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Dear Chorus Parents & Students,

I hope you had an enjoyable Summer. I would like to welcome you to the 2019-20 Choral Program! I am very excited to be back full time this year! I truly enjoy making music come alive with our students. It is my lifelong goal to bring the best music education possible to every student in the South Lakes Choral Program.

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

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 PM which will be our annual *"Back to Chorus Night."* Back to Chorus Night (separate from Back to School Night) is designed to help all chorus families get acclimated to the new school year and understand the mission and scope of the program. ***Changes to the program, new initiatives and a comprehensive picture of this year's expectations, performances & events will be presented.***

From 6:00-7:00 PM New to South Lakes Chorus parents and guardians are invited to come an hour before Back to Chorus Night. Join us on September 18 at 6:00, for a New to Chorus Meet & Greet. Come meet the PCA Officers, other adults with kids in your singer's choral group, and learn more about the ways adults support the choral program throughout the year.

From 7:00-8:15 PM We will conduct an in-depth view of the department goals and initiatives for this year in the theatre. All parents (returning and new) and new students are expected to attend (new students will be meeting separately with the student chorus officers to get acquainted and learn about the program in the cafeteria).

For those of you who are new to the program, you will find that high school choir is more than a class elective that meets during the school day. SLHS Chorus is a program of studies & organization filled with opportunities for students to expand their musicianship through many mediums. Each aspect of the program requires financial and voluntary support to keep it running at its best. We encourage you to get involved!

We are very fortunate to have a strong booster organization that helps provide first class educational opportunities to our students. Our Parents for Choral Arts (PCA) Booster board members will continue to work on how to best organize and utilize volunteers for performances and events during the year. You will have an opportunity to meet them at Back to Chorus Night and learn ways you can get involved.

For more information on the Parents for Choral Arts, contact the PCA board at board@southlakeschorus.org

Our 2019-20 Board Members are:

President, Susan Sather

Vice President, Leslie Moore

Secretary, Heather Smith

Treasurer, Ray Van Hilst

Member at Large, Amy Guerber

Member at Large, Stephanie Hando

Administrative Assistant, Mitsuyo Sprague

Webmaster, Ray Van Hilst

Please feel free to reach out to me (ragigliotti@fcps.edu) throughout the year.

Later this week you will be able to **download the 2019-20 Chorus Calendar and all of the 2019-20 Required Chorus Forms & Information. Completed forms are due on September 18th.**

All information will be available on our website: www.southlakeschorus.org

We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Gigliotti