

Welcome to Pearce Choir!

We are excited about the great year ahead! We are planning wonderful concerts, shows, trips, contests and fun times! **Choir Registration/Uniform Fitting will be Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> between 12-4pm in the PHS Cafeteria. 12<sup>th</sup> – 12pm, 11<sup>th</sup> – 1pm, 10<sup>th</sup> – 2pm and 9<sup>th</sup> – 3pm.** Look for more information at [www.pearcechoir.com](http://www.pearcechoir.com). We invite you to download the required forms, pay your activity fee and be fitted for your uniform at Choir Registration.

There are **three forms** required by RISD that require a parent signature (Handbook and Extra-Curricular also require student signature). This year, the PDF forms will allow you to type information into the blanks and digitally sign. If that doesn't work, feel free to print and fill them out by hand.

1. Handbook Acknowledgment Form (The choir handbook is also on the choir website under form. Hard copies will be available in the choir room upon request.)
2. Extra-Curricular Activity Form
3. PHS Choir Medical Form

Pearce Choir has a required **\$95 activity fee**. The fee goes directly back to the students throughout the year and is used for the purchase of music, supplies, choir t-shirt (which all students are required to have), uniform maintenance/cleaning and booster club activities that benefit the students. This will be due by August 24<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made to PACBC or can be paid by credit card through your student's CHARMS account.

**Private voice lessons** are strongly encouraged at the high school level. Many of our students want to do contests, shows and auditions throughout the year and our private lesson teachers will help them meet those goals. The one-on-one interaction will improve the maturing voice and help to build confidence. Lessons through the RISD private lesson program are once a week for 25 minutes and are \$18 per lesson. We have tremendously qualified, veteran instructors who have graduate degrees in voice. You can find their bios, the Private Lesson policy sheet and application on the website. Spots with our teachers are filling fast, and we'll start lessons the first week for those who have submitted forms. Please get yours in ASAP if you will be taking lessons on campus this year.

RISD music programs use a service called **CHARMS** for communication and student financial information. It's important that email, phone numbers, etc. are accurate. Every student in choir must have a Charms account. To access it, go to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com), click on student/parent and enter **pearcehsc**. Then your password will be your student's ID number (unless you've already changed it to a personal password). Students coming up from North Choir and Parkhill Choir have the same account – it automatically passes up to us. We're working on creating new accounts for all new choir students as soon as we receive class lists with student names and ID numbers. Logging in and updating is a graded activity. Please take care of this by Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. There is now a FREE app for Charms for your phone to make it easy! If you have having difficulty logging in, feel free to email.

Again, we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. Enjoy the rest of summer!