



Welcome Choral Families and Friends



What a great start to the school year the choral department has had! The James River High School doors opened to us in mid-August and we have been crazy busy ever since. And if you asked our amazing choral director, Marissa Parsons, she would probably admit to you that she never stopped working over the summer. The student leadership team was busy too. Making plans on how to have the best year ever and how to welcome the incoming freshman. Brandy Berry, Hope King and I had the pleasure of measuring students in all the chorus groups for their concert attire. After finishing the second day, we were completely amazed at what a genuinely nice, respectful, friendly, funny group of kids they are! I feel so lucky my daughter is a part of this wonderful group.

Taking on this board position for such an awesome group of students and families was a little overwhelming. My computer skills needed a serious update and my experience running a board meeting was zero. But, WOW, can I just say...this group surrounding me is incredible! The board and chairpersons are intelligent, willing, supportive, flexible and completely dedicated. We are so fortunate to have these volunteers who support the entire choral department.

Another huge asset to our department is Ms. Parsons. She has a clear vision of the direction she is taking our choral groups. Her expectations are high and ultimately, she wants each student to have the best possible experience. Be sure to give her a word of thanks next time you see her! Our first big event of the school year is coming up soon. The Fall Concert is October 25th. The students are busy preparing an awesome evening and it is one of my personal favorites. Be sure to check out all the upcoming events in this newsletter.

The Performing Arts at our school relies almost completely on donations and fundraising. There are so many ways in which you can help. We would love to have your support by participating in the many events we have planned. You can also contribute greatly by becoming a member of the James River Choral Boosters.

I am extremely excited for this year! If you would like to volunteer, share an idea, donate or just have a conversation, please find me! No matter who you are or what your gift is, we have a place for you!

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