

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHOR

HANDBOOK 2023-24



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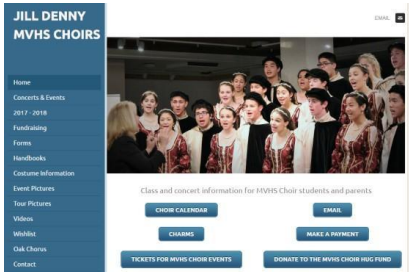
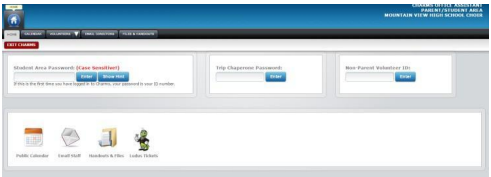
Good communication is critical in this class. We encourage you to ask questions, and keep us informed. We can only work on solving problems if we know they exist. We want to find positive solutions, so please reach out. Email is the primary form of communication.

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CHOIR WEBSITE VS CHARMS WEBSITE

<p>CHOIR WEBSITE – JillDenny.weebly.com</p> <p>Choir Calendar Link Informational Handouts/Forms Tickets Donations</p> 	<p>CHARMS WEBSITE – Charmsoffice.com</p> <p>Communication Financial Statements Volunteer Sign-Up</p> 
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CHOIR CAMP

We will be going to YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA. The focus of camp will be on creating a blended sound, working on combined choral pieces, participating in team-building activities, and learning Music. **This is a very important part of the school year and all students should plan to attend the entire camp. Please notify coaches, directors, and teachers that you will miss practice and rehearsals during the time period listed below.**

MADRIGALS - SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1 (will miss Thursday- per 7 and Friday - per 2,4,6)

A CAPPELLA, CHAMBER, CONCERT, VOLARE - SEPTEMBER 16-18 (will miss Friday - per 6)

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

MVHS CHOIR DEPARTMENT CONCERTS

There are five Choir Department Concerts:

Renaissance Concert, Holiday Concert, United In Harmony Concert, Heartbeat Concert, Farewell Concert

ATTENDANCE TO ALL OF THESE EVENTS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE EXTRA REHEARSALS IS REQUIRED

****If you have a conflict talk to us way in advance so we can work together for a resolution***

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Community Concerts occur throughout the year. These are concerts that take place off campus for service organizations, family gatherings, and community outreach. The number of Community Concerts varies per choir. Through these Community Concerts your child will grow in independence, responsibility, community awareness, and collaborative skills, both musically and socially.

EXCHANGE CONCERTS

These are concerts when MVHS choirs combine with another high school, organization or University and perform informally for each other. Usually there is a combined number that the choirs collaborate on. Occasionally audiences are invited to attend, but more often they are a chance for student-to-student exchanges. They very often include a shared meal so there is time for small group conversations.

WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

We bring in a variety of clinicians to work with the choirs. They include – voice lessons, adjudication, choral techniques, and visiting choir demonstrations.

TOUR PERFORMANCES

The performances on tour vary greatly. They always include formal concerts with the focus on audience attendance, shared concerts with local choirs, outreach concerts, outstanding venues where the priority is acoustical experience, impromptu performances at restaurants, school assemblies, and more.

IN-CLASS PERFORMANCES

These take place during class periods. They are additional opportunities for students to perform in small groups and as a soloist

CHOIR DATES TO ADD TO YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

The choral music calendar contains all important dates and should be checked regularly. We request that you add this link to your calendar so that updates are automatically added to your calendars:

<https://tinyurl.com/choircalendarMVHS>

DATE	EVENT	TIME	MAD	AC/ VOL	CC/ CON
Sept 15 - Nov 2	All Choirs – Thursday morning Rehearsals	7:30am - 8:20am	YES	YES	YES
Sept 28 - Oct 1	Choir Camp @ YMCA Camp Campbell PARENT PERFORMANCE @ 2:00pm on Sunday when you pick up at camp	Details distributed in August	TH 11:45am – SUN 4pm	F 12:45pm – SUN 4pm	F 12:45pm – SUN 4pm
Oct 4	High School Exchange Concert	7:00pm	YES	NO	NO
Nov 5	Renaissance Concerts <i>*All singers perform at both</i>	Two concerts, 2:00 & 6:00	YES	YES	YES
Nov 8-9	Record CD	Class Time and 4:00pm-8:00pm	YES	YES	TBD
Nov 27 - Dec 21	Madrigal December Season	check calendar regularly	YES <i>SEE NOTE BELOW</i>	NO	NO
Dec 21 THURSDAY	Holiday Concert	7:00pm <i>arrive 1:00pm</i>	YES	YES	YES
Dec 22-23	Madrigal Extended Season	TBD	<i>Optional</i>	NO	NO

*IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MADRIGALS

Madrigals are required to attend performances Nov 27-Dec 21. Please do not make travel plans during this time. Madrigals are required to be at school February 12th and the week leading up to that date (Feb 5-9) for Singing Valentines. Madrigal concerts will continue to be added throughout the year.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	MAD	AC/ VOL	CC/ CON
Jan 9	Madrigal Retreat	3:00pm - 7:00pm	YES	NO	NO
Jan 11	Hawaii Family Meeting	7:15am	NO	YES	YES
Jan 16	United In Harmony Concert	7:00pm	YES	YES	YES
Jan 18 - Feb 8	All Choirs Thursday morning Rehearsals	7:30am - 8:20am	YES	YES	YES
Feb 9	Heartbeat Concert	7:00pm (arrive 5:00pm)	YES	YES	YES
Feb 12	Singing Valentine Delivery <i>*Feb 14 is a half day so we are delivering Monday</i>	8:00am - 3:30pm	YES	NO	NO
Feb 17 - 23	Hawaii Tour	multiple days	NO	YES	YES
Mar 14	Indonesia Tour Meeting	7:00pm	YES	NO	NO
Mar 19	Choir Callbacks In evening to avoid sport conflicts	6:00pm - 8:00pm	YES	YES	YES
Apr 2-15	Indonesia Tour DATE RANGE	multiple days	YES	NO	NO
May 16	Early Morning Rehearsal	7:30 - 8:20	YES	YES	YES
May 17	Choir Farewell Concert	7:00pm	YES	YES	YES
June 6	Graduation	6:30pm (Arrive 6pm)	YES	NO	NO
June 7 - July 6	Choir Summer Musical <i>completely optional</i>	TBA	<i>Optional</i>	<i>Optional</i>	<i>Optional</i>

SETTING UP YOUR CHARMS ACCOUNT

Charms is a web-based organizing tool created especially for the needs of school performing arts programs. Most important: Please be patient. This system may be new to you, but if you move through it slowly, it works quite well.

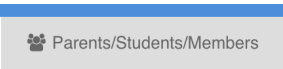
BEGIN SET UP

We will send out a personal direct link when we enter you in the system. You will have 24 hours to use that link. If you miss the window you can email us and we will resend the link - which will work on parent and student email. OR if you have your student near you because the reset info will go to their email.

Go to **www.charmsoffice.com**

1. Click the blue login button  at the top right of the page. Then select Parent/s

Students/Members

 Parents/Students/Members

2. When you reach the screen that says "Please Enter Your School Code", enter: **mvchoir**

3. On the page that asks for "Student Area Password" enter your student's MVHS student number

Student Area Password: (Case Sensitive!)

If this is your first time logging in to Charms, you will receive an email with directions on how to create your password.

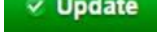
IF IT SAYS IT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE YOU - FILL OUT THE FORM BENEATH THAT STATEMENT. IT WILL SEND THE LINK ONLY TO THE STUDENT EMAIL

4. You will then be asked to change your password If you ever forget and need it changed back to the student ID let Jill know and she can change it for you.

For your convenience write your password here_____

5. Find and click on the icon in the lower left corner of your screen.



6. Please enter the information requested in the boxes, and click the green  button when completed.

Here are the areas needed for students:

Name, Address, Home Phone, Cell Phone, Email, Grade, Birthday, T-Shirt Size, Dietary Restrictions

7. When you're finished with your student, click the blue "Add New Adult" button at the bottom of the page to add information for the adults who are legally responsible for your student.



Here are the areas needed for each adult:

Name, Relation, Address, Home Phone, Cell Phone, Work Phone, Email, Interest Areas

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING CHARMS

Q: Is this the same Charms used by other Performing Arts Departments at MVHS?

A: Yes, but it is a completely separate account. We decided it was better not to mix the programs because the financials are handled separately. If you have a student who participates in more than Performing Art Class, you will have a separate account for your student in each Charms.

Q: What if I have more than one student?

A: Each student's account, account information, and payment information is recorded independently of any other student. That means that after working in one of your children's accounts, you'll need to EXIT CHARMS, and re-enter using your other student's ID number. This assures the privacy of individual student accounts, and prevents mistakes that might be made when several families have the same last name

TICKET POLICIES

Ticket information will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. You can order all your tickets in the beginning of the school year, or purchase each concert separately. Be advised that **MOST EVENTS sell out MONTHS in advance**, so plan to purchase early to avoid problems later.

TICKET TYPES

All events held in MVHS Spartan Theatre will include "General" tickets, as well as "Infant/Child". Young children may not attend without tickets, as it risks violating our maximum occupancy limits. A \$2 ticket is required for all children age 2 and under, so that we may keep accurate admission records. Some events will include "Youth" tickets for ages 3-17.

PURCHASING TICKETS

Advance tickets can be purchased online. Online tickets sales require a credit card, and will add on a processing fee at the time of purchase. You'll have the option to print your tickets at home, send them to your mobile device, or you can give us your name at the door. NOTE: tickets can be purchased with cash/check through your teacher in class. Payments should be made in full, cash or checks to MVHS. Confirmation will be sent to the email you provide with your ticket order, or by looking up your name.

REFUND AND EXCHANGES

No refunds are given at any time. Requests for exchanges must be made in email no less than 48 hours in advance. If you have tickets you will not use, you are welcome to sell them yourself, or donate them back to the program.

BOX OFFICE

Tickets can be purchased online up to the start of each show (or until sold out - whichever comes first) If we have remaining tickets the box office will open one hour before show time. We will not refund unused tickets, but we accept them back as donations. Sold-out events will form a stand-by line, but admission is not guaranteed.

ADMISSION AND SEATING

Doors open approximately 20 minutes before show time. All tickets will be scanned upon admission, including tickets printed at home and those on mobile devices. All seating is open seating, and food is not permitted in the theater. Guests who arrive with infants will be asked to visit the box office if they do not have a ticket for their child.

COSTUMES

Students will choose between the two options for each choir. Gender fluid students have the option of renting both and deciding on the day of the concert which feels comfortable that day.

NOTE: If you have personal or religious reasons that require extra skin coverage or head coverings we can always find a solution that works. Please reach out to us - all things are possible 😊

Students are responsible for keeping their costumes hung properly and in good condition. All costumes must be transported in the bags provided.

ALL STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE SHOES - BRING TO CLASS SEPTEMBER 11

***If you need help getting shoes due to financial restrictions talk to your teacher - WE CAN HELP:)**

<p>SHOES FOR STUDENTS WEARING OPTION 1</p>  <p>BLACK CHARACTER SHOE Single strap, 1.5" heel</p>	<p>SHOES FOR STUDENTS WEARING OPTION 2</p>  <p>BLACK OXFORD STYLE DRESS SHOE Lace-up, round-toe, All Black soles (Black socks are also required)</p>
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A CAPPELLA, CHAMBER, CONCERT & VOLARE CHOIRS - COSTUMES PROVIDED

<p>OPTION 1</p> <p>Formal: Black/Blue Dress, Earrings, Necklace Valentine: Pink Skirt & Scarf, Black T-Shirt Bags: Jewelry Bag, Garment Bag</p>	<p>OPTION 2</p> <p>Formal: Black Button-up shirt, Tie Black Dress Pants (provide own) Valentine: Black Button-Up Shirt, Tie Bags: Garment Bag</p>
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MADRIGALS - COSTUMES PROVIDED

<p>OPTION 1</p> <p>Formal: Burgundy Dress, Cream Under-Dress, Burgundy Cape, Tiara, Earrings, Necklace Valentine: Pink Skirt & Scarf, Black T-shirt Bags: Garment, Jewelry, and Tour Bag Tour: Details TBA</p>	<p>OPTION 2</p> <p>Formal: Cream Shirt, Doublet, Cape, Hat, Belt (provide own black pants and black socks) Valentine: Black Button-up Shirt, Colored Tie Bags: Garment, Tour Bag Tour: Details TBA</p>
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COSTUME REPLACEMENT COSTS

If there is damage due to carelessness or negligence, you will be billed accordingly. If you lose all or part of your costume or it is damaged beyond repair, you will be charged the full replacement cost.

If you eat while wearing your costume and a spill results in a stain, you WILL BE BILLED for damages.

Pearl Necklace	\$20	Men's Black Button-Up Shirt	\$30
Madrigal Pearl Earrings	\$20	Garment Bag	\$20
Madrigal Tiara	\$25	Tour Travel Bag	\$30
Renaissance White Dress	\$200	AC/CON Dress	\$10
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Renaissance Burgundy Dress	\$200	AC/CON Necklace	\$20
		AC/CON Earrings	\$20
Girls Burgundy Cape	\$300	Eagle Creek Jewelry Bag	\$20
Pink Valentine Skirt	\$40	Plastic Jewelry Bag	\$5
Black Valentine Shirt – girls	\$20	Madrigal Tiara Bag	\$10
		A Cappella Tour Dress	\$10
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Men's Doublet	\$250	Madrigal Tour Dress	\$10
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Men's Cape	\$200	Madrigal Tour Shirts	\$60
Men's Renaissance Shirt	\$60	Shoe Bag	\$10
Men's Black Hat	\$30		
Men's Colored Tie	\$15		

COSTUME CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

All Costumes

- Must be transported in the garment and travel bags provided.
- GARMENT bags are washable. Smell them regularly to decide if it needs a washing.
- When you are not using the costumes they should be hung in your closet with the bottom of the dresses outside of the bag to avoid long term creasing
- TORN OR FRAGILE SEAMS. If you find any seams beginning to open, tell Jill right away. Do not wait for a tear. Your seamstresses will work quickly to repair your costume

All Jewelry

- Must be transported in the containers provided

Ties

- Dry Clean Only. Do not wash

Madrigal Formal Dresses & Burgundy Hooded Cape

- WASH EACH ITEM ALONE. Each Dress and Cape MUST be washed by itself, with no other laundry items. This is to protect the garment – the fabric's texture and color.
- UNSNAP SKIRT Before washing be sure to unsnap the side skirt snaps; if you do not do this, the skirt is likely to tear at the snap point.
- TREAT WITH SPRAY AND WASH. You can treat the underarms with a treatment like Spray N Wash to remove stains and body odors.
- COLD WATER, GENTLE CYCLE, GENTLE SOAP. Washable in cold water, delicate cycle. Gentle laundry soaps only. The Burgundy fabric WILL bleed. DO NOT WASH WITH YOUR CREAM DRESS! (Your cream dress will turn pink.)
- USE A LAUNDRY BAG. If you have a top-loading washer with a center spindle, you MUST use a laundry bag to wash your dress. Large bags are available at shops like Target and Ikea. A bag will protect the dress from anything on the spindle that might harm the fabric.
- LINE DRY only on a hanger, using the hanging ribbons if needed to keep dress on the hanger.
- COOL IRON ONLY! Iron only with a medium to cool iron, do not iron on a cotton setting or you will burn the fabric. NOTE: Iron on the wrong side of fabric and with A LOW HEAT WITH IRON. The striped fabric of your skirt front is VERY sensitive to heat. It will burn very quickly with a too hot iron, so use a cool iron only

Tour Dresses, Pink Skirt, Black and Blue Concert Dresses

- WASH with like colors. Be very cautious not to mix with fabrics that will bleed and change the color of the material.
- TREAT WITH SPRAY AND WASH. You can treat the underarms with a treatment like Spray N Wash to remove stains and body odors.
- COLD WATER, BRIGHT COLORS. Washable in cold water.
- LINE DRY TOUR DRESSES, BLACK AND BLUE CONCERT DRESSES only on a hanger, this will prevent shrinkage and preserve the life of the dress
- LINE DRY OR TUMBLE DRY Pink skirt can be put in the dryer if you choose on Medium heat.
- IRON as needed

Doublets & Velvet Cape & Velvet Cap

- WASH EACH ITEM ALONE. Each Doublet and Cape MUST be washed by itself, with no other laundry items. This is to protect the garment – the fabric's texture and color.
- TREAT WITH SPRAY AND WASH. You can treat the underarms with a treatment like Spray N Wash to remove stains and body odors.
- COLD WATER, GENTLE CYCLE, GENTLE SOAP. Washable in cold water, delicate cycle. Gentle laundry soaps only.
- LINE DRY only on a hanger
- COOL IRON ONLY with a medium to cool iron. Do not iron on a cotton setting or you will burn the fabric. Iron on the wrong side of fabric.

Tour Shirt, Black Shirt, Renaissance Shirts

- WASH with like colors. Be very cautious not to mix with fabrics that will bleed and change the color of the material. The Burgundy shirt will MOST LIKELY bleed.
- TREAT WITH SPRAY AND WASH. You can treat the underarms with a treatment like Spray N Wash to remove stains and body odors.
- COLD WATER, BRIGHT COLORS. Washable in cold water.
- LINE DRY OR TUMBLE DRY ON MEDIUM
- IRON

MONEY MATTERS

The most important part of Choir is the MUSIC! But unfortunately there is money involved, and we want to make sure you all have a clear understanding of how money and Choir work.

ALL CHOIRS	CHOIR CAMP	\$330.00
ALL CHOIRS	COSTUME RENTALS/TSHIRTS	\$200.00
AC/CC/CON/VOL	HAWAII TOUR (optional)	2900.00
MADRIGALS	ADDITIONAL NIGHT AT CAMP	100.00
MADRIGALS	INDONESIA TOUR (optional)	4200.00

NO CHILD WILL BE DENIED PARTICIPATION DUE TO FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO OUR VISION "EVERY VOICE COUNTS" IN ALL PARTS OF THE CHOIR PROGRAM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Each year we find out student needs, and then make the effort to find funds to help support so no child is denied participation. The choral department can be divided into two parts:

- 1) Onsite Program - includes Choir Camp
- 2) Choir Tour

We must make sure that all students are able to participate fully in the Onsite Program first, and financial assistance is awarded with that priority in mind. We also make every effort to assist with the Choir Tour. If you would like to apply for financial assistance fill out the scholarship request found in the form packet, and submit with your forms by **August 18 , 2023**

FUNDRAISING

There will be several opportunities throughout the year for you to raise money to pay for part or all of your costs in the MVHS vocal program. You can significantly reduce the amount you or your family have to pay out-of-pocket by taking advantage of the fundraisers available. Fundraising can also be used to make a fair share donation.

FUNDRAISERS TO CHOOSE FROM	WHEN
Community Sponsorships	August - September
Poinsettias/Wreath/Candles Sales	September - October
Digital Music Sales	October - December
Additional Fundraiser Wanted	We are open to your ideas!

Remember that you are not required to participate in fundraisers. They are provided as a way to reduce the cost of participating in choir. If you wish, you may pay your costs completely by check or cash, completely by fundraising, or through a combination of these.

PAYMENT DUE DATES

All Payments are due on MONDAYS when we have all classes meeting during the school day. You can pay in full up front, or divide into smaller payments according to due dates below.

DUE DATE	GENERAL PAYMENTS	TOUR PAYMENTS
August 21	\$50.00 Camp Deposit	\$200.00 Tour Deposit Due
September 11	Camp Balance Due	
October 9		1/3 tour balance Due
November 13	Costume Balance Due	
December 11		1/3 tour balance Due
January 15		Balance of Hawaii Tour Due
February 12		Balance of Indonesia Tour Due

MOST IMPORTANT: If you need an altered payment schedule please contact Jill Denny right away so we can look for positive solutions together.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS – DIRECTLY THROUGH CHARMS

You CAN make a payment online through CHARMS. We have integrated Affinipay, a credit card processor into our CHARMS system. This allows parents to make credit card payments directly into charms to make it easier to track payments. **NOTE: There is a credit card process and handling fee of 3.45% per transaction.**

CHECKS - PAYABLE TO MVHS CHOIR

All Payments must be made in clearly labeled **GREEN** Choral Department Payment Envelopes. **Please DO NOT submit any money directly to the school bookkeeper.**

All choir deposits MUST be turned into the choir payment lock box in the choir room.

CASH - SUBMIT EXACT CHANGE

Submit exact change. Overpayment will result in a credit to your account, but will not be returned. All Payments must be made in clearly labeled **GREEN** Choral Department Payment Envelopes. **Please DO NOT submit any money directly to the school bookkeeper.**

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GREEN PAYMENT ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND ON THE WALL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

MONEY MATTER FAQ

- The Choir department uses a web-based platform called **Charms** to manage all Student accounts.
- Parents must register in Charms and link to their students' account. You will receive an email request sometime between June - August with instructions on how to complete your registration. Once registered, you will be able to login and view your student's account history.
- Student and parent members from 21-22 that are continuing in the 22-23 school year **will not** need to re-register. However, please notify us if any of your contact information has changed so we can update the profile. Any carry-over funds (if applicable) will be transferred accordingly and reflected on the student account as a credit.
- Payments for student accounts can be made directly in Charms via credit card. There will be a 3.45% charge.
- Payments can also be made by Check (made payable to MVHS Choir) or Cash. These payments must be placed in the green choral department payment envelope, filled out completely with required student information and placed in the lockbox located in the choir room.

What is the Refund Policy?

Refunds are only for PAYMENTS you make by credit card, check or cash directly into your choir account. You will not receive any refund For **Donations** which includes: Scholarship, work to earn, projects for payment, fundraising, and direct donations and matches. The amount available is dependent on our payment schedule with the vendors.

What happens to the money I have from DONATIONS (scholarship, fundraisers, WTE, PP, matches) if I drop the class?

It is transferred into the SCHOLARSHIP Program.

What happens to my scholarship award if I drop choir?

Funds are transferred back into the SCHOLARSHIP program.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Your donations contribute toward our goal of including all students in all activities, regardless of their financial circumstances. **This year the scholarship goal is \$40,000.00** With your generous contribution we can continue to meet the need. Every Voice Counts - We leave no child behind.

BOB REAY FAMILY FUND

The Reay family will match dollar for dollar donations up to 20,000.00 this year! This extraordinary gift will have a lasting impression on the MVHS Choir program and our individual students. Please donate and **Help Us Go**



If you are able to make a donation to the scholarship fund you can send in a check made to MVHS CHOIR and write Scholarship donation in the memo line. Or you can do it straight from the choir website jill.denny.weebly.com using the donate button found on the homepage

DONATE - REAY FAMILY MATCHING FUNDS

USING DONATIONS AS PAYMENT

If you intend to use a donation as part of your payment for choir, it must be received in full by December 31, 2023. Because donations processed through the district office can sometimes take a long time to get all the way to the choir department - you should be sure those donations are made no later than October 31, 2023. If for any reason you anticipate a donation being received in the choir department on your behalf AFTER December 31, 2023 you will have to make your full payment upfront and if the donation does arrive we can then refund you. We must have all payments made according to the payment schedule in order for us to meet our vendor due date.

MATCHING FUNDS

Double the impact of your gift (or more!) through an employer and employee corporate matching program. Your employer may match any contribution you give to the Mountain View Choir Program through Mountain View High School. Some companies also match contributions from retirees and board members.

Many local corporations offer their employees matching gift programs in which they match donations made by employees to eligible organizations. When an employee donates to an eligible organization, the employer donates an additional amount, often equal or greater than the employee's donation. Some corporations may also have corporate giving programs in which they provide monetary donations to organizations where employees volunteer regularly.

A matching gift or a volunteer grant will provide additional support to the HUG (Help Us Go) Fund. HUG funds help us provide scholarship assistance to our hard-working MVHS choir students, so that all singers may participate in all events and opportunities regardless of their personal financial situations.

Requesting a matching gift or volunteer grant is normally a quick process that the employee initiates. It commonly involves an electronic submission process, although sometimes a paper process might be required. Depending on the system used by your employer, you may need to use Mountain View High School's Federal Tax ID (77-0209871) or its National Center for Educational Statistics ID (062631003930) to process the request. Those IDs may also be needed if you need your giving program to create a profile for the high school.

For questions regarding your company's programs, please contact your employer's HR or community giving department. The necessary information is usually available on your company's internal online resources. For questions regarding submitting a matching gift or volunteer grant request to the Mountain View Choir Program, please reach out to Jill directly.

Generally, the IRS treats public school districts as government instrumentalities. As such, they are exempt from federal income tax and eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from individuals under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Mountain View High School's Federal Tax ID is 77-0209871. As a reminder, donations cannot be made in remission or in lieu of other fair share payments or in return for any other goods or services.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS



WE REALLY DEPEND ON VOLUNTEERS

The Choral Department Organization runs smoothly when EVERYONE lends a hand! We need YOU to be able to offer all of the opportunities we currently support.

Vinita Alwyn is our Parent Volunteer coordinator and looks forward to working with you all!
You will get email from her from - Vinita_lal@yahoo.com.au

Check off your areas of interest in helping on the Charms parent personal information page and then we will contact you when help is needed. Or email Vinita directly!

HOSPITALITY - help plan and prep receptions, and dinners for choirs

TRANSPORTATION - carpooling to and from concerts

LOGISTICS – set-up, tear-down, moving risers, driving the truck to camp

RENAISSANCE CONCERT - food and decoration prep for the event

FUNDRAISING - helping with collection, distribution, copying checks

SUPPORT OUTREACH - soliciting donations from local businesses

COSTUME CARE - sewing, hemming, ironing, assembling and distribution

BOX OFFICE - working in ticket office at events

CLASSROOM SUPPORT - various tasks during school hours

DIGITAL MUSIC SPONSOR - donate towards the production cost; total is \$4000.00

COMMENTS FROM GRADUATED SINGERS

Working in a group, group dynamics, compromise, dedication to making something work

*Singing - how to produce sound
- how my own voice works and the physical limits that occur when I don't get proper sleep*

People skills - how to interact with others, how to get along with a, how to get along with a diverse group of people

How to separate my own life drama from the rehearsal and performances. How to be professional even when things in my personal life weren't going the way I wanted them to.

I really developed as a person. I am willing to work with anyone in any situation. I am more accepting of others weaknesses. I learned how to look how I could make a situation better instead of just complaining

To work my hardest even when others aren't. Hard Work ethic pays off individually as well as for the group. I have learned how to take initiative and see that hard work pays off

I've learned how to power through the lack of sleep and remain professional and positive.

I learned the importance of having a safe place to come to where we can try, fail and try again. Make your mistakes loud, and ask for help.

To plan ahead on the calendar and look for things that can be done in advance instead of at the last minute

I learned how important it is to check your ego at the door

I learned how to be kind and work with people initially I did not like.

International Travel, how to fit into other culture, how to get through an airport, how to manage public transit in foreign places

*Confidence, singing in front of many different kinds of crowds, being responsible face to face for my part walking into any situation and knowing
I was capable*

Keep learning: it is never done, and there is always something else to learn. Hold high expectations for myself and then work hard to live up to them.

I learned that in a community it is better to make decisions that are for the benefit of the greater whole, not just you personally.

Managing A Schedule: not only how to schedule my time carefully between studying and Madrigals, but between Madrigals and sports, and dance, and flags, and learning how to problem solve

I learned to stay relaxed and calm in the middle of a really hectic situation. I learned it's all about plan B! Staying flexible helps you accept the unexpected.

I've learned how to take direction and instructions from formal instructors, to my peers. And to recognize what constitutes leadership qualities in different situations