

# Woodson Choral Boosters

**January 2023**

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What a wonderful fall of choral music we have had thanks to the Woodson Choral students and their teachers! It is hard to believe it is already January. Here's hoping you had a relaxing and joyful holiday break, so that you are ready to jump into January's Dessert on Broadway fun! DOB is more than just a great musical revue at the end of January but is also a showcase of the magic and friendship of the Woodson Chorus community. Every year parents and guardians step in with incredible leadership, teamwork and individual efforts to make DOB a success. How nice it is to feel the collective energy and to see the show come together due to the hard work of our kids, their directors and all the parents. If you have yet to see a DOB performance, get ready! It is not an experience that you will forget. If you don't know how to get involved, don't worry; there is something for everyone . . . and everyone is needed! More details will be shared in the Dessert on Broadway section of this newsletter.

## **Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Performances**

- **Friday, Jan. 27:** DOB Show - 7PM in the auditorium
- **Saturday, Jan. 28:** DOB Show - 2PM & 7PM in the auditorium
- **Wednesday, Feb. 1:** Booster mtg - 7PM in chorus room
- **Thursday, March 9:** Pre-Assessment Concert - 7PM
- **Wednesday, March 13:** Booster mtg - 7PM in chorus room
- **March 15-17:** Choral Assessment @ George Mason University
- **Wednesday, May 17:** Chorale rehearsal 3:15-4:15 chorus room
- **Wednesday, May 17:** Booster mtg - 7PM in chorus room
- **Monday, May 22:** Combined Choirs & Chorale rehearsal 3:15-4:45; 4:45-5:15
- **Tuesday, May 23:** Spring Chorus Concert - 7PM
- **Tuesday, May 30:** Choral Awards Banquet - 6 to 9PM

## **Upcoming Dates of Optional Opportunities**

- **Thursday, Feb. 9:** All-VA Chorus Auditions - 5-8PM at West Springfield HS\*

- **Thursday, Feb. 9:** District Chorus Rehearsal - 5:20-9PM at West Springfield HS\*
  - **Friday, Feb. 10:** District Chorus - 10 AM - 5 PM at West Springfield HS\*
  - **Saturday, Feb. 11:** District Chorus rehearsal starts at 9 AM. 1:30 pm SATB concert - 2:00 PM SSAA concert at West Springfield HS\*
  - **Feb. 22-25:** ACDA National Honor Choir in Cincinnati, OH\*
  - **April 12-16:** Music Department Spring Trip to Orlando, FL
  - **April 27-29:** All Virginia Chorus in Richmond, VA\*
- \*audition & acceptance required for participation
- **May 4 & 6 / May 11 & 13:** Spring Musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* \*

## Reasons to Celebrate

### VMEA Bella Voce Trip

Congratulations to Woodson Bella Voce! They were selected by audition to perform at the 2022 Virginia Music Educators Association. Their performance was received with rave reviews. The students worked hard to present a polished and passionate performance to the state music educators. We are really proud of them, their hard work, and how beautifully they represented the Woodson Choral community.



### Senior Honors Choir

Congratulations to Annie Barata and Ivan Tysarczyk! Both singers were selected by audition to the Virginia Senior Honor Chorus conducted by Dr. Edith Copely. You can view their performance [here](#). We are very proud of them and their work.



### Senior Center Sing

On Wednesday, December 21, 20+ Woodson Chorus students brought their beautiful voices and holiday cheer to seniors at Little River Glen Senior Center. Organized by Choral Boosters, this optional philanthropic activity included students singing numbers from all the choirs along with some favorite holiday favorites. Many seniors swayed in their seats and sang along. Thanks to Barbara Barata, Booster President, for organizing the event as well as to all the students who were able to attend. Students may submit up to two volunteer hours for participating.



## **Fundraising**

### **October Fundraising**

Thanks to all who donated during our fall fundraising campaign. One can always support Woodson Chorus throughout the year from our webpage: [www.woodsonchorus.org](http://www.woodsonchorus.org). Anyone can go to the webpage and make a contribution through Paypal. By early January, our fundraising efforts have produced more than \$20K! Thanks to all who participated in the car wash, Tag Day, Sees Candy Sales, etc. Each participation really makes a difference!

### **Candy Sales**

The See's Candies online sale earned \$1996.00 and the Pop-Up Profits were over \$675. That is over \$2,600 combined! We have chocolate bars remaining that we anticipate using at Dessert on Broadway.

## **2023 Chorus Spring Trip**

The W.T. Woodson Choral Department is traveling to Orlando, Florida (Disney World) from April 12 to April 16, 2023. We will leave at night on Wednesday, April 12 from Woodson HS. We will return in the late morning of Sunday, April 16. The cost is estimated at no greater than \$890 per student. Payments 1 & 2 are past due, and payment 3 will be due February 15. Rooming requests will also be due February 15. Students should see Schoology for more details. Students have voted, and the chosen theme parks are Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, and Universal. More details will be provided for parents/guardians who expressed interest in being a chaperone.

## **Dessert on Broadway**

DOB is a highlight of every school year in chorus! Parents, even if you don't have a cast member in the show, you are welcome to sign up to help with Dessert on Broadway. You won't regret it . . . it's a lot of fun and a chance to get to know other chorus parents and your student's friends. Chorus students who didn't sign up to be in the cast this year will have many opportunities to participate--in the dining room as servers, as Break-a-Leg-a-Gram runners, etc. Mrs. Moir provided a sign-up for student servers in Schoology. The Sign Up link below identifies what part of the show parents want to help with; Committee Chairs will provide or have already provided sign ups that are specific for days and times. And you can always email Meg ([onamanakuke@gmail.com](mailto:onamanakuke@gmail.com)) or Barbara and they will match you with the preferred volunteer opportunity.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BA9AB28A57-dob2023>



Here is the link to the DOB presentation from Meg McLelland.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L2eRtvb6JN6X-SpWbGTbCKOSENHUbvXgn9nup8SeZwU/edit#slide=id.p>

Ms. Moir is very excited about this year's show. She creates the show *after* auditions, so she is able to tailor it to the students who will participate. She is VERY thoughtful about DOB casting and putting together all the puzzle pieces: considering the entire arc of the show, a mix of fast v. slow, solos/duets/trios and ensembles, voice parts, length of show, etc.

One of the best parts of the show for Mrs. Moir (and parents!) is watching the students' development over the years, watching them grow as performers. Learning the song is self-directed, primarily something the student should do on their own. Mrs. Moir will be making return period passes available if students want to get together during the school day. Each student/group will sign up for stage rehearsal time for 30 minutes each week in January. The larger groups will also work with a choreographer as a group. For groups: the STUDENTS will decide on solo lines within their number--so if your student wants a solo line they should speak up to their group, but students who don't want a solo line don't have to!

Parents can join the Remind group that Mrs. Moir uses to communicate with students, for updates and reminders about DOB. text @dob202 to 81010

Get your tickets at <https://whschorus.booktix.com>

#### **DOB Chair, Meg McClelland, notes:**

- This is one of the chorus students' favorite things to do! We need so much help from the parents to make it a success
- About the show: Pre-COVID, DOB was in Cavalier Hall, with dessert service during the show. 2021 was a Virtual Show, and last year we moved to the Auditorium because it was necessary for Pandemic Restrictions. We are continuing in the Auditorium this year because there are a lot of advantages: more space on stage for performers' choreography, and all that comes with the auditorium: great sound and lighting, much more seating, etc.
- Dessert is served BEFORE the show in the Cafeteria, but we make it nice with tablecloths, students as servers, decorations, etc.

#### **Dessert on Broadway Dates to Know**

- **Friday, Jan. 20:** Dessert on Broadway (DOB) Act 1 dress rehearsal - 4 to 7PM in the auditorium

- **Monday, Jan. 23:** DOB Act 2 dress rehearsal - 4 to 7PM in the auditorium
- **Tuesday, Jan. 24:** DOB dress rehearsal - 4 to 7PM in the auditorium
- **Wednesday, Jan. 25:** DOB dress rehearsal - 4 to 7PM in the auditorium
  - Wendy's Spirit Dining/Restaurant Fundraiser, 6:30am - 9pm
- **Thursday, Jan. 26:** DOB preview show for faculty and staff - 6PM in the auditorium (3:15 call time)
- **Friday, Jan. 27:** DOB Show - 7PM in the auditorium (4 PM call time)
- **Saturday, Jan. 28:** DOB Show - 2PM & 7PM in the auditorium
- **Saturday, Jan. 28:** DOB Cast & Crew Party - post show until 11:30 in Cafe B (must RSVP ahead of time to attend)

## Spirit Wear

Did you forget to submit your order for chorus spirit wear this fall? Don't worry, there are still many items available for purchase!

**Flannel Pants:** \$34.00 (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)

**Long Sleeve shirts:** \$31.00 (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL)

**Short Sleeve shirts:** \$15.00 (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL)

**Sweatshirts:** \$36.00 (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL)

**Short Sleeve Polo:** \$38.00 (size L, XL)

**Tumblers:** \$15.00

**Magnets:** \$7.00

**Window Stickers:** \$3.00

Interested? Email Amy Quigley at [amyquig@gmail.com](mailto:amyquig@gmail.com) to make a purchase and to arrange for spirit wear pick up.

## Mrs. Moir's Notes

### December Concert Kudos

Congratulations to all our choristers for their amazing work in our December concerts. You can find the youtube playlist [here](#). We hope you enjoy! Please share with family and friends. If you aren't subscribed to our youtube channel, please subscribe!

Whether your student is a senior, or younger, they are encouraged to continue next school year! Scientists have found that creating music engages more areas of your brain than almost any other activity. Singing in an ensemble incorporates all pillars

of the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate. Singing is also good for your mental health! It releases positive endorphins that make you happy.

Course sign ups for rising 9th through 12th graders will begin at the end of January. Course information for 2023-2024 will be posted on Schoology and found on the chorus website. You can find a sample four year course schedule [here](#) that demonstrates how to keep a performing arts class in your schedule for four years. Students graduating this year are encouraged to seek ensembles within their communities, universities and houses of worship.

We can't wait to share our music this 2023 with our Woodson community!

## **Booster President Final Notes**

Thank you to Ellen Bickford for compiling this newsletter and to all you other fantastic parents working hard to support the program. I am very excited about the upcoming Dessert on Broadway shows and 2023 concerts. I feel very fortunate to be part of our Woodson Choral program, with outstanding directors, students, and fellow parents!

### **2022-2023 Booster Board**

- President: Barbara Barata
- Vice President: Karen Hasson
- Secretary: Dawn Keene
- Treasurer: Amy Tysarczyk & Michelle Spratt
- Members at Large:
  - Jennifer McClelland
  - Amy Quigley

### **2022-2023 Committee Chairs & Support Team**

- Communications: Ellen Bickford
- Web Curator: Beth Visioli
- Spirit Wear: Amy Quigley
- Scrip: OPEN
- Dessert on Broadway: Meg McLelland

- Fundraising: Lisa Steeves & **OPEN**
- Hospitality: Bonnie Crews & Angie Von Ancken
- Program Design: Annette Labiano
- Restaurant Nights: Alice Wang
- Uniforms: Sarah Jones & Amy Valikit
- Assistant Treasurer: Michelle Spratt

**Thanks, and see you at our next meeting, Wednesday,  
February 1!**