

January 24th, 2010

Dear Choral Parents and Students,

As you all know we are in the process of planning this year's spring competition for the beginner choirs to Philadelphia, PA. The dates for the trip are April 23 – April 24, 2010. During this trip, students will have the opportunity to compete against other choral groups, be assessed and critiqued by top-quality judges and hear other choirs compete from around the county. Such opportunities are an important part of the music curriculum at Chantilly High School as well as the Fairfax County Program of Standards in Music.

At this point we want to let you know about the cost of the trip and confirm each student's participation in the trip. The cost of this year's trip is going to be \$285.00. The price will include bus transportation from CHS to Philadelphia and back, the festival fee, lodging, bus transportation while in Philadelphia, tickets for the Aquarium and other sightseeing events, and all meals except lunch on Saturday. Your additional costs will be one meal, snacks, and spending money for souvenirs, etc. More details will be sent to you once we finalize them.

Because we are now beginning to make payments to the festival company and the travel company, we need to ask that you submit your payments as follows:

- Make sure your uniuqip fee is paid in full. Your student cannot go on this trip if your uniuqip fee is outstanding.
- By February 12th: your student account should have at least \$175 paid towards the trip.
- By March 16th: your trip amount of \$285 should be paid in full.

You can now pay online with Paypal/Credit Cards, directly from Charms. If paying by check, please make it payable to "CHS Music Boosters" and send it with your child to the brown box in the choir room.

To help with costs of the trip, we have a series of fund raising activities: cinnarolls and coffee back in September, Fruit sale in November, Passionate for Dessert in January, and GL Scrip throughout the year. You can check your student balance by logging in to Charms: www.charmsmusic.com, enter "chantillychoir" in the Parent/Student Login area, then enter your student login: first letter of first name + first 3 letters of last name + graduation year. If you have questions about fundraising or Charms, please email chschoralboosters@gmail.com

Please fill in the information below and return **the whole page to your choir director by the next class period.** It is very important that we have this information as soon as possible because we are in the process providing numbers of participants to the travel company.

This promises to be a great trip with many wonderful musical, educational, and fun opportunities for the students. Thank you for returning this form promptly so we can better plan for this trip.

Sincerely,

The Chantilly Choral Department

____ I will attend the 2010 Spring Trip to Philadelphia and I understand that I need to have the minimum payment of \$175 by February 12th, and entire payment of \$285 paid to CHS Music Boosters by March 16th, 2010.

____ I would like to attend the 2010 Spring Trip to Philadelphia and I need financial assistance.

____ I will not attend the 2010 Spring Trip to Philadelphia for the following reasons:

Student Name _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____