



Foothill Choir Program 2022-23 | Ms. Sarah Earl, Director

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My dear friend,

Congratulations: you have been placed in the FHS **Show Choir** for the 22-23 School Year!

I am excited for a wonderful year of making music and new friends. You should be so proud of yourself for your hard work and growth that have led to this placement. I am proud of you! We have a lot of fun ahead, but singing is hard work and you will be pushed to new mental and emotional limits. **Be prepared to put in a lot of time, effort and energy** – If we all commit to making this a great ensemble, it will be!

A few important items to be aware of:

Calendar

There is a lot planned for this year including a first-week-of-school Kickoff, Honor Choir, quarterly concerts, Solo and Ensemble, All-State, and Festival to name a few! Please take a look over the 22-23 Calendar included with this packet and plan to attend these events now. It is **expected** that **every** student will be in attendance at each concert and vocal event throughout the school year.

Communication

I will continue to communicate with you primarily via email, and also Remind. We will also be using our website, foothillchoirs.com, as the one-stop-shop for all Choir-related information. You can access this entire information packet online by visiting foothillchoirs.com > About > Chamber Singers > Information Packet. Enter the password “**ShowCho!r22-23**” to view the information packet.

It is **crucial** that I have a reliable email address for you and for your parent(s), that you check regularly, at which I may contact you. I will be sending you an email shortly which will also contain this information packet; if you do not receive the email, please contact me **ASAP** at earls2@nv.ccsd.net. Please also sign up for the class Remind [here](#). Students are **expected** to join the Remind; parents are **strongly** encouraged.

Leadership / Operations Team

Chamber Singers will be utilizing a different method of leadership than in years past. *Each* member of the choir will have a responsibility, called a Choir Job. Additionally, we will be forming a FHS **Choir Operations Team** with representatives from each choir, who will be the face of student leadership. I will rely on the Ops Team to set the tone for each ensemble; these students will need extraordinary organizational skills. If you are interested in being on the Ops Team, please see the Ops Team page for the position description and application requirements.

Travel / Choir Tour

I am excited to announce that the Choir Tour will be returning this year: we will be traveling to Southern California in April or May! Tour is a much beloved and extremely eye-opening opportunity to gain valuable



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performance experience outside of the Las Vegas Valley. We will give performances, spend time at Disneyland, and sing in world-class venues. These experiences are life-changing and invaluable, and they do come at a cost. The current cost estimate for students is \$850 per student. An exact cost and payment schedule will be made available at the beginning of the school year. Please keep this information in mind as you work and fundraise this summer. Should you need a job reference, ask Ms. Earl via email. Chamber Singers will be prioritized for seats on this trip and it is expected that most if not all of the ensemble will participate. The choir program will provide many fundraising opportunities to help make this financially possible; please email me if you have any questions or concerns about travel expenses.

Parent Involvement

Chaperones. We will be looking for parent chaperones to accompany us on Tour this year. Chaperones will be housed 2 to a hotel room (as opposed to 4 students per room), which results in a slightly higher price. Please reach out ASAP if your parent is interested in being a chaperone.

Parent Volunteer Badges. Part of the process for becoming a chaperone is being fingerprinted with CCSD as a Volunteer. This is a slow process that we would like to get started on as soon as possible! There are also several other events throughout the year for which it would be helpful to have badged Parent Volunteers; if this is something that your parent can help with, please contact me via email.

Boosters. It is *strongly, highly, emphatically* encouraged— nay, almost *expected*— that all Chamber Singers parents will become members of the FHS Choir Boosters organization. While I cannot technically require this, *I would if I could!*

What Boosters is:

- A group of parents who support their children's participation in the FHS Choir Program
- A legally recognized, tax-deductible 501(c)3 Charitable Organization
- A great way to be involved in making your child's experience in choir the best it can be!

What joining Boosters is not:

- Expensive
- A time-consuming commitment to add to your busy schedule
- An expectation that you regularly commit time, money, or labor

Please see the Boosters Letter in this packet for more information.

I am really looking forward to this upcoming year and I hope you are as well! You are part of an extraordinary school and a wonderful performing arts department. We have a great group of very skilled musicians and we are excited for all of the new things we can learn from each other. I am certain we will have a wonderful year together!

Sincerely,
Ms. Sarah Earl
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