

**2018-2019 Encore Entertainment Company
Family Meeting; May 30, 2018; Main Cafeteria**



Welcome!!

Students provide brief introduction

- Name, role(s) in Encore, and family who is here tonight

Directors:

Mr. Tyler Skidmore, Ms. Katie Peyton, Mr. Tom Bonezzi, and Ms. Christina Rueger

The Encore experience, while fun, is meant to be educational. Students should expect to have “homework” that will primarily be in the form of practicing between rehearsals. Please encourage your student to keep growing as a musician and performer. Competition is an important component as it encourages high level performance and growth across the group.

- Voice/instrument lessons (Showstoppers), must be in a choir class
- Summer dance workshops; Showchoir Camps of America
- Rehearsals for singer/dancers July 16-20 (10AM-7PM - lunch provided, bring water)
- Rehearsal schedule (Monday and Wednesday); choreographer
- Teamwork; respect for peers, parents, staff, and other choirs
- New Handbook ([Handbook link](#)); social media; positivity spreads (but not as fast as negativity)
- Pay to Participate Fees & Membership Fee - reasons and differences
- Band/Crew rehearsal schedule

Harmony Helpers:

Harmony Helpers: MHS Choir Parent Booster Group

Welcome & Introduction of Harmony Helpers Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Kelly McLaren-Olin, Stephanie Bowles

Vice President: (vacant)

Treasurer: Debbie Polk

Secretary: Lisa Gray

Communication Advisor: Kier Selinsky

Members-at-Large: Stephanie Seifert, Dee Franks, Jayne Miller



Mission Statement: The goal of Harmony Helpers (a 501c3 organization) is to provide a framework for parental involvement and a means by which parents offer positive support for all choral programs at Medina High School. This includes encouraging and maintaining interest in all groups, moral and financial support, and cooperation with the director. We believe music is something anyone can pursue and it should be fun, educational, and memorable.

Harmony Helper Board Meetings: 1st Monday each month @ 7pm in the Junior Commons near the choir room. **All are welcome to attend!** Harmony Helpers is a support for the Directors and choir program. Harmony Helpers does not make decisions in regards to costume, hairstyle, blocking, show design, solos, etc.

Calendar: A link to the Google Calendar will be sent out soon. Students are responsible for keeping up with any necessary schedule changes/additions and informing you. Dates will be updated through posts on FB.

Encore Camp Week: July 16-20, Lunches will be provided. We will be asking for volunteers to contribute to lunches and to volunteer to set up and clean up. This will be done through Sign Up Genius.

Examples of Fundraisers:

-Member Costume Fees/Travel Expenses (varies for Crew, Pit, Singer/Dancer)

Car Washes (around 1 each month, June, July and August), Calendar Raffle, Dinner and a Show, Princess Tea, Dancing with Encore

-General Choir Fund: Dine to Donate @ area restaurants; Community Night-@ football game

-Medina Midwest Showcase (MMS) - February 16, 2019: Encore families required to volunteer 4 hours. The success of MMS is imperative to the future of the choir program. Set up on 2/15/19.

Parents, please encourage participation in fundraisers. Singer/dancer costumes cost approximately \$600, and there may be additional travel fees for everyone. Encore members earn sweat equity money for their work to help offset costs. Lastly, If you have fundraising experience/expertise, please share your ideas with us. There is a Harmony Helpers hardship fund -- financial assistance is available if you let us know.

Treasurer: Debbie Polk (Collects Social Fees, Costume Payments, etc.)

Fees can be placed in locked mailbox in choir vestibule or be mailed to: Harmony Helpers, P.O. Box 956, Medina, OH, 44258; please do not turn in fees to directors or other students

Communication Advisor: Kier Selinsky-(Facebook, e-mail).

*Special note: Please **do not** tag the directors on any posts. They do read all posts & comments. Also, maintain the integrity of the show. Do not post anything about music, costumes, set design, pictures or videos prior to competition season. That is like posting a playbook for another team to study prior to a competition.*

Encore Picnic: August 12, 2018 - 2:00-5:00 PM at the Whitetail Park Pavilion, Montville Twp. Information will be shared, sign-up for committees and committee chair positions, fun and bonding!

Set Design: If you are skilled in set building and interested in helping with the Showtime 2019 set design, please let Ms. Peyton know.

Remind101:

Full Encore Group (big stuff/families) - text "@encoreent" to the number 81010

Singer Only Group - text "@eg9f27" to the number 81010

Band Only Group - text "1819enc" to the number 81010

Crew Only Group - text "@encore181" to the number 81010