

DESERT VISTA CHOIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Desert Vista Choir Students and Families,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well. We want to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year in choir. We are thrilled that you have decided to join us! Although this year brings new changes, we will get through them together. As a choir council, our main goal is to instill the value of family. In each of your child's choir we have been talking about coming to see one of us if you need anything. We all want this year to be amazing, even though it's beginning under unusual circumstances. Our choir has been super understanding, making the best of this odd and sometimes difficult situation.

Here are some important announcements:

Choir T-shirts: We are working on getting each person in choir a t-shirt. On your student's choir page there should be an orange folder labeled Choir Council Club. You should find a form that says DV choir T-shirt form. Please fill that out. (Size, name, etc.)

Bigs and Littles Program: We are keeping up with our annual Bigs and Littles program. This program allows each person the opportunity to stretch their talent and create special bonds between each other. If anyone needs help with their sight reading/music theory skills, we encourage them to sign up as a "Little". They will be matched with a "Big" that will help gently guide them to improve their skills as a musician. Students may also sign up as a "Big" if they'd like to help mentor another "Little". Please contact Abby Gellman(our social chair) for any questions you may have.

Online Bulletin Board: We are happy to announce that we have an online virtual classroom bulletin board! This is similar to our in class bulletin board, but online. Students should look at the classroom/bulletin board daily as it will be frequently updated with important announcements and news. The link is:

<https://padlet.com/DVChoirVirtualClassroom/4jwc14jn4fmckej6>

Solo music: We are diving right into the music! This week we are focusing on getting in sections(voice parts) and picking solo music. Each section is focusing on a piece of music that may be in english, french, german, etc.

Publicity Release Form: Our Publicity Manager Rheana Andaya has created a short publicity release form which can also be found on Schoology. If your child wants to be featured on the various social media platforms of our choir they should fill it out. Parents should look over it with their child as well. This is to ensure the safety of everyone.

Seesaw and Sight reading Factory: During the first week the students registered for Seesaw and Sight Reading Factory. Seesaw is a platform where the students can submit videos of themselves singing which Ms. Palermo is able to view. Sight Reading Factory is a platform where students can practice their sight reading and where Ms. Palermo can check in on the progress each person has made.

We hope that everything is going smoothly for you! As a choir we are so excited to get to know your student. Thank you for your continued support for not only your students, but for the choir as well. Our choir is successful because of you! If you ever need anything please do not hesitate to reach out. Lastly, You Can always feel free to contact the DV Choir Council (dvchoir@dvchoir.com) or Ms.Palermo (Mfoote@tempeunion.org) for any questions you may have.

Best Always,

DV Choir

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