



Dear Parents, Teachers, and Alumni,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! The Chantilly High School Music Boosters are looking forward to another year of outstanding performances and achievements from the Band, Choral and Orchestra Programs.

I invite you to become a part of these exciting programs by joining the CHS Music Boosters. We rely on an active membership, and participation from parents, friends, and alumni to help ensure the continued success of our music programs. To become a part of our Chantilly Music Community, simply complete the **Booster Membership Form** and/or **Music Patron Form** and return them to Chantilly High School per the address on the form(s).

Please make plans to attend our first General Membership Meeting of the year! The Music Boosters will meet on **Monday, September 12th** at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The second meeting will be held in late spring. Individual meetings for Band, Choral and Orchestra parents are held throughout the year to discuss the latest news/activities and identify fundraising needs. But with so much happening during the first quarter of the school year, it's important to get involved early!

General information, upcoming events, and ticket purchases can all be found on the website for each department. From the Chantilly High School website at www.fcps.edu/ChantillyHS, you can find links to our music programs under Student Life.

Our Music Directors are Doug Maloney, Band Director, Chris Reichers, Associate Band Director, Evan Ayars, Choral Director and Aaron Mynes, Orchestra Director. They are each musically gifted and highly dedicated to teaching our students at Chantilly High School, part of District XII. Many of our students were selected for Senior Honor Choir, Senior Regional Orchestra, All Virginia Jazz Ensemble, District Chorus, District Honors Orchestra, District Band, All-State Orchestra, Choir and Band this past year!

Here's what we are planning for the new school year:

Band – Our award winning Chantilly Band program serves over 225 students annually through our Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Chamber Ensembles, Mighty Marching Chargers, Percussion Program, and Color Guard. The Chantilly Band program has been recognized a dozen times as a Virginia Honor Band, and continues to build a strong reputation at the local, state, and regional level.

Choral – The Choral Department has grown. There will be five choirs for the 2016-2017 school year. This past year, the Choral Department travelled to Atlanta, GA with the Band for a professional clinic and to see the sights. The Concert and Show Choirs were adjudicated and received Superior and Excellent ratings. Students were selected to participate in District XII Chorus, Virginia Music Educators Association Honor Choir, and All-State Chorus.

Orchestra – There are four Orchestras in the Chantilly Orchestra program, and they have earned the highest ratings at the District XII Assessments. Last year, the Chamber Orchestra received a perfect score and the Philharmonic Orchestra was not far behind. The Orchestras perform a Halloween Concert that is heavily attended and highly acclaimed. This year we will also travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in an adjudicated festival.

It's always a special moment when our band, choir and orchestra students can combine their talents and share their gifts with the community. In addition to the regularly-scheduled ensemble performances, students perform the Tiny Tots and Holiday Spectacular shows in December, and host Pyramid Concerts that include musical performances from our Elementary and Middle Schools. Band will host the 37th Annual Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival in March 2017 and the May 2017 Jazz and Pizzazz will mark the 31th year of this annual production.

The Chantilly Music Boosters need your support. But more than that, we know that taking part in Booster activities, ensemble performances and competitions will be time well spent. It's not every day you can participate in an activity that can truly make a difference in the life of your child. I know you will feel blessed and believe that you received a gift when you are part of these programs, and hear the beautiful music made by our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Doherty", written in a cursive style.

Pete Doherty, President
CHS Music Boosters 2014-2016