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Dear Chorus Parents & Students,

I hope you are enjoying these last few weeks of Summer. As the new school year approaches, I would like to welcome you to the 2013-14 Choral Program! I am very excited to begin another year at South Lakes. I truly enjoy making music come alive with our Choral students. It is my lifelong goal to bring the best music education possible to every student in my classroom.

For those who are new to the program this year, WELCOME! I so look forward to you joining our Chorus family.

I would like to introduce you to our 2013-14 Parents for Choral Arts Executive Board:

President: Karin Ottman  
Vice President: Sheri Zimmerman  
Secretary: Mary York  
Treasurer: Heather Young  
Member at Large: Amanda Owens

You will be hearing from these parents consistently throughout the year, in addition to members of the PCA Cabinet, as Choral events and performances are planned and organized. Please feel free to contact these parents, in addition to myself, if you have questions regarding the Choral Department.

To kick off the 2013-14 school year we encourage you to stop by the Chorus booth at the **Annual SLHS Block Party on August 29<sup>th</sup>** between 4:30 and 7:30 PM. This year the Choral department will have Maui Wauai Smoothies for sale along with our new spirit item: Seahawk Reusable Grocery Bags. At the Chorus Booth, all Chorus families can obtain information about Back to Chorus Night, the Back to Chorus Forms Packet, AND pick up your FREE Concert Event Magnet!

**Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 12 which will be our annual "Back to Chorus Night."** You will find detailed information regarding this event on our website. **Please note:** This is a required event for all Chorus families. It is very important that everyone takes care of updating contact information, completing FCPS required forms, making annual payments, and learns about the exciting year ahead. Based on your feedback from the 2013 Parent Volunteer survey, the PCA board members continue to work on how to best organize and utilize volunteers for concerts and events during the year. *For example: Each choir will be assigned 1 concert to chair.* In addition everyone will also be expected to support our annual Community Fund Drive, and SingStrong since these are the largest fundraisers of the year, bringing in \$20,000-\$30,000 of our annual budget. More detailed information on this and the scope of the choral program will be provided at Back to Chorus Night.

**Please take a moment to download the 2013-14 Chorus Calendar and all of the 2013-14 Required Chorus Forms. Forms are due on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Back to Chorus Night. [www.southlakeschorus.org](http://www.southlakeschorus.org)**

I encourage you to contact me throughout the school year with any concerns or questions that you may have. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Musically Yours, Mrs. Gigliotti