



# Choral Society Newsletter

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THANKSGIVING ISSUE

**Cookie Dough  
Pick up will be  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from  
10-2 in the  
choir room**

**February 22  
General  
Choral  
Parents  
Meeting  
7pm**

## **A note from the Director,**

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving

Thanks to you all for a very successful first quarter! It has been very exciting preparing for our next round of performances. (please see attached updated calendar)

December inaugurates a very busy season for the choral department we have many performances scheduled and much holiday cheer to convey! Our very next performance in the opera scenes class is a Holiday Extravaganza, please come enjoy some seasonal music and drama on the 1-3 of December! You can also come support Armonia (the select womens group) and Madrigals at the McLean Community center craft fair on the third of December at two and three in the afternoon.

While the Madrigals and Armonia are providing our community with Holiday cheer during the month of December, Mens and Womens choir will continue to work towards our Medieval Feast to be presented on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January at the Lutheran Redeemer Church. The students will present songs, dances, and skits of the Renaissance Era while the audience dines on fare from the time period. Be on the lookout for ticket order forms in mid December as the hall only seats 120 and tickets go fast!

Our feast is quickly followed by the District Choral Concert. Please congratulate the following outstanding choir students who were selected to be a part of District Choir.

**Nancy Pruett, Jasmine Gomez, Jennifer Horowitz, Ana Ruess, Ariel Michealson, Madelyn Paquette, Erin Ginnerty, Alexis Levedahl, Adrienne Harlow, Wolfe Glick, Chris Chen, Victor Zheng, And First Alternate Rebecca Hall**

Thank you for representing the choral department of McLean High School so magnificently! Thank you all for a wonderful first quarter and I look forward to some amazing performances in the coming months.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!  
Sincerely,

Linda Martin

## Spring Trip

The Choirs will be competing in the city of brotherly love this spring. We will travel to Philadelphia to compete in the Performing Arts Consultants national spring festival. We will be competing against groups from Oklahoma, Illinois, California, and New York. We will be performing at the school for the arts in Philadelphia in front of University Professors who will then come clinic the choirs performance. We will also take in a show and an awards ceremony at six flags on Saturday afternoon and return Saturday evening. A general parents meeting is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the choir room. We will be answering trip related questions and distributing permission forms for the trip.

**McLeans Medieval Feast** IS COMING UP JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE LUTHERAN REDEEMER CHURCH. COME ENJOY MEDIEVAL FARE AND FUN AS ALL OF THE CHOIRS PERFORM AT THIS TRULY UNIQUE CELEBRATION OF TIMES LONG PAST. WE WILL ALSO NEED LOTS OF HELP WITH THE DECORATION AND SET UP OF THE HALL, IN ADDITION TO PARENTS ARRANGING THE CATERING, PROGRAMS, AND TRANSPORTATION OF SETS. PLEASE EMAIL HEATHER GLICK TO VOLUNTEER!

## Sing-a-thon

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> we have our Winter sing-a-thon. Each student has been working in small groups to prepare a wide variety of Holiday themed winter songs. Each small group will provide mini concerts in front of establishments in downtown McLean. Each student will be graded on the ability with which they are able to hold their part in a small group setting. Please come out and support our students, we will need many adult volunteers to staff this event!

**Please Welcome Zach Roberts** as Director while Ms. Martin steps out for surgery in late December.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of the Choral Program at McLean High School and holds a degree in vocal performance from Trinity college of music in London, England. He sings professionally in the area and teaches music. He is currently preparing to audition for Masters degree programs and so is able to step in and direct the program here at McLean while Ms. Martin is away. Please stop by and say hello and make him feel welcome.

## Spring Musical Auditions

**The spring musical auditions are mere weeks away and so it is time that the Performing Arts department turns its attention to the question burning in students minds.....Which Musical are we doing?**

**Well, we're taking the best material from two separate worlds! We will be combining Shakespears a Midsummer nights dream with music from Gershwin, Porter and Kern. So, all of you musical theatre buffs! Brush up your Shakespeare!**

## Calendar

#### December

1 Holiday Extravaganza – Madrigals 7pm call  
2,3 7pm Opera Scenes/ Drama Holiday extravaganza  
3 2pm Armonia Mclean Community Center  
3 3pm Madrigals McLean Community Center  
7 choir exec board mtg  
10 Mclean Parade and Sing a thon fundraiser, and cookie dough pickup  
All Choirs  
10 McLean Holiday Bazaar  
17 3:40pm Tysons Towers, McLean Madrigals  
20 7:00-2:30 Longfellow Middle School, Madrigals and Armonia  
22 Performing Arts Assembly Madrigals and Armonia

#### January

4 Trip Deposit due, all choirs \$200  
11 choir executive board meeting  
19 2:30-5 Boars Head Rehearsal All choirs  
21 2pm Choir Call Lutheran Redeemer Church all choirs  
21 Boars Head 7pm Lutheran Redeemer Church all choirs  
27 Drama/Choir/Project Enlightenment Performance 7pm Opera Scenes

#### February

1 Trip payment due \$200 all choirs  
9 All VA Choir Auditions  
9-11 District Choir  
10 7-4pm Colonial Days, Spring hill and Haycock, Armonia  
13-17 McLean Fringe Festival  
18-19 Armonia and Project Enlightenment Lyceum Alexandria Salon Performance  
17 Drama/Choir Performance  
22 General Choral Parents Meeting 7pm

#### March

1 Choir Performance and Prefestival Concert 7pm all choirs  
7 Remainder of Trip payment due all choirs  
10 Choir District Festival Armonia and Mads off-site time TBA  
16 Drama/Choir Performance 7pm  
21 Choir Exec Board mtg 7pm choir room

#### April

2 Choir Spring Bulb Sale all choirs  
11 Choir exec Board mtg  
18-22 Performing Arts Dept Spring Trip and Competition all choirs  
26-28 All VA Choir

#### May

2 Choir exec board mtg 7pm  
10-12 Spring Musical  
23 Choir Awards and Acapella Desserts all choirs  
24,25,26 Project Enlightenment Armonia

#### June

12 Baccalaureate Armonia  
TBA Convocation  
14 Graduation Madrigals