

PHS Alma Mater

O PHS to you sing praise
And songs to alma mater raise,
While we strive to keep thy name
Forever in the halls of fame
Mountains fair and valleys bright
Renew the path for banners bright
Times of joy or times of stress
We'll always love you, P-H-S.



Sing Like A Champ!

Parkersburg High School
A Cappella Choir
2022-2023



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Communication

Everything about the choir runs smoother if people know what is going on. We will do our best to communicate with you. Here is what you can do to keep informed:

1. **Attend monthly parent booster meetings.**
2. **Provide your email address** to receive informational choir/booster emails from phsacappella1@gmail.com or you can send choir/booster questions to phsacappella1@gmail.com.
3. **Sign up for text messages** using www.remind.com

Text Reminders (remind.com)

Remind.com is a way for you to get short reminders pertaining to choir by text. It is a one-way avenue, you cannot respond to the texts.

A Cappella Choir Text Reminders:

1. Send message To: **81010**
2. In the message area of the text type **@phsacappe**
(You can opt out at any time by replying **unsubscribe@phsacappe**)

Chamber Choir Reminders:

1. Send message To: **81010**
 2. In the message area of the text type **@29b7df**
(You can opt out at any time by replying "unsubscribe@29b7df")
4. Join the **PHS A Cappella Choir Parents Facebook Page** (closed group)
 5. **Check our website**
www.phsacappella.com
 6. **Rely on your student** to convey information!
Ask them questions.

Extra Opportunities 🎵

ACDA JH/SH Honor Choir

Date: Audition (SH): November 12th, Conference: January 26th-28th

Location: Charleston Civic Center

Cost: \$100 plus meals

Process: Students seeking an excellent choral experience are invited to audition for the JH/SH Honor Choirs. Junior High (9th Gr) students are selected by invitation of the director with no formal audition necessary. However, audition may be used to determine the best musician, if needed. Students are responsible to learn the selections on their own and in after school rehearsals. Senior High (10th-12th Gr) students undergo a formal audition held at West Virginia University's Morgantown campus. In addition to learning the selected pieces, students must also practice sight singing, rhythm clapping, and minor scales.

Solo and Ensemble

Date: February 4th, State Recital: March 2nd or 3rd, 2023 (during WVMEA)

Location: Ripley High School, Charleston Civic Center (state recital)

Cost: Free

Process: Students wishing to perform solo or small ensemble works are invited to select a piece and learn it with some assistance from Mr. Dubs. All students must perform their selections for Mr. Dubs before the festival to ensure adequate preparation. Students may ask Mr. Dubs to accompany with adequate notice or ask for help to find an accompanist. Students who receive a rating of 1-Superior may be invited to record their piece to be considered for the State Honor Recital, held in March at the Civic Center. This is a distinct and high honor.

All State Choir

Date: Audition: February 14th, Conference: March 2nd-4th

Location: PSHS, Charleston Civic Center

Cost: \$100 plus meals

Process: Eight upperclassmen will be selected by the director to learn pieces in preparation to audition for the All State Choir. Students are required to learn the pieces on their own and as well as after school in combined rehearsal with the director. The students will audition together at Parkersburg South High School with the director.





Our History

A Brief History of the Parkersburg High School A Cappella Choir



The year 2022 marks the 90th anniversary of the A Cappella Choir. In 1932, Dr. Marie Boette, a music teacher at Parkersburg High School, accompanied a small group of music students to Detroit to compete in an a cappella singing competition. This experience led to the formation of the Parkersburg High School A Cappella Choir in 1932 (pictured to the left.)

It was the first a cappella choir in the State of West Virginia and consisted of 31 members under Dr. Boette's direction. The choir's goal was to present advanced choral music without accompaniment, thus the name "A Cappella." Members were required to "possess well-matured voices and be qualified both vocally and in the fundamentals of music."

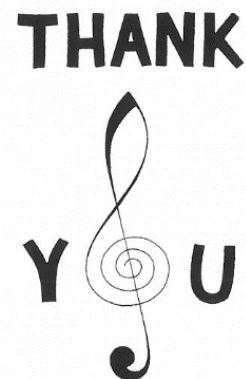
The first choir robes were made that year by PHS sewing department under the direction of Miss Hazel McHenry. These red and white traditional choir robes have remained the same for 90 years.

By 1941, the choir had grown to nearly 70 members and was respected community-wide. Successful completion of voice class had become a prerequisite to becoming a member of the choir. By 1944, the choir met every day during a regular school period to perfect their music. Each year, prospective members auditioned for the choir and were selected on the basis of their vocal talent and musical abilities.

A Cappella members have long been associated with excellent grades, participation in school and community activities, outstanding behavior, and positive attitudes. We are proud of all our students who are continuing the Parkersburg High School A Cappella Choir's longstanding tradition of excellence.

Our choir has thrived under the direction of the following Directors:

- Dr. Marie Boette 1931-1936
- Leonard Withers 1937-1939
- Esther Abels Cunningham 1940-1950
- Helen Houston 1950-1951
- Esther Abels Cunningham 1952-1966
- Jean Singer 1967-1997
- Catherine Martin 1998-2004
- Pamela McClain 2004-2018
- Joshua Dubs 2018-present



Upcoming Events

- August:
- October: Fruit Sale Orders
- December: Christmas Concert, Caroling Fundraiser, F
- January: Cookie Sales
- February: BINGO
- Spring: Spring Concert
- May: Choir Banquet and Graduation

****The direction of collection of funds will be provided with each event. (How, When, Where to pay)**

Volunteer Opportunities

We need helpers for the following choir activities:

- Robes
- Fruit
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Concert
- Bingo
- Cookie Sales
- Spring Concert
- Choir Banquet
- Senior Slide Show
- Senior Gift Bags for our Seniors

If you would like to assist in any of these areas, please sign up at a choir meeting or contact Mr. Dubs or any Board member. We appreciate your help!

Attention Senior Parents!!

Senior Slide Show Photos

Each year, we include about 5 photos (baby through senior year) of each of the seniors for the banquet slide show. Get ahead of the game and start sifting through those adorable pictures! We will be asking for them at the beginning of **February.**



Meetings

Booster Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. The Board will announce all upcoming meetings via Remind and in the choir’s closed Facebook page (PHS A Cappella Choir Parents).



Dues

PHS Choral Parents, Inc. Membership

Membership and participation in PHS Choral Parents, Inc. is vitally important to the success of OUR choir program. Membership dues are \$12 per family per year. To join, please pay your \$12 at a booster meeting. Checks should be made payable to **PHSCPI**.



How to Pay

Make checks payable to **PHSCPI**. (PHS CHORAL PARENTS, INC.) Please write your child’s name and purpose of the check (e.g., Jane Smith, robe cleaning fee) on the memo of every check submitted to ensure you are credited when you pay for something. If you pay with cash, please place in envelope marked with the same information. Those making cash payments will receive a receipt by text.

Mr. Dubs or a Board Member will let you know when \$ is due and how and when to submit funds.



2022 - 2023 A CAPPELLA CHOIR MEMBERS

Freshmen (15)	Sophomores (23)	Juniors (20)	Seniors (17)
Kennedy Amos	Josiah Clark	Lily Alexander	Haylee Bond
Natalie Coffman	Makayla Coleman	Jodrianna Barclay	Telina Boyles
Alyssa Daugherty	Hunter Hall	Dylan Bond	Rileigh Dennison
Kendall Kimes	Catherine Hayes	Ava Cottrill	Lillian Floyd
Amy Lantz	Mark Hutchinson	Brayden Deuley	Joshua Fruner
Aubrielle Stone-Plauche	Riley Hopkins	Kristen Jones	Liv Gibbs
Alex Marshall	Emma Kiger	Aubrey Lantz	Ally Hamric
Christian Marshall	Caleb Lindenmuth	Shamus Mahaney	Emma Ketchem
Jack McLean	Peyton Louden	Zachary McBride	Hayden Leavitt
Kiera McPeak	Daniel Martin	Aiden Merritt	Lauren Modesitt
Asia Richards	Deric Marshall	Crisstian Moyer	Katie Nesselrode
Reece Smith	Olivia McCloy	Connor Nelson	Sofia Olson
Taylor Uhl	Maya Mincks	Meredith Poole	Noah Ray
Jackson Whited	Nastasia Miller	Ava Pyles	Katie Riggs
Emma Withrow	Jack Mills	Seth Rowh	Mylee Salter
	Naomi Potts	Kiki Staats	Olivia Welch
	Truman Roberts	Pallavi Sundaram	Lily Wharton
	Christian Rutherford	Jeremiah Tennant	
	Katherine Rutherford	Nathan Thornton	
	Andrew Shafer	Eliza Towner	
	Danica Sheppard	Aydan Vann	
	Brittany Ward		
	Chase Waybright		
	Jackson Wharton		