

# James River High School Choral Boosters

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## A Note from the President:

Hello Choral Family!

Wow! It's been a whirlwind Fall, and holidays and winter break are right around the corner. That was fast!

I hope you've had the time to join us for some of our fundraisers. We've had some yummy dinners, and our Parents' Night Out was super cute and fun! At the very least, I hope you enjoyed the "taste" of our kids' performance ability at the Fall Concert. The combined Armed Forces Salute was really moving.

We have the *Winter Revels* concert coming up, as well as our biggest fundraiser of the semester- *Breakfast with Santa*. You'll see details in this newsletter. Please come out and join us, tell everyone you know and consider helping if you can.

If you are a Choral Booster Member (Thank you!), Be on the lookout for an upcoming email outlining some proposed bylaws adjustments, as well as public notification of our operating budget for this year for your consideration. Not a member yet? You can still join!

Lastly, huge kudos to Hope King who has worked tirelessly to bring us into the digital age. You can now find the official JRHS Choral Department website on the web at [jrhssings.com](http://jrhssings.com), as well as finding Choral Boosters on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter- search for JRHS Choral Boosters and come follow us!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our December events!

Ivy

## UPCOMING DATES:

**December 6**  
Winter Revels Dress Rehearsal  
2pm-5:30pm  
Raffle Money Due

**December 7**  
Winter Revels Concert  
7pm  
Tickets - \$3

**December 9**  
Breakfast with Santa

## Congratulations!

On Saturday, November 11th, 21 of our James River Chorus students participated in District Chorus Auditions. This year, there were approximately 580 students from 30 schools in our District. The results are in and 13 JRHS students were selected to participate. These students are eligible to audition and advance to VA All-State Chorus, both extremely great honors.

Aaliyah Adkins, Cole Delano, Robin LaHaye, Bella Lira, Lauren Nicholls, Emily Pasquinelli, Anya Pressendo, Sam Robinson, Courtney Standfield, Thalia Tymowski, Amelia Walker, Rhys Wells, and Max Wright

## Winter Revels Concert

**12/6 Dress Rehearsal** Required graded run-through of all concert music for each class and combined literature. Students stay after school and rehearse until approximately 5:30.

**12/7 Concert** Required graded performance. Students arrive at 6:30, wearing their uniform, to their designated location (they will know their location).

**Tickets \$3.00 per person**

## Winter Revels Concert Raffle Basket Fundraiser

One of the largest fundraisers for JRHS Choral Boosters is a raffle with baskets of donated items at the **Winter Revels Concert** on December 7th. Raffle tickets have been distributed to all chorus students. Anyone who needs additional raffle tickets to sell, please see Miss Parsons. All money and unsold tickets must be turned in no later than 12/6/17.

## Hospitality/Volunteer Opportunities

**Crew for Show Choir** we would like to train about 40 adults to help with putting the set together for the shows. We think we will need 20-25 adults for each show.  
To sign up to volunteer, please visit:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094dadaa2a1-crew>

**Winter Revels Concert** Parent volunteers are needed to help with the concert. Anyone who signs up will be able to see their child perform.  
To Sign up to volunteer, please visit:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094dadaa2a1-winter1>

**Breakfast with Santa** We need a large number volunteers to help. This sign up is for parents only. Miss Parsons will have students sign up to volunteer through her.  
To Sign up to volunteer, please visit:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094dadaa2a1-breakfast>

Any questions please free feel to call Mar-Mary at 804.467.7764.



## James River High School Choral Boosters Membership

JRHS Choral Boosters is the parent organization that supports all vocal performing arts at our school. One of the most beneficial ways you can support your student and the vocal performing arts department is to join the Choral Boosters. The funds you pay go directly to the program and provide workshops, sheet music, props, building sets, costumes, publicity material and programs for the shows. Membership into the organization has benefits for you also!

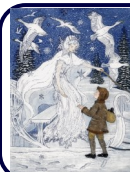
Joining the James River High School Choral Boosters entitles you to concert tickets for both the Pyramid and Spring Concert.

There are 4 levels of membership:

<b>Golden Rapid</b>	\$125 (5 concert tickets)
<b>Trustee</b>	\$100 (4 concert tickets)
<b>Benefactor</b>	\$ 75 (3 concert tickets)
<b>Associate</b>	\$ 35 (2 concert tickets)

The membership also allows you to fundraise directly for your student's personal expenses that are associated with their individual chorus groups.

Please join this incredible organization by filling out the form attached to this newsletter and sending it in to school with your student. Include cash or check made out to JRHS Choral Boosters. If you have any questions regarding membership please contact Denise Nicholls/804-594-5242/nichollscw@aol.com



**WHERE WORDS FAIL, MUSIC SPEAKS.**

*Hans Christian Andersen*



# Holiday Breakfast with Santa

*Hosted by JRHS Choral Department*

**Come make magical holiday memories in *Santa's Winter Wonderland!***

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious breakfast while listening to your favorite holiday tunes. The kids can make crafts and have a complimentary picture taken with *Santa* by a professional photographer while parents shop for gifts from fantastic vendors!

## December 9, 2017

### 8:00 a.m. - 10:00am

James River High School  
3700 James River Road  
Midlothian, Virginia 23113

#### **Advance purchase tickets:**

\$8.00 per person (Ages 2 and up)  
\$30.00 family (Immediate family please)

#### **Saturday morning purchase:**

\$10.00 per person  
No family discount

To purchase your tickets online please visit:

<https://www.jrhssings.com/events/holiday-breakfast-with-santa>

If you have any questions about the event,  
please email Ashley Bujtas at [mommy4maddie@yahoo.com](mailto:mommy4maddie@yahoo.com).

*ALL proceeds benefit James River High School Choral Department*



## JRHS CHORAL BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

You are invited to become a member of James River High School 'Choral Boosters' for the upcoming school year. Your membership supports this outstanding choral program financially and benefits **ALL** choral students.

Boosters support the Choral Department by funding:

Music	County Transportation	Accompanists
Competition fees	Program and classroom supplies	Scholarships

Your involvement is an important and exciting way for you to participate in your student's high school experience.

**Please join today!**

Parent or Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian email address (primary/secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Chorus Program(s)-** If you have more than one student in chorus, please indicate which student is in which choir

\_\_\_ Beginning Mixed Choir    \_\_\_ Vocal Ensemble    \_\_\_ Chamber Ensemble    \_\_\_ Anything Goes Show Choir

**I am joining at this Membership Level:**

\_\_\_ Golden Rapid \$125 \*\*\*\*

\_\_\_ Benefactor \$75 \*\*

\_\_\_ Trustee \$100 \*\*\*

\_\_\_ Associate \$35 \*

Joining entitles you to concert tickets for both the Pyramid and Spring Concert.

Ticket levels: \*\*\*\*5 concert tickets, \*\*\*4 tickets, \*\*3 tickets, \*2 tickets.

Please make checks payable to **JRHS Choral Boosters**. Please send this completed application and your check in a sealed envelope to school with your child to turn in to Miss Parsons.

\_\_\_ I am unable to join this time but wish to join at a later date.

*\*Membership is also available to grandparents and friends who wish to support the Choral Program at JRHS.*

**Your support and your participation in the chorus program are greatly appreciated!**

**Questions? Email Denise Nicholls at [Nichollscw@aol.com](mailto:Nichollscw@aol.com)**





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## JRHS Chorus Calendar and Performance Dates

October 17th	ALL COUNTY CHORUS @ Midlothian HS (All Tri-M members are expected to attend)
*October 26	Fall Combined Band and Chorus Concert @7pm
November 11	All District Auditions 9th-12th Grade @ Manchester HS (All Tri-M and Honors credit students are required to audition)
*December 6	Winter Revels Dress Rehearsal 2pm-5:30pm
*December 7	Winter Revels Concert @7pm
January 25	Tri-M Recital (Current and New inductee Only)
February 9-10	District Chorus (for those who make it in) @Cosby HS
*February 13	Show Choir Show Pre-View
*February 15-18	Menchville Competition (Traveling 2/15-2/18) Great Wolf Lodge (Crew/Choir/Band Welcome)
*February 20	Pyramid Concert with Robious Middle School @ 7pm
*February 22/23	Thomas Dale Show Choir Competition (Chamber and AG)
*March 2	Manchester Show Choir Competition
May 12-13	MKSD Spring Gala
March 14	District III Assessment (Assigned Classes)
*March 15/16	Hanover Show Choir Competition (Chamber and AG)
*March 23	Powhatan Show Choir Competition
April 5-7	All State Chorus
*May 24	Spring Chorus Concert 7pm
*June 3	Baccalaureate (Assigned Classes)
*June - TBD	Graduation

*\*items that are asterisked are required/graded events and count as a summative grade (Show Choir Competitions are only required for show choir and Chamber Ensemble). Student desiring to be members of Tri-M or are receiving Honors Credit music attempt to participate in all County, District, and State Level events they are eligible for.*

# This and That



**Have a Flair For Fundraising?** Ashley Bujtas would LOVE an assistant for this year. If interested, please email her at [mommy4maddie@yahoo.com](mailto:mommy4maddie@yahoo.com)



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JRHS Choral Boosters serves to promote and support the activities of the James River High School Choral Department by developing a close relationship amongst home, school and community. By achieving this, JRHS Choral Boosters will enhance the educational and musical wellbeing of the youth in our community.