

## **Caiman Choir Program Bootcamp & Updates Announcement**

Dear Caiman families,

We hope you all are having a wonderful Summer, and are looking forward to another school year! We have some exciting updates from our new Choir Director, Mr. Di Noto, about the future of the choral program this year to share below:

“Hello everyone!

I am getting more excited each day to make music with the CAHS Choir students. In preparation for this new year, I have included some important announcements, updates and changes to the choral program.

We are excited to announce that the CAHS Choral Program will be holding a Choir Kick-Off Bootcamp! In this four-day camp, from **August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM each day in the PLC Campus Band Room**, students will meet Mr. Di Noto and learn more about his background & vision for the future of CAHS Choirs, begin learning the Fall semester repertoire, be placed in their choir sections (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass), have the opportunity to audition for the advanced ensemble, and spend time getting to know new and returning choir students. All returning and first-time CAHS Choir students are welcome and encouraged to attend bootcamp. Mr. Di Noto & Mrs. Casey ask that each student planning on participating in bootcamp bring a solo song to sing, so they can determine their specific voice part and range (for new singers, singing “Happy Birthday” or “My Country Tis’ of Thee” is completely acceptable).

To reflect the constantly evolving and changing nature of choral music, and the beginning of this new chapter in the CAHS Music Program, the Caiman Choir & V8 ensembles have been rebranded. The Caiman Chorale (formerly Caiman Choir) is CAHS’s beginning-intermediate vocal ensemble, open to all students, with rehearsals on **Mondays from 12:00-1:30 PM** and **Wednesdays from 3:15-5:45 PM**. The Chamber Singers (formerly V8) is CAHS’s advanced auditioned vocal ensemble with rehearsals on **Mondays from 10:00-11:45 AM**. Additionally, CAHS will also introduce two new vocal ensembles in the Spring of 2024, the Men’s & Women’s Ensembles. These ensembles will meet **Once a Week for the First Half of the Spring Semester**, and are geared towards beginning singers & students who are interested in singing but do not have the time to devote to the more rigorous curriculum of Caiman Chorale or Chamber Singers. More information on the rebranding & restructuring of the Choral Program & Ensembles will be shared during the first day of bootcamp (**August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**). Parents are welcome to sit in at this time.

The Choral Program Rehearsal & Performance Calendar has also been finalized and included [here](#), so that rehearsal and performance dates can be marked on students’ calendars as soon as possible.

I am thrilled to be stepping into this role, and to be making music with your students!”

I hope you can make it to Bootcamp!”