



Hyattsville Middle School CPA Hawks

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Thank you to all the families that came out this evening for our Back to school Night. Please send the signed documents with your child to school on Tuesday.

G. Williams

Please send all forms in as soon as possible. I will be in attendance for Back to school night on September 18th.

A special Thank you to parents who have already sent in treats for our students. I really appreciate your support.

Thank you.

G. Williams

[Canticle of Praise Middle School](#) Chorus



Happy Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15, - October 15, 2024

Upcoming Events

Chorus Performance October 9th 2024 during school. Students are wearing solid black dresses, skirts or slacks with a solid black blouse or shirt. Solid black shoes. All attire lengths must be aligned with the code of conduct established by PG County in the rights and responsibility handbook.

Parent Conferences are Oct. 7th 2024. Click [here](#) to sign up for an appointment. If virtual is preferred, please sign up and indicate virtual then email me at gretch.williams@pgcps.org so I can send you the zoom link.

New Music to Review

[Mis Abuelos ppt](#)

Canticle of Praise

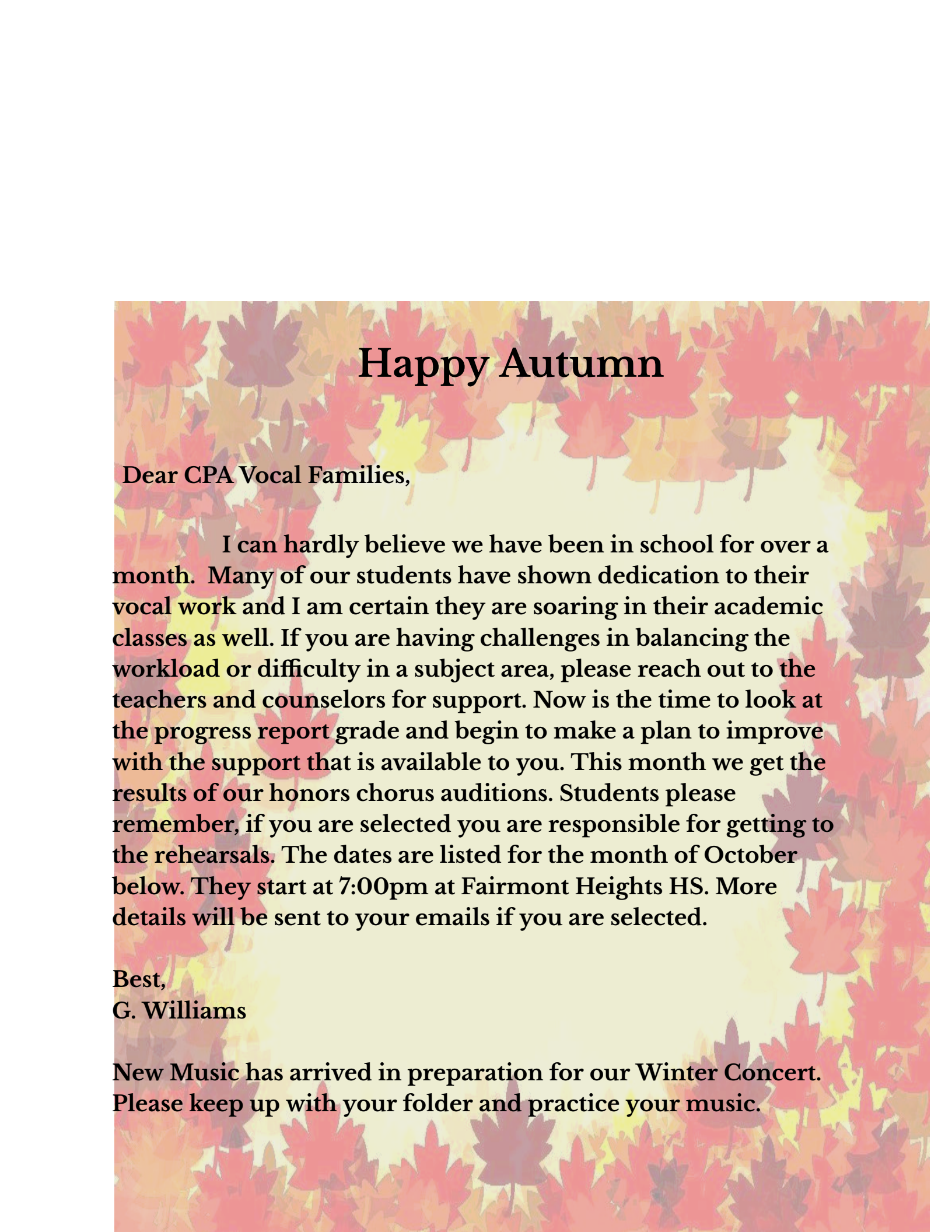
[Full Performance SAB](#)

[Kuimba SAB](#)

Returning students to CPA please check on your uniforms using the checklist.

[save this as a copy](#)

Try on your uniform and check for each item.



Happy Autumn

Dear CPA Vocal Families,

I can hardly believe we have been in school for over a month. Many of our students have shown dedication to their vocal work and I am certain they are soaring in their academic classes as well. If you are having challenges in balancing the workload or difficulty in a subject area, please reach out to the teachers and counselors for support. Now is the time to look at the progress report grade and begin to make a plan to improve with the support that is available to you. This month we get the results of our honors chorus auditions. Students please remember, if you are selected you are responsible for getting to the rehearsals. The dates are listed for the month of October below. They start at 7:00pm at Fairmont Heights HS. More details will be sent to your emails if you are selected.

Best,
G. Williams

New Music has arrived in preparation for our Winter Concert. Please keep up with your folder and practice your music.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 A 8:00am Rehearsal	2 B	3 A 8:00am Rehearsal	4 A	5
6	7 Parent Conferences No School For Students	8 A 8:00am Rehearsal Honors Chorus	9 B Hispanic Heritage Performance Chorus Students wear all black!	10 A 8:00am Rehearsal	11 B	12
13	14 A	15 B 8:00am Rehearsal Honors Chorus	16 A	17 B 8:00am Rehearsal	18 No School For Students	19
20	21 A	22 B 8:00am Rehearsal Honors Chorus	23 A	24 B 8:00am Rehearsal	25 A Solo Performances during classes	26
27	28 B	29 A 8:00am Rehearsal Honors Chorus	30 B	31 A 8:00am Rehearsal		

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New Music

[Soprano Carol](#) [Alto Carol](#) [Tenor Carol](#) [Baritone Carol](#)

[Kuimba](#) [Mis Abuelos](#)

Kuimba

[Kuimba Part 3](#)

Kuimba Translation

Let's come and sing with Music as our guide.

[I want to be the Sun](#)

Mis Abuelos Translation

My Grandparents like to dance, sing and play.

Reminder, as the weather gets chilly please protect your voices with the proper attire for colder temperatures. Be certain to give yourselves the proper nutrients and stay hydrated with warm liquids to keep the voice protected.

Warm apple cider is also good on a chilly day.

G. Williams

Mozart Canon

[Vocal Practice Aleluia](#)

Make Payments for Honors Chorus [my school bucks](#).

Uniform Payments Due Oct. 21, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is a gentle reminder that uniform payments for the chorus attire were due Oct. 21 2024. We would like to ensure that the uniforms are ordered and return in time for our winter concert in December. Please make the necessary arrangements to send in the payments if you have not already done so.

If you have concerns or questions please feel free to email me at gretch.williams@pgcps.org.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

G. Williams

Happy November!!!

Greetings CPA Families,

We are officially in the 2nd quarter of school. By now students should become more familiar with their schoolwork and balance their school work and their CPA studies. I am proud of the work many of the voice students have shown. Many have informed me that they are doing well in the academic classes and I hope those who may have

challenges reach out to their teachers early enough to get guidance and make changes before progress reports are due.

Remember maintaining vocal health during the fall and winter months can be challenging due to the cold, dry air and increased risk of illnesses. Even though we have had unusually warm weather recently it is always good to be prepared for whenever fall decides to arrive with the colder temps. Here are some ideas to help vocal singers protect and maintain their voices during this time:

Hydration:

- Drink plenty of water to keep your vocal cords well-hydrated. Warm herbal teas with honey and lemon can also be soothing.

Humidify:

- Use a humidifier in your bedroom to add moisture to the air and prevent your vocal cords from drying out.

Steam Therapy:

- Inhale steam from a bowl of hot water with a towel over your head to soothe your throat and keep it moist.

Vocal Warm-Ups:

- Prior to singing, engage in gentle vocal warm-up exercises to prepare your vocal cords for performance.

- **Maintain a Healthy Diet:**

- Consume foods rich in vitamins and minerals, particularly those that support immune health, such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

Rest and Sleep:

- Ensure you get enough rest and sleep to allow your body to recover and repair.

Hand Hygiene:

- Practice good hand hygiene to reduce the risk of illness, as respiratory infections can affect the voice.

Vocal Rest:

- If you feel your voice becoming strained or hoarse, take a break and give your vocal cords time to recover.

Warm Clothing:

- Dress warmly to protect your body from cold temperatures, which can have an indirect impact on your vocal cords. Wear your hat and scarf when the temperature outside gets cold.

Air Quality:

- Pay attention to indoor air quality, as dry indoor environments can irritate the throat. Consider using air purifiers.

Voice Lessons:

- Consider taking voice lessons with a professional vocal coach who can provide guidance on technique and vocal health.

Avoid Irritants:

- Stay away from smoke and other environmental irritants that can harm your vocal cords.

Immune Support:

- Take supplements or herbs known for immune support, like vitamin C to help prevent illness.

Vocal Exercises:

- Practice specific vocal exercises designed to strengthen and maintain your vocal cords.

Vocal Hygiene:

- Maintain good vocal hygiene by avoiding yelling, whispering, or straining your voice excessively.

Consult a Specialist:

- If you encounter persistent vocal issues, consult an ear, nose, and throat specialist (ENT) for a thorough evaluation.

Remember that vocal health is crucial for singers, so taking preventive measures and seeking professional guidance when

needed can help you maintain your voice throughout the fall and winter months.

Best,

G. Williams

Performance Opportunity!!!!

The Chorus has been invited to perform in Hyattsville on Dec 14th at the outdoor Pop Up Winter Festival. Please complete the google form linked [here](#) in order for me to know if you are interested in performing. Please inform your parents of the dates and times and review the form with them. There is time to complete the form. I just got another notification. Let's Go Chorus!!! Remember the songs we will be singing include Carol of the Bells, Merry Christmas Madrigal, and from last year,,,,,Jingle Bells, Winter Hymnal & Ding Dong Merrily on High.



Student Solos are soon due. Each student will perform a song from memory from the approved list of materials

listed below. Listen to the song first, click on the link, to the music and read it as you listen. Then record yourself learning each different section of the song. Practice at least twice a week using the music. Listen to your recording.

Deep River

[GIRLS Deep River Vid](#)

[BOYS Deep River Vid Baritone](#)

[Deep River Tenor](#)

[Cielito Lindo](#)

[Cielito Lindo Vid Mid to High Voice](#)

[Lift Every voice and Sing](#)

[Funiculi Funicula](#)

[Funiculi Funicula](#) Tenor Voice

[Swing Low Sweet Chariot](#)

[Swing Low Vid](#)

[Somewhere over the Rainbow](#)

[Somewhere Over the Rainbow vid](#)

NOVEMBER 2024

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3	4	5	6	7 Rehearsal	8	9
10	11	12 Rehearsal	13	14 Rehearsal	15	16
17	18	19 Rehearsal	20	21 Rehearsal Canceled	22	23
24	25 Student Solos	26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL 	29 NO SCHOOL	30



New Chorus Music

[El Vito](#) [A La na Nita](#) [Merry Christmas Madrigal](#)

[El Vito Sop Descant](#)

[I want to be the Sun](#) [Ding Ding Merrily on High](#)



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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December 14th Performance Information

CALL TIME FOR ALL CPA CHORUS IS 5:30PM

Location: Independence Plaza across the
street from Regal Theater.

Good Afternoon,

December 14th winter Market 4-8 pm

Hyattsville CPA Chorus will be performing at the Winter Market Festival.

Our students will be caroling at **Independence Plaza across the street from Regal Theater.**

Walking Caroling along American Boulevard 30 minute session
6:30-7:00pm. Students are expected to arrive at **5:30pm.**

Please dress in layers because we will be singing outside as we go carolling along the boulevard. We are singing

Merry Christmas Madrigal, Carol of the Bells, Winter Hymnal, Alleluia, Ding Dong Merrily on High, and We wish you a Merry Christmas.

Click [Here](#) to see the run of the show. This document will give you further details about the performance.

Attire: Dress appropriately for the weather. We will be singing outside and will be walking through the festival as we sing. Please include comfortable walking shoes, hats, scarves, and gloves if you feel its is necessary.

Looking ahead, our Winter performance will take place in the Gym of Hyattsville Middle School on January 16th. Students will be expected to be in full concert attire. Gowns, Suits and accessories should be brought to school by the students the day of the performance and stored in the Chorus Classroom. Due to the performance beginning at 6:30pm, we expect the students to remain in school. We will need the support of the parents to help organize the snacks for our chorus students. Please complete the form if you are willing to donate snacks for our students [here](#). As the menu becomes complete I will inform everyone with access to this page what items have been selected and which items are still needed.

Thank you for your continued support of our students.

Gretchen T. Williams



CPA Chorus!!!!!!

Join me in congratulating the students and families
that came out and performed at the Hyattsville

Community Festival. Our students performed well even in the cold. I would like to thank the parents and families for coming out to support our students.

Please feel free to email me at

gretch.williams@pgcps.org with any candid shots

you would like to see included in our slideshow

presentation to be linked to this page in the future.

Gretchen T. Williams

Happy New Year and Welcome back CPA Chorus

Families!!!!

Thank you so much for all those who came out to support us for our Carolling in Hyattsville performance in December. As you know our Winter Concert will be Thursday January 16th 2024 at 6:30 pm. **CALL TIME FOR ALL STUDENTS DRESSED AND IN ROOM 144 IS 6:00PM!!!** Thank you so much to the parents who has decided to donate for our students to have food between the dismissal of school and the concert. Please be certain to complete the google form linked [here](#). Please be certain that all deliveries arrive before 5:00 pm as the students will begin getting in uniform for the performance. Students are encouraged to hang their uniforms in a garment bag labeled with their name. All shoes worn for the

performance should be dress shoes. Please, no boots or athletic shoes with formal attire. As the flu and cold season is still present, please make healthy choices and avoid spending time in the elements without proper covering. We are still having rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am. We will soon begin preparing for our adjudication performances in March. This means you will be getting new music. I encourage you to practice and record yourself in rehearsals in order to be successful.

Musically,

Gretchen Williams

January

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

TUESDAY JANUARY 21 WILL BE A 2 HOUR DELAY

IN OPENING SCHOOL. DUE TO THE DELAY WE

**WILL NOT HAVE MORNING REHEARSAL BEFORE
SCHOOL!!!!**

G. WILLIAMS

**If there is a delay we will not have early
rehearsal.**

G. Williams

Good afternoon,

Morning rehearsal for Tuesday, Jan. 28th is cancelled. Please share this information with your parents in case they are not linked to this page.

Thank you,

G. Williams

Happy February CPA Chorus Family!!!!

This month's rehearsal schedule is as follows. Please update this information in your cell phones and share it with your parents to make reminders.

February Rehearsal dates

Feb, 4th, 6th, 18th, 20th, 25th and 27th.

February Solo performances will be the week of the 27th during class time.

Our February focus is to prepare for Adjudications coming in March.

Please begin studying and listening to the clips below for your voice parts in Gloria by Vivaldi.

[Soprano](#) Gloria

[Alto](#) Gloria

Gloria [Tenor with access](#)

[Bass](#) Gloria

Due to the delayed opening, there will be no morning rehearsal tomorrow February 6th 2025.

G. Williams

We have been requested to sing this song below. I will be looking for soloists as the choir sings the background. If you are interested in leading this song learn the lead parts.

Here are the lyrics that the whole choir needs to know.

Lyrics

... You're broken down and tired
Of living life on a merry go round
And you can't find the fighter
But I see it in you so we gonna walk it out
And move mountains
We gonna walk it out
And move mountains
... And I'll rise up
I'll rise like the day
I'll rise up
I'll rise unafraid
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again
And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up

And I'll do it a thousand times again

... For you *OOOOOOOOooooos

For you

For you

For you

... When the silence isn't quiet

And it feels like it's getting hard to breathe

And I know you feel like dying

But I promise we'll take the world to its feet

And move mountains

Bring it to its feet

And move mountains

... And I'll rise up

I'll rise like the day

I'll rise up

I'll rise unafraid

I'll rise up

And I'll do it a thousand times again

... For you

For you

For you

For you

... All we need, all we need is hope
And for that we have each other
And for that we have each other
And we will rise
We will rise
We'll rise, oh, oh
We'll rise
... I'll rise up
Rise like the day
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I will rise a thousand times again
And we'll rise up
High like the waves
We'll rise up
In spite of the ache
We'll rise up
And we'll do it a thousand times again
... For you
For you
For you
For you

... Ah, ah, ah, ah

Due to the weather, there will be no rehearsal at 8:00am on Feb 11th, 2025.

An email has been sent to the email addresses you all have provided.

Thank you,
G. Williams

Reminder

There is no 8:00am rehearsal Feb 13, 2025.

G. Williams

Happy March CPA Chorus

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Greetings CPA Chorus Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have a busy month ahead of us. First I am so proud of the performance from our winter concert and since we have talked about our new schedule I hope you keep rehearsing the songs because we will be singing them for assessment in our performance on March 12, 2025. We also have our Black History program on March 6th and 7th. We will be performing in our concert attire so please begin to prepare your garment bag with the items you will need for both performances. All garments must be on a hanger in a garment bag along with shoes and accessories. We

have a special rehearsal on Tuesday in 6th Mod with the Creative Writing CPA students. I will send an email to the staff and ask the teachers to allow all CPA chorus members to report my classroom.

Best,

Gretchen Williams

Rehearsal Dates for March

March 4, 6, 11, 18, 20, and 25.

Permission slips are being sent out for the assessment in March and need to be returned as soon as possible. There is no cost for the trip to Bowie Center for Performing Arts and we will return

to school well before dismissal. I encourage you to bring a bag lunch that you can eat once we return however, if you prefer, I will ask the cafeteria staff to prepare a bag lunch for you to eat when we get back. Please email me if you want the school lunch by Tuesday so I can inform the Cafeteria.

Permission Slips are DUE!!!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please return the permission slip for the field trip on Wednesday as soon as possible. [Permission Slip Link](#)

Please prepare your **GARMENT BAG** including the hanger, cleaned and pressed uniform, shoes, and all accessories for **Tuesday** night in order to bring it with you to school **Wednesday March 12, 2025.**

Students need to arrive at school by **8:30 am** in order to dress, warm up and be prepared to leave for the field trip at 9:30. We will return to school at 1:30 and school lunch will be saved for students to eat and return to their classes.

Thank you,

Gretchen Williams

Tutoring Link for PGCPS Students

Dear Parents/Guardians:

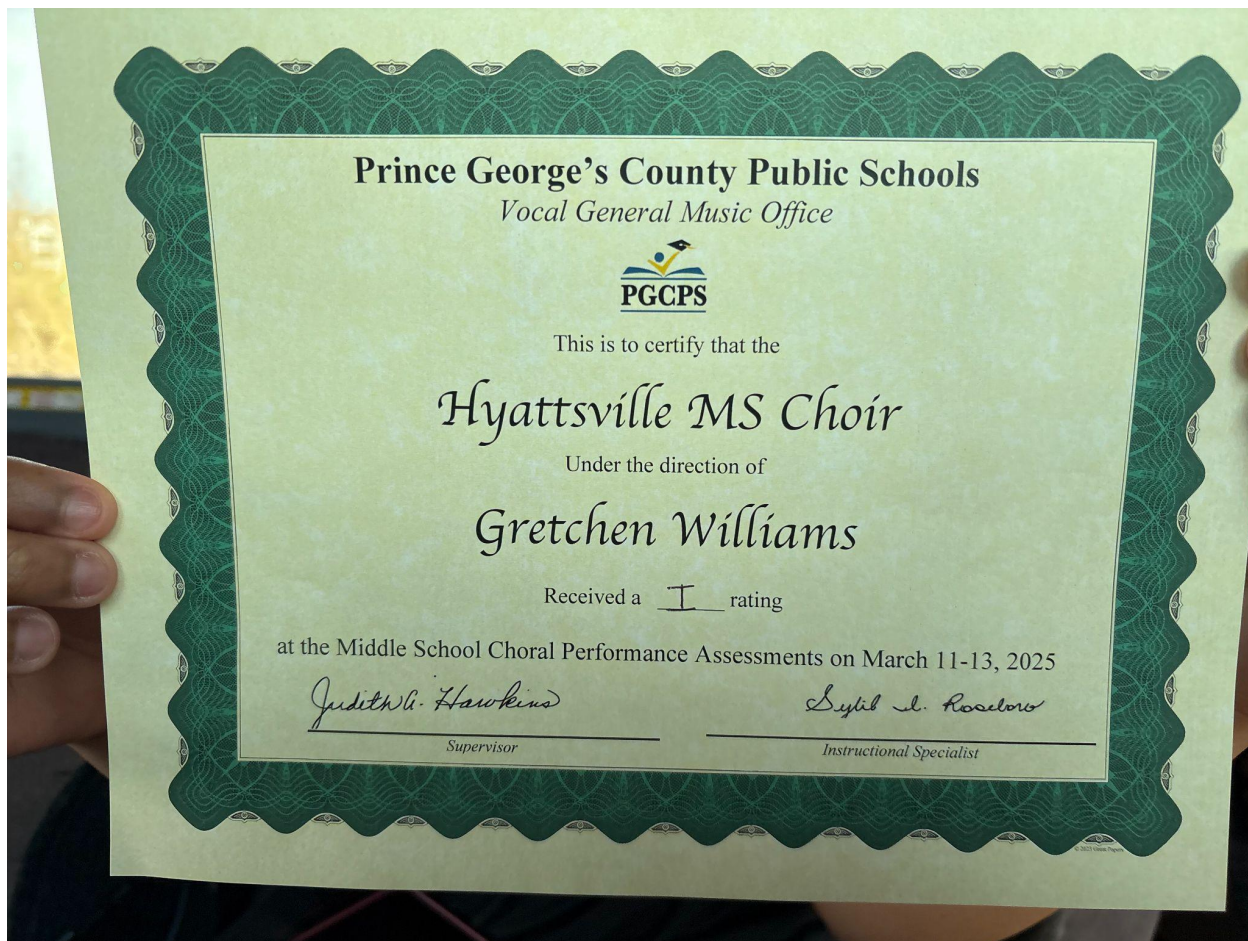
Students were sharing with me an online source from the Clever page for all students to get tutoring.

I have attached a links below.

[Prodigy Math](#)

[Literia Education](#)

**Congratulations CPA Chorus for earning a
Superior Rating in the Choral
Assessments!!!!**



We are now eligible to go to the state level to be adjudicated!!! I am expecting all of the students to be

able to go on the next field trip to the state level. As soon as I get information I will share it with you in class and on this platform. Here are the remaining dates for morning rehearsals in March Rehearsal Dates are 18, 20, and 25. Please be certain to bring your folders and music. We will also begin learning music for our spring concert.

[Tre Canciones](#)

[Gloria \(Vivaldi\)](#)

[Let the Day Find You](#)

Good Day CPA Families!!!!

I cannot believe that it is April already. Happy Spring!!! Even though it may not feel like it now, spring is here. I found out that there is no adjudication for the state level. We are, however, preparing for the spring Concert and the trip to Hershey Park where we will be adjudicated. We have Spring Break this month and so we must be certain to learn all of our music for the concert thoroughly. Morning rehearsal dates include, April 3rd, 8th, 22nd, 24th and 29th 2025. Please encourage your parents to feel free to send in water and healthy treats as we prepare for the spring concert May 21st.

During this season I notice that many of us are doing our best to stay healthy. Please keep up with your doctor's visits and keep making healthy choices. Rest your voice and be certain to avoid straining your voice. Get proper rest please. Keep up with this page.

G. Williams

Remember to bring in your order form for your CPA T-Shirt. We will be wearing them to the field trip to Hershey Park on May 23, 2025. All cash payments please. The cost of the shirts are 16.00 for sizes small-1X and 20.00 for 2X and above. T

Here are more new music samples that we are learning.

[New warm Up](#) Get a partner and 1 laptop.

[Warm ups for you!](#)

[Warm up2](#)

[3 fold Amen on Vocal Warm ups](#)

[7 fold AMEN](#)

[Make the Difference](#)

Welcome back from Spring Break!!!

I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and loved ones. This is a reminder to bring in your T-Shirt money and field trip money for Hershey Park. We will be wearing the shirt on the field trip and funds are due as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you in 8:00 am rehearsal April 22nd, 24th and 29th as we prepare for adjudication and our spring concert.

G. Williams

All about the ETA!

What is an ETA?

An ETA is the Exit Technical Assessment that all vocal performance students in CPA must complete in order to demonstrate knowledge and growth.

What will CPA vocal students have to do?

All students will have to perform one solo from a list of songs that are used for demonstration of their talent, vocal control, and sight sing a music sample in order to demonstrate knowledge of sight singing. Students will be expected to write a reflection of their experience as evidence of what they have learned. Students will record a video of themselves performing the song they choose from the list provided.

How will I be scored?

A rubric is linked [Items scored on the solo include](#)

A rubric for the reflections is linked [rubric for reflection](#)

A sight reading rubric is below.

Use this rubric ONLY if your students are not assessed in SRF.

RHYTHMIC SIGHT-READING

		0	1	2	3	4	SCORE
I	Rhythm	No attempt to perform	Less than 40% accuracy 1-3 measures	40-74% accuracy overall 4-5 measures	75-89% accuracy overall 6-7 measures	90-100% accuracy in all parts 8 measures	
II	Flow	No attempt to perform	No consistent tempo; No evidence of musical phrasing	Somewhat unsteady; Phrasing is halted or interrupted	Phrasing is slightly irregular	Consistent tempo; Phrasing is musical throughout	

MELODIC SIGHT-READING

		0	1	2	3	4	SCORE
I	Pitch	No attempt to perform	Less than 40% accuracy 1-3 measures	40-74% accuracy overall 4-5 measures	75-89% accuracy overall 6-7 measures	90-100% accuracy in all parts 8 measures	
II	Rhythm & Flow	No attempt to perform	No consistent tempo; No evidence of musical phrasing	Tempo Somewhat unsteady; Phrasing is halted or interrupted	Tempo is generally steady with some minor discrepancies; Phrasing is slightly irregular	Consistent tempo; Phrasing is musical throughout	
III	Intonation	No attempt to perform	Intonation not satisfactory	Intonation somewhat satisfactory	Some parts are in tune throughout	Intonation excellent throughout	

Level _____ Total Score _____

Level _____ Total Score _____

TOTAL SCORE	10 – 0	13 - 11	14 - 15	16 - 17	18 - 20
RATING	Below Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations

When is it Due? All submissions must be completed on or before May 4, 2025.

Here is the list of songs to select from.

[LLift Every Voice and Sing \(High\) - Score.pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Lift Every Voice and Sing \(Low\) - Score.pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Arkansas Traveler \(High\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Arkansas Traveler \(Low\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Somewhere over the Rainbow \(Med\) - Score.pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Somewhere over the Rainbow \(Low\) - Score.pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Ash Grove \(High\).pdf](#)[Accompaniment](#)

[Ash Grove \(Med\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Ash Grove \(Low\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Deep River \(High\).pd](#)[Accompaniment](#)

[Deep River \(Med\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Deep River \(Low\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Funiculi Funicula \(High\).pdf](#)[Accompaniment unavailable](#)

[Funiculi Funicula \(Med\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment unavailable](#)

[Funiculi Funicula \(Low\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment unavailable](#)

[Poor Wayfaring Stranger \(High\).pdf](#) [Accompaniment](#)

[Poor Wayfaring Stranger \(Med\).pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Poor Wayfaring Stranger \(Low\).pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Swing Low Sweet Chariot \(High\) - Score.pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Swing Low Sweet Chariot \(Med\) - Score.pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Swing Low Sweet Chariot \(Low\) - Score.pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Coasts of High Barbary \(High\) - Score.pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Coasts of High Barbary \(Med\) - Score.pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Coasts of High Barbary \(Low\) - Score.pdf](#)

[Accompaniment](#)

[Ave Maria Male](#)

[Ave Maria Sop/Alto](#)

[Ave Maria Lyrics](#)

[Pie Jesu](#) SOP

[Swing Low](#)

Happy May CPA Chorus Family!!!!

I hope this update finds you and your family well.

We are getting closer to the end of the school year
and I cannot believe how quickly it has

progressed. Our rehearsal schedule for this month will change due to the testing and musical production rehearsals. We will only rehearse on each Tuesday in May the dates are 6th, 20th and 27th of the month. Also it is yearbook picture time and our scheduled date to take pictures is May 2nd at 11:30 am. We will be in performance attire for the picture. I will be emailing your teachers in order for you to come to my classroom get your garment bags and go to the restrooms to change for the picture starting at 11:00 am.

The theater department will be performing Junie B Jones the musical in June and I will be working with the singers from that musical each Thursday morning, Let's plan to support our classmates as many of them are participating in the musical.

Remember if you are going to Hershey Park with us on May 23rd you need to submit your funds \$140.00 and the funds for the T-Shirt \$16.00 (YESTERDAY).

Thanks,

G. Williams

May

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Practice this Piece
[Rise Up with Lyrics](#)

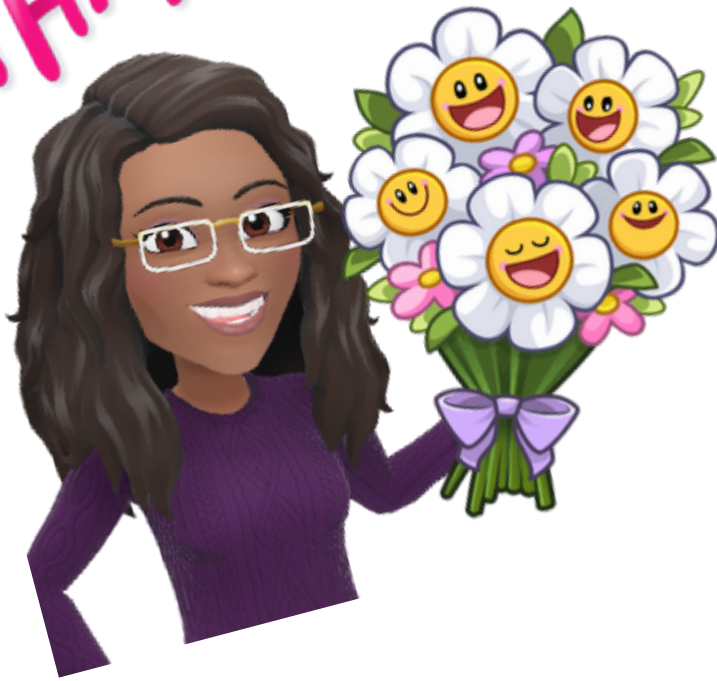
**Students who are attending the field trip
please email me immediately if your name
does not appear on this list.**

Brielle Sakyi
London Jamison
Bellamy Martinez
Zahra Harris
Isabella Hayes
Laura Ndzelden
Tiffany Gregory
Sierra Mason
Chistopher Bonilla Cruz
Jaden Reina Gonzalez
Olalaken Oni
Kaylee Bazil

There will be no rehearsal on My 13th. This is a change from the original May Calendar. Also this is a reminder that on the day of the field trip to Hershey park we are wearing our CPA T-Shirts. Students who did not purchase a CPA T-Shirt need to wear a Plain black T shirt with no writing or pictures on the front or back.

G. Williams

THANK YOU!



Dear CPA Chorus Families,

**Thank you so much for the cards,
candy, and treats for Teacher**

**Appreciation week. I am truly blessed
to be a teacher!**

G. Williams

Spring Concert time!!!

Our Spring Concert will be on May 21st at 6:30pm. Our students will be remaining here at the school. If you are bringing snacks for our students please complete the google link if you have not already done so. [Chorus Snack](#)

Hershey Park is CLASHLESS!!!!!!

It's Time for Music the Parks at Hershey Park

Please click the link below for the information about our upcoming field trip.

Please check your emails for the crucial information about the trip, attire, and timeline.

Our performance songs will be Tres Canciones Elementos, and Gloria by Vivaldi. The competition is serious and you will be adjudicated just as when we went to Bowie Performing Arts in Maryland.

The sign up sheets for groups will be in the band area. You will need to report to the band area in HMS and look for either an adult on **Bus 2.**

Once Rehearsal is complete tomorrow we will go to the band area and allow students attending the trip to sign up for their groups.

Remember Hershey Park is Cashless!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS CHORUS!!!

I am so proud of your performance last night at our Spring Concert.! You all sounded great and looked very professional. I would also like to thank the parents who provided the food and drinks and all family members who came out to support our students. As we prepare for the trip to Hershey Park, I want to remind you that we are performing and it is crucial that you rest your voices in order to be at your best on Friday. We are singing Tres Canciones, and Gloria. After the performance we are going to the park. You will need to be in your CPA Shirts and khaki pants for the performance. After the performance you may change into the appropriate clothing according to the PGCPs standards. Please remember that Hershey Park is a cashless park and in order to purchase things you will need to have some type of electronic payment or pre-loaded gift card or atm card.

Wear something with pockets deep enough to secure your belongings. Please wear comfortable shoes as we will be doing a lot of walking. Any essentials you must keep with you are your responsibility and you will need to keep up with them.

Best,
Gretchen Williams

CONGRATULATIONS CHORUS!!!

I am again so proud of your accomplishments on Friday, at HersheyPark!!!! We earned the rating of Excellent and brought home a trophy to add to the collection in our classroom!!!!



HAPPY JUNE CPA CHORUS!!!!

Greetings Scholars and Families,

I first want to thank you all for your diligence in checking this forum in order to be prepared for our performances, rehearsals, and practices that help us succeed. That being said, we only have 2 rehearsals for the month of June which are June 3rd and June 10th. I am focusing on each student preparing the performance piece for the ETA and my 6th graders preparing for solo's during the last days of school. Each 6th grader should prepare one solo to sing in our last days of classes for a grade. I will be expecting them to choose a song that demonstrates the skills that you have learned. All 7th and 8th graders should have given me their desired song selection from the list provided last week. This is mandatory for all 8th graders and expected for my 7th graders in order to demonstrate their growth. Your written part of the ETA will be due by June 12th and must be uploaded to the canvas page. The video presentation of your performance is due by June 12th and should be submitted to the link on the canvas page. All 6th graders will perform their song choice in class during the week of June 9th through the 13th. REMEMBER we will have a zoom meeting in July on the 30th at 6:30pm for just an hour. We will be able to meet our new CPA students and families.

Musically,
G. Williams

HOT OFF THE PRESSES and just arrived in my email!!!!!!

What are your plans this summer????

Are you doing anything musical over the summer? I have just gotten an email about this opportunity in Bowie, Maryland.

[Teen Arts Summer Registration](#)

The experience includes:

- **Virtual Sessions:** Monday, July 7 – Friday, August 8, 2025
- **In-Person Intensive at Bowie State University:** Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 16, 2025
- **Exhibit & Showcase:** Saturday, August 16, 2025 (open to family and friends)
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Teen Arts Summit

July 7th- August 16th

Weekly Virtual Sessions

In-person summit: August 11-15th

Showcase: Saturday, August 16th

ART DEVELOPMENT TRACKS

- Dance
- Vocal Performance
- Musical Instruments
- Visual Arts (painting/drawing)
- NEW TRACK: Photography/Videography
- Teen Community Choir Feat. National Recording Artist

REGISTER HERE



Students I just got another email about **Children of the Gospel** for the Washington Performing Arts Society. They are looking for students who will be the age of 14 in the fall of 2025. Please email me at gretch.williams @pgcps.org.