us this week about which day
- Country Meat Sticks (begins in January)
  - More info to follow in novembers parent meeting
- Bingo (February 4th 6-9pm)

#### Student Board Report (Lauren & Garid)

- Student Initiatives
  - We are working on great things with the entire choir
  - Tell your student to sign up for our big little program
  - Being involved in choir has been a wonderful experience since they started, and they really encourage all students to get involved as much as they can, and to encourage their friends to join choir
    - We do a lot of fun activities, and even though the fundraisers are “work” it’s fun work and it only helps us out for things we want to do

#### Q&A (from zoom as well)

-How would you go about confirming if your student raised enough to cover the first \$200 payment?

-Email Mr.Hofstra at: [papahofstra@gmail.com](mailto:papahofstra@gmail.com)

-Is there a way to make a direct donation into a student's account?

-Send venmo or a check/money order that says the students name and that it is specifically for their account. Must be written out clearly or we will not know what/who it is for.

-Please break down the payments once more?

11/16/21-\$200

12/8//2021-\$200

01/18/2022- \$200

02/15/2022- amount TBD

-What % of the pie sale is going to individual vs general?

-We will get back to you asap about the percentages of the pie sale & gertrude hawk sales.

**Next Parent Meeting: 11/16/21 @ 7pm in the EHS Choir Room**