

To: All Chorus Parent
From: Michelle Spratt
What: Booster Minutes, Tag Day, etc.

Chorus Parents -

We have some exciting events in October. Our biggest fundraiser - Tag Day - is October 14. Please be sure to read about that in the Tag Day section. We need all hands on deck to make this successful. Additionally, we have our first concert of the year - the Pyramid Concert. Thanks to all the parents who attended last week's Booster Meeting. As a reminder, all Chorus parents are boosters and everyone is invited to attend. Our next Booster meeting is November 2, 2023.

As always, please reach out with any questions or comments.
Michelle

Notable Dates

September 26, 4:00 - 8:00 pm	Restaurant Night at Noodles & Co. (flyer attached)
September 29	Last chance for Spirit Wear! The Spirit Wear store closes today.
October 14	TAG DAY Parent sign up here
October 23	Full Rehearsal for the Pyramid Concert
October 24	Woodson Pyramid Concert
November 2	Booster Meeting - ByLaws Vote, Budget Update, Dessert on Broadway Planning. ALL ARE WELCOME

Link —> [Woodson Chorus Calendar](#)

1) TAG DAY - Everyone needed!

We are very excited for this year's Tag Day, which takes place on Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 to approximately 1:00. We are meeting at the Mantua Pool (9330 Pentland Place, Fairfax)

As you know, The WTW Choral Program is not fully funded by the Fairfax County Public School System. Tag Day traditionally generates the most funding for the Chorus, so it is a critically important program! Here are some of the benefits that funding from this and other Woodson Chorus events provide:

- Assistance to students with financial need;
- Scholarships for those chosen for honors choirs;
- Music purchase for concerts
- Student awards;

- Compensation for our accompanists and instrumentalists, who are *not* paid by the county;
- Travel expenses and fees for special events and competitions;
- Costs for our annual community favorite -- the musical revue, Dessert on Broadway;
- Reducing costs for the Spring Trip to NYC

Students have already started organizing themselves into groups of four and signing up in the Chorus Room. It is expected that all chorus students participate in this event. Now we need some drivers! [Here](#) is a link to the driver Signup Genius. In the comments, you can put if you'd like to be paired with your student, the capacity of your car, and any other items. We will be having later cars for Theater students who are involved in the mandatory strike after closing night. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Spratt (mrspratt001@gmail.com) or Lisa Steeves (steeves.lisa@gmail.com). Thank you for volunteering!

2) Restaurant Night Tomorrow Night (9/26): Come on out to Noodles and Company. Bring the flyer attached below or enter code Giving25 at the checkout.

3) **LAST CHANCE...New Chorus Spiritwear, orders due by Friday 9/29/23!** Don't miss our new designs for the 2023-2024 school year! Please click [here to order shirts/sweatshirts](#) and follow this [link for new pj pants](#). Orders are due by Friday, 9/29/23.

4) Booster Minutes and slides are attached: We are thinking of ways to increase attendance. Don't forget your student gets Music and Merit points towards a Varsity letter if YOU attend Booster meetings.

5) Optional Opportunity (not FCPS sponsored): Fairfax Choral Society's Master Singers Auditions are open to men with changed voices and advanced women. Meetings are Monday evenings 5:30 - 7:00 at Annandale United Methodist Church in Annandale. There is also a musicianship class from 7-8 which is optional for students with strong music theory background. If your student is interested in pursuing music in college or being part of musical ensembles, this would give them great experience. If you are interested, please let me know (mrspratt001@gmail.com) and I can put you in touch with the organizers.

6) ByLaws - the amended ByLaws are attached: The major changes are to consistency of language, adding electronic voting and conducting non-critical business via email. We will vote to adopt these on November 2. Per our current ByLaws, this email and notification will serve to provide the 30 day required notice. If you have any questions on the ByLaws, please contact David Spratt (dhspratt@gmail.com).

7) Pyramid Concert: Our first concert is October 24. In addition to the Woodson Chorus, we will have Frost Intermediate and all the feeder elementary schools in attendance. We are looking for 12 parent volunteers (4 ushers, 4 crowd control, 4 clean-up). Any parents can volunteer. It's an added bonus if you work at a Pyramid Elementary school and potentially know the kids. [Concert Volunteer Sign Up](#) here!

Attachments: Booster Minutes, Booster Slides, ByLaws, Restaurant Night Flyer