

April 2, 2019

Dear OTHS Chamber Ensemble Students and Parents,

Congratulations and welcome to the OTHS Chamber Ensemble family!

We invite you and your students to join us **Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at the Milburn Auditorium for an informative presentation, discussion and reception in the foyer.

Honors Chamber Ensemble is the *premier* choral group at OTHS and is a one semester course focusing on the highest levels of vocal musicianship. Students are introduced to advanced music theory, a large variety of vocal styles (including acapella), and several different foreign languages. As a requirement of the honors course, students will also have additional written projects to complete throughout the semester. Voicing ranges from SATB to 16 parts. Also compassed in this group are the *Madrigals* and *Jazz Choir*. Chamber Ensemble has the largest time commitment of all the choirs, and students are required to attend all performances and complete all assignments.

Hosting Madrigal Dinner shows has been an OTHS tradition since 1977. Each year in December, at the beginning of the holiday season, the O'Fallon community is captivated by our student members of the Royal Court as they perform in the atmosphere of a Medieval Castle. Performers include all members of the Chamber Choir (Royal Court) as well as select members from Concert Choir, Freshmen Choir and Women's Chorus (Wenches and Barmen servers and ushers). All students enrolled in Honors Chamber Ensemble are required to pay a \$15 cleaning fee to cover the cost of Madrigal Costume cleaning. New this year, is your commitment as parent volunteers to work behind the scenes and contribute your time and talent to these memorable shows. Additional information will be presented next week.

During the school year, students participate in the following performances and contests: Feeder School Concert                      IHSA Organizational Contest

Madrigal Dinners

IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest and Concert

Community Outreach Performances

Spring Pops Concert

IMEA Auditions and Festivals

We look forward to seeing you and your students next week!

Sincerely,

Mr. Erick Price  
Director of Choirs