

Hello choir parents!

THANK YOU for your support of our students, the PHHS choir program, and the NOTEables organization! I wanted to share the statement of purpose of the NOTEables organization so you know why we exist and what we work so hard for during the school year:

Noteables is a not-for-profit organization serving the Pleasant Hill High School vocal music program. The purpose of this organization shall be to provide recognition for achievements in the vocal music field, and to provide funding for expenses if the vocal music director has been unable to secure such funding from the school district. Noteables shall also work to help support opportunities such as educational trips and activities for vocal groups in the Pleasant Hill High School...

Last year, the NOTEables fulfilled this purpose through the following means:

- We recognized the achievements of two high school senior choir students with \$500 scholarships who will continue their musical participation in college
- We fed our students at Hillside and Hilltop Choreography Camps, a meal for Powerhouse at the Renaissance Festival, pizza for all students at RockBridge, and at other fundraising events
- We secured funding for competition choreographers, arrangement fees, musicians, clinicians, and a majority of the set building expenses through our various fundraising events
- We paid a portion of hotel expenses for each student for a competition overnight in Rockbridge
- We created opportunities for individual students to raise money to help cover their own show choir fee expenses through the Fireworks tent, Schoolfundr, HHH Reserved seats
- We accomplished some community outreach fundraisers like the Carnival and Music Bingo that allowed both choir students and parents to interact with the community in a fun way

As a new or current choir parent, you might be asking, "How do I get involved?" and "What can I do to help?" We invite you to get involved in the NOTEables, a parent-run organization, at every level to partner with us and with the vocal music department staff to offer high-quality musical experiences for our students. We offer a variety of participation opportunities throughout the year including **providing donations** for certain events (like food for camps or cakes for the Carnival!), **volunteering** options in our biggest fundraising events (like Haunted Trail or Battle of the Best (BOB), and **leadership** opportunities like being a fundraiser chair to help coordinate certain fundraisers over the school year.

Our parents can get involved at every level of our organization, and most of these ways do not require formal NOTEables membership! Here's how:

• Stay informed of upcoming events by giving us your contact information (email phnoteables2016@gmail.com) and we will get you on our email list! We send out regular communication about upcoming events, meetings, and anything else we think you'd like to know! Mrs. Martin does a lot of her communicating about choir information through SportsYou, and will often share things there from the NOTEables as well, but our most direct communication to you about NOTEables specific activities comes through email and is also posted on Facebook. You can also request to have access to the NOTEables Google Calendar that was created; it is updated regularly with new events for students and parents.



 Come to our monthly NOTEables meetings which generally occur on the 4th Monday of the month at 7PM in the high school choir room, though dates marked with an * indicate meeting changes due to holidays or events:

8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/17*, 1/12/26*, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/18*

You do NOT need to be a member to come to the meetings and to get involved, but to help shape the decisions of the organization and to have voting privileges a membership is necessary. Please email phnoteables2016@gmail.com to request a membership form.

- Our way of gathering necessary supplies and volunteers for most of our events is done through Sign-Up Genius which is emailed out or posted on Facebook weeks before an event. Check out the needs we have, and don't be afraid to jump in! We try to give good information about deadlines and where you can drop off donations to make it as easy as possible to help. We will have Sign Ups for the following events: Chairs and Committees, District Choir Setup/Auditions, Carnival, Haunted Trail, Battle of the Best (BOB), Music Bingo, and Opening Act/Hillside Show, possibly others as events are planned
- Reach out if you have any questions! Our email phnoteables2016@gmail.com is checked daily, and if we can't answer your question, we will find out who can! All fundraising questions can be directed to us, and either Mrs. Martin or Mr. French can answer choir/class questions and questions about individual student accounts, costumes, competition, etc.