

Show Choir Q&A

We are very excited to welcome you into the Castle Show Choir family! The Booster Club meetings are the ideal way to stay up-to-date on all the happenings. They occur on the second Monday of each month, including the summer. Below are bullet points of information and Q&A. Feel free to contact our Parent Board with any questions.

For Communication:

1. Our website is www.castleshowschoirs.com and the “Information” tab will have calendars, fundraiser info, sponsorship, etc.
2. You can be added to a text Remind or stay added if already signed up.
3. First and foremost, will be emails from our booster secretary’s. Heather Tron and Keri Beer are a wealth of information and send out emails when we need to pass information along.
4. The students also have a remind from the student board. The student board president and parent board president work closely together.

These items are found on our website under the “Information” Tab:

1. **By-Laws-** are in place to list our roles as Boosters and that is to fundraise, pass information from the directors to parents.
2. **Itinerary** – 2018/19 will be available sometime in July. This will give you a look of what a typical year looks like and will be passed out in July and will be available on the website. All fundraisers are optional.
3. **Financial Contract** – every family is required to sign one to know when “fairshare” is due. Try to pay 25% by Sept. but if actively fundraising you do not have to make additional payments until your final payment. This will be passed out in July.
4. **Protected Sponsor List** – Available on website. The main thing is that the sponsor on the list cannot donate to your student until after a certain deadline.

Fundraising:

1. Direct selling of products. Fundraising is really heavy at the beginning of the school year. Rightfully so because final payment is due Dec. 15th and January on, we focus on the comp show. You will be given a list of when items are being sold and due via meetings, emails and itinerary. Please contribute any ideas you might have.
2. Sponsorships – is a great way to solicit businesses that you frequent for direct donations. There will be lots of information on sponsorships and how it works.
3. Events – workings events are a good way to earn money towards your fairshare. There will be a car wash, we have something on July 4th to work at Mead Johnson running inflatables, etc. We work the frog follies. There is a cruise in that we work and earn

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- *How do we get started on fundraising and sponsorships?* First potential Fundraiser will be the Mead Johnson Event on July 4th. Our car washes and the mum fundraiser will begin in July as well.
- *When are fees due?* You can start paying fees at any time. Fees are set up to be due the 15th of the month for convenience but most bring a payment to the booster meetings on the second Monday of each month. The budget will be set in June and the treasurer will divide the fairshare into 6 payments. In our by-laws and contract it says that 25% is due by Sept. 15th. This is to help pay for competition fees, costumes, etc. that are due in advance. However, the treasurers are very kind and understanding. If you feel the need, talk to them and say “I will pay X amount on this day” or they know if a student is actively fundraising. Checks should be payable to “Castle Show Choir” and mailed to: PO Box 1265, Newburgh, IN 47629.
- *Payment plan options?* Yes, you will receive a statement every month and again they are flexible.
- *Is there a list of things that we need to be buying over the summer?* You do not need to buy over the summer. A list will be provided to the students of necessities. The girls liked having the black jazz shoes, then they could dance in them and wear them with their polos but that is up to you. The only other thing are the character heels and the boys jazz shoes. We will try to find a venue for purchasing those at one time so we all have the same thing. The polos, track suits, tights will be in the fairshare. The student board will design a t-shirt for the retreat and will collect money so really nothing to buy. Some girls wanted their own makeup for comp but it’s included in their fairshare too.
- *Are there any meetings or activities, for parents or students, between now and when school resumes in August?* Yes, the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. You will receive an email in advance of the date and location. Most all meetings are in the choir room unless announced (it changes in the summer due to musical).
- *Volunteer opportunities?* There are many volunteer opportunities for earning money (Frog Follies, Compass Rose events 7/4) and for volunteer parent help. We ask for volunteers at meetings and by email. The more you are involved, the more you will get out of the whole experience. We have needs from costuming, props, food, fundraiser chair person, sorting spirit wear to buying a case of water.
- *Are the booster meetings the best way to stay informed?* Absolutely! Communication is the key. You receive communication from the meetings, emails, remind texts, website and information sent home by Mr. Adcock. The board is knowledgeable and very approachable and Mr. Adcock is always available, accessible and genuinely cares about our students.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns!

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