



Hello WMS Choir Families!

I can hardly believe that it's October already! The temperatures are getting colder and the leaves are changing colors - it's a beautiful time of year to live in TC! This newsletter includes some important announcements/reminders. Please read everything carefully and respond accordingly. Thank you!

NEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL

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Monday, October 21st - 7th Grade Treble Choir

Tuesday, October 22nd - 8th Grade Treble Choir

Thursday, October 24th - 7th & 8th Grade Tenor/Bass Choir

Students should arrive **on stage** inside the West Senior HS Auditorium by 6:15 wearing

ALL BLACK [formal concert attire - see more details online](#). Doors open to audience members at 6:45.

Fall Fundraiser / Donate Online

The Music Department Fall Fundraiser has been a BIG success! If you or your students still have things to turn in, please do so ASAP. Students will draw prize money in a few weeks once all the proceeds have been deposited and we're able to get the prize money from the bank. In the meantime, if you have family and friends from out of town who wouldn't benefit from a discount card, but would still be willing to support us, please remind them of the option to donate to the Traverse City West Choir Organization (TCWCO) [online through our website!](#)



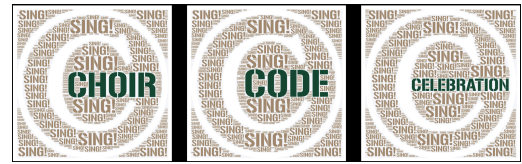
Music Literacy - One of the key components of developing outstanding musicians is music literacy. While Choir students certainly learn a lot through listening, the use of their sense of sight is also crucial! All students recently took a music literacy pre-test and we've been practicing identifying the following musical terms and concepts: [pitch letters](#) and [solfege syllables](#) on the treble clef and the bass clef, [rhythmic values](#) of notes and rests including dots and ties, [tempos](#), [dynamics](#), [articulations](#), [piano notes](#), [key signatures](#), [intervals](#), and more [music theory basics](#)! Check out some of the previous links to pages on the Choir website and have your student demonstrate how quickly they can successfully complete some of the speed challenges. You could also take the [music literacy pre-test](#) (requires a TCAPS student login) with them so they can demonstrate their knowledge!



Choir Code Celebration (CCC)

I'm very excited about the 8th annual CCC next month on **Saturday, November 16th. It's the biggest event of our year and it's FREE!** This all day event runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

and will include all 6th – 8th grade choir students as well as some former WMS students who are now at West Senior HS returning to help with some of the team building activities and service opportunities.. Nobody will want to miss this amazing day and attendance is expected if at all possible! If for any reason you can NOT attend part of the day, please attend as much as possible. All the details can be found on the [Choir Code Celebration page of the website](#).



The basic itinerary is:

9:00 – 12:00...Team Building

12:00 – 1:00...Lunch (Pizza, salad, chips, fruit, pop, and water)

1:00 – 4:00...SING! Dance, Tug of War, & More!

4:00 – 8:00...Activities (Athletic activities in the gyms, karaoke in the little theater, and more!)

5:00 – 7:00...Dinner & Dessert (Qdoba & Moomer's Ice Cream Sundae Bar)

8:00 – 9:00...Closing Ceremony (Parents, please join us for student presentations and performances!)

CCC Volunteers

This incredible day would not be possible without the help of dozens of parents. Last year we had over 50 volunteers! If you're willing to help at the CCC, please complete this [short volunteer form](#). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Emerick Dee

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