

## FEE DESCRIPTIONS

- \*1. Activity Fee** - This is a district-mandated charge used to pay audition and entry fees for All State Show & Jazz Choir, Regional Honor, Solo and Ensemble, and All-State Honor Festivals. A small portion of this fee is used to cover the cost of these festivals. The district uses the rest to cover transportation, teacher stipends etc. Because each \$100 payment really only provides us with a small percentage of funding, we may have to charge participating students an additional cost for hotel stays if necessary later in the year when the funds have been spent. This year, the choir fee, which is decided upon by the district, is \$100 per student. Members of Women's Elite, Men's & Women's Choirs do not have to pay this fee unless they want to participate in any of the festivals mentioned above.  
**REMEMBER:** Use tax credits for this!
- \*2. Class Fees** - These are district-mandated charges used to pay for certain classroom expenses. In the recent past these have been used to purchase new music (a single copy of a song averages \$2.00 per copy and each choir performs at least 15 pieces per year). Miscellaneous "consumable" classroom materials are also purchased with these funds.
- 3. T-Shirts** - This charge pays for 2 shirts. 1: a choir t-shirt used by all the students throughout the year for performances and field trips. We are using new t-shirts this year so everyone will need to order one. 2. The annual Broadway Under the Stars t-shirt for the finale of the show. Students, of course, own these shirts for themselves after purchase.
- 4. Costume Fee** - This fee varies depending upon which choir each student is in. It includes a dry cleaning & alterations fee, and a charge for costume rental. This generates enough revenue for us to purchase a small amount of replacement or additional costumes as needed. SOS & SD costume fees are different. **REMEMBER:** Use tax credits for this!
- 5. Retreat** - Held at Camp Pinerock in Prescott. Please note that this is before school starts and participation by all TC & SOS students is **MANDATORY**. Retreat is one of the students' favorite events. Designed to provide an opportunity for the students in Towne Criers and Step On Stage to bond as well as an extended stretch of time for rehearsal and work on musical details early in the year.
- 6. Tour Deposit** - This year's tour will be to Hawaii, from March 14–19, 2012. The exact cost will be determined by the Fall, but it will be approx. \$2,000. The cost will include all travel arrangements, hotel accommodations, admission to festivals & parks as well as many meals. This \$250 deposit allows us to book hotels, transportation, etc., early and commits your student to the event. The remaining balance will be due in \$250 increments on Sept. 5, Oct. 5, Nov. 5, Dec. 5, Jan. 5, Feb. 5, Mar 5.. Fundraising opportunities will be provided to help students defer the cost of their tour. **REMEMBER:** Use tax credits to pay for this!
- 7. Broadway Fee** – This fee will go towards covering the cost of extra costumes and props used by each choir in their number of the Broadway Under the Show in the Fall.
- 8. Hanging Bag** - We would like each student in TC, SOS, WE, and SD (*all groups that either go on tour or field trips during the year*) to purchase one of the approved hanging bags embroidered with their name to carry their costumes. Any student who purchased a bag in previous years can delete this cost from their total. Duffel bags can also be purchased if students wish. Women's and Men's choir students may also choose to purchase bags if they would like.
- 9. Accompanist/Clinician Fee** - This fee covers the cost of any instrumentalists that are hired throughout the year to play for the choirs. It also pays for guest clinicians, custom arrangers, choreographers, sound technicians, etc. Due to the current financial crunch in the district, monies previously generously provided for these services by the superintendent are no longer available. In order to continue the quality level you've come to expect each student will have to assist us in covering this portion of the costs for an accompanist. Individual accompanists needed for solo auditions will be separate and students will be responsible for that cost on their own later in the year.

*\* = #1 and #2 are the only fees for participation in the choir program activities that are required by the PVUSD District and will be due in the bookstore at walk-through (payable to H.H.S.). All other fees are additional costs requested by the HHS Choir Department in order to provide our students with the best opportunities possible and will be due in the choir room at walk-through.*