

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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- Highlights: New Orleans Scholarships; CWU bus breakfast
- Trip Fundraising – April Jazz Trip and (planned) 2024-25 Choir Trip
- Winterfest Donations and Sign Ups Needed
- December Booster Meeting

November Highlights



- Thank you to families who donated food and water for the Chamber Choir trip to SWU for the Fall Choral Classic. The students appreciated the support, especially the water!
- The Board was pleased to award scholarships for the first time for the New Orleans trip. The scholarships would not have been possible without generous donations from our members and their matching grants from companies like Microsoft and Boeing.

Trip Fundraising

We are officially in full swing on trip fundraising. Funds raised by students will be allocated into an account for a future trip. Vocal Jazz students may be fundraising for the April trip, but other students can start fundraising for any other future trip. Current opportunities:

- **[Sale of Chukar Cherries.](#)** Students keep 100% of the profit. Students have forms they can use to collect orders (with check payment) and we have circulated [a link for students to use](#) to allow electronic payment (e-payment fees may slightly reduce profit margins). Be sure your student reminds their contacts to enter the student's name on the form so they get credit.

COMPETITION: The Equos Treble Choir and the Chamber Choir will be competing head to head for Chukar Cherries sales this week. The class to sell the most (by \$\$) will have a doughnut party supplied by the Boosters. Competition is for sales made between November 27 and December 1.

REMINDER: All physical order forms and checks must be turned in to Mr. Fitzgerald in class on Friday, December 1.

- **[Corporate Sponsorships.](#)** We are always accepting corporate sponsorships. Students retain 100% of the profit in their account. Minimum profit is \$150 per ad. See Mr. Fitzgerald if you'd like a brochure, but all information is at the link above as well.
- **[Direct Donations.](#)** If students would like to request donations to their trip account in lieu of other holiday gifts this year, or do a campaign for family to help fund their trip (like a gofundme), they can use this link to solicit those donations. The wording on the form currently mentions the Vocal



Jazz trip, however all donations for any student through this form will be credited accordingly.

More trip fundraising plans:

- **Holiday Camp on hold.** We had been working on a plan to host a holiday camp, but with only three weeks until the planned date and no affordable location, we have decided to table that idea. Instead we will begin our summer camp planning at our December meeting.
- **Clothing Drive.** We are kicking off an aggressive campaign to collect donations for a used clothing drive. We can get paid by the pound for gently used clothing and housewares. More information should come out this week, but we are going to need **a lot of support from our choir families** to encourage the community to clean out closets over the holidays and drop off items in early January. We are working on a system to track the contributions of students and their families so that the money can be credited to their accounts.

Students should have everything they need to participate in current opportunities. Reach out to rhschoralboosters@gmail.com to get involved in planning and plan to attend the December booster meeting on December 14 (a week early due to the holiday). Thanks to the Choir Board for doing a corporate sponsorship drive last week!



Winterfest Support Needed

Winterfest is coming up on December 6 and 13. Our Vocal Jazz students will perform on December 6 and our Equos Treble and Chamber choirs will perform on December 13. Winterfest is a fantastic winter concert featuring Choir, Band, and Orchestra, so each booster club will be doing fundraising activities during these dates. Choir has opted to sell roses and Stargrams before each concert and during intermission as a way for families to recognize the efforts of their students. [We need families to donate roses and to volunteer to set up and staff the tables before the concerts, sell items during intermission, and then to clean up afterwards.](#) Please sign up to help today. Students can sign up for any role except handling money. Donations may be tax-deductible and volunteer hours may be matched by your company.

December Booster Meeting

Thursday, December 14 at 5:30pm at the RHS Library.

Zoom ID: 812 6716 8331

Agenda: Trip fundraising; Summer Camp Planning

We have had very low member attendance - we cannot sustain the work of the club without member engagement. Please consider joining if you can.

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