

VP Music Report October 2018

- The weekly reminder email about songs on the Thursday schedule seems to be helping. Men are bringing music to the risers and they seem to be more prepared. As a group, we're still not using the learning tracks and advanced notice to full effect but we're getting better. The weekly messages will continue.
- Members of the Lead section have requested a special sectional meeting to work on Cabaret music. This will be done after Contest – most probably Oct 25. We'll meet at 6:30 PM.
- There were mixed reviews about the Sep 20 coaching session with Chris Lewis. VP Music was not present, but my understanding is that the negatives had to do with the management of time and ensuring that the coach was fully aware of the objectives of our Director. The positives are very strong and the Music Team believes we can mitigate the negatives through communication. We intend to have Chris back again in the future.
- We intend to have the Holiday Chorus again this year. The first rehearsal is planned for November 1. VP Music has informed VP Marketing. An email campaign will be launched and flyers will be printed for posting at strategic locations.
- Director has begun to make more frequent use of "singing in the round" – especially during warmups. This will continue.
- The Bubbling technique is working. Men are bringing their bottles and straws every week. The best part is that the guys can hear the difference in the sound. Thus, as silly as the technique seems, they support it because they know it works.
- Music Team meets weekly immediately after rehearsal to review and to plan for the following week. We've been able to handle most things pertaining to the Music and Performance functions in these weekly meeting so we've not needed a separately scheduled meeting. I anticipate having one more special meeting before the end of the year to do an annual review and plan for next year. The date has not been set.