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Dear Student and Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to Century! You are currently registered to participate in Century High select choirs and I am so looking forward to having you join in making beautiful vocal music together! This year we will be focusing on music by and for Americans to celebrate the amazing musical heritage of the United States!

There have been some changes initiated by Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25 concerning fees for students participating in classes and activities that require extra funding. In order to clarify the fees related to CHS Choirs, I have made a brief summary of participation fees, uniforms, travel and upcoming fundraising.

<u>Choir</u>	<u>District Participation Fee</u>	<u>Uniform Cleaning Fee</u>
<i>Treble Choir</i>	No	No
<i>Male Order</i>	No	No
<i>Concert Choir</i>	No	No
<i>Vocal Point</i>	No	No
<i>Century Singers</i>	Yes , and CHS Activity Card	Yes

Choir Uniforms:

A choir sounds as unified as they look; therefore, every choir student will be fitted with either a gown, tuxedo, or choir robe. In addition, it is recommended that students purchase a choir tshirt (\$12) as a “casual uniform” and a “professional black” outfit (solid black clothing from shoulder to foot). There are some items that are strongly encouraged that students provide for themselves:

Ladies: Black tights and solid black ballet flats; deodorant.

Gentlemen: Black socks; deodorant.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities:

Choir is a performance-based class; therefore, performances outside of class-time are a very important part of the curriculum. Scheduled concerts as well as District Festivals are considered co-curricular and an important part of learning to perform in a choir. If a conflict occurs that cannot be altered to allow a student to perform will be addressed on a case-by-case basis with the director. Also, depending on which choir a student participates, there may be additional choir-related festivals/events throughout the year.

In addition to the excellent music education students will receive in CHS Choirs, there are many extra-curricular opportunities offered for students to grow as musicians. Participating in Honor Choirs, Solo & Ensemble Festival, State Solo Festival, Festival of Trees, Community Caroling, Anthem Performances, and our Spring Musical offer students amazing opportunities to grow as performers. These extra-curricular activities are optional, which benefit a student's grade as Bonus Points and require funding entirely by the student.

Fundraising

In order to provide choir students with a full musical experience without requiring them to pay the Participation Fee, we will need to acquire funds through sponsorships or fundraising. "I love selling things for up to 50% profit to fundraise"-said no one ever! So we seek to raise funds through activities that directly apply to what we do-SING! As a last resort, we may sell items to raise funds; if you prefer to donate funds as a sponsor to avoid this, please see below for sponsorship information and the CHS Education Foundation flyer.

<u>Annual Choir Sponsorship Levels:</u>	<u>Fundraisers:</u>
Supporter: \$499 or less Benefactor: \$500-\$999 Patron: \$1000 or more *Donations as sponsors should be designated specifically to CHS Choirs through the CHS Education Foundation. Also contact the director to ensure the funds are appropriately dispersed.	Lincoln "Driven-to-Give" Campaign Service Auction Fall Concert Door Donations Holiday Spectacular Ticket Sales Potato Pizzazz with Jazz Ticket Sales Spring Concert Door Donations Spring Rummage Sale

Century Singers Auditions & DCINY:

Century Singers is the most active and involved choir at CHS. This choir meets early morning every day (7:00am-8:25am) and requires the most commitment of both time and energy. Also, Century Singers has been invited to participate in Distinguished Concerts International in New York City **June 15-19, 2017**. Students auditioning for Century Singers must plan to participate in all three trimesters and to attend the DCINY event. Conflicts or concerns about this commitment must be discussed with the director as soon as possible. We will hold a meeting specifically about DCINY once Century Singers auditions are complete; meanwhile, here are some preliminary figures for the trip:

- Total Cost: 30 students + Director & Chaperones= approximately \$35,000
- Student: \$1675-\$2500=Airfare, Ground Transport, Hotel, Post-Concert Reception, Taxes/Gratuities/Fees
- Chaperone: \$1250-\$2000=Airfare, Ground Transport, Hotel, Concert Tickets, Post-Concert Reception, T/G/F

Please email me with any questions or concerns you may have about participation in Choir. I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely, Miss Joyce Brien