

Greetings CVHS Choir Families:



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I am writing to you all today to share with you our excitement for this year! We already have a number of wonderful experiences planned for your students. Many of these events are free or have the costs covered by the choir or school; however, some events come at a cost to the families. We wanted to take a moment to address these as you plan your finances for the year.

Allow us to begin by saying that we realize being involved in the arts is an expensive endeavor. That being said, NONE of these events are obligations for your child. Some upcoming events involve:

1) Choir trip to Chicago (February 13-15, 2019) – Cost is about \$650.00 – Payments are spread over 4 months **(estimated payment totals and dates)**.

\$175 - Deposit due September 13

\$175 – Payment 1 is due October 15

\$150 – Payment 2 is due November 19

\$150 – Payment 3 is due January 3

2) Some of your students will also be involved in the musical. Like athletics, we have a “pay-to-play” cost. The musical dues are \$150.00 per student. This covers sets, props, some costumes, building use, some meals, production personnel, a huge expense: the rights for us to perform the musical, and much more. We also allow the students/families to purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts. There is an admission fee for attendees to see the shows, as well. Students can offset this cost entirely by selling business ads for the musical. These need to be turned in by September 24th. Information has been sent home about this and will be sent home again. It is also available on the musical website under the forms tab. www.cvhsmusicals.org

3) Aladdin the Musical – We have the opportunity to go see Aladdin the Musical at a discounted rate in December. The trip in total will cost around \$50.00 and this will be due early in the fall.

We in no way want to come off as the bad guys. We are extremely sensitive to the finances associated with these experiences and wish we could do all of this for free, but that is just not possible. We wanted to be up front about the costs you will be seeing in the coming weeks. We have and will continue to offer fundraising through the choirs. Some people do their own online fundraising campaigns. Some people collect bottles and cans – I know people who paid a \$1,500 deposit (for a Choir trip to Europe) with just bottles and cans. People jump on board to help!

Your student may have money in their choir student account. You can use student choir accounts to pay for all of these big expenses – The Chicago Trip, Aladdin, and Musical Dues.

Go to <http://cvchoirs.weebly.com/student-account-balances.html>

Please remember, these activities are not mandatory and your student’s standing in the program will in no way be affected if they do not participate. These are simply supplementary opportunities. Thank you for your understanding and for supporting your student’s education!

We will send out information about all of these opportunities as soon as we have it! Thank you for your patience and flexibility!

James Pecar, Director of Choral Activities