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Dear Chorus Parents & Students,

I hope you are enjoying the Summer. As the new school year approaches, I would like to welcome you to our 2012-13 Choral Arts Program! I am very excited to begin another year at South Lakes. I truly enjoy making music come alive with our Choral Arts students. It is my lifelong goal to bring the best music education possible to every student in my classroom.

For those who are new to the program this year, WELCOME! I so look forward to you joining our Chorus family.

I would like to introduce you to our 2012-13 Parents for Choral Arts Executive Board:

President – Karin Ottman [Ottman\\_va@verizon.net](mailto:Ottman_va@verizon.net)  
Vice President – Sheri Zimmerman [sszim@aol.com](mailto:sszim@aol.com)  
Secretary – Stephanie Freidin [s4k72308@gmail.com](mailto:s4k72308@gmail.com)  
Treasurer – Marcia O'Brien [mobrien@mcri.com](mailto:mobrien@mcri.com)

You will be hearing from these parents consistently throughout the year, in addition to members of the PCA Cabinet, as we plan Choral events. Please feel free to contact these parents, in addition to myself, if you have questions regarding Chorus.

To kick off the 2012-13 school year we encourage you to stop by the Chorus booth at the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SLHS Block Party on August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The block party begins at 5 PM at South Lakes. You will find stations set up by many SLHS organizations to welcome everyone back and provide information on the upcoming school year. The evening will conclude with a SLHS Varsity Football Scrimmage.

**Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 13 which will be our annual “Back to Chorus Night.”** You will find detailed information regarding this event on our website. **Please note:** This is a required event for all Chorus families. It is very important that everyone takes care of updating contact information, completing FCPS required forms, making annual payments, and learns about the exciting year ahead. Based on your feedback from the 2012 Parent Volunteer survey, the PCA board members have revamped the philosophy on how to utilize volunteers for concerts and events for the 2012-13 school year. *For example: Each choir will be assigned 1 concert to chair.* In addition everyone will also be expected to support our annual Community Fund Drive, and SingStrong since these are the largest fundraisers of the year, bringing in \$20,000-\$30,000 of our annual budget. More detailed information on this and the scope of the choral program will be provided at Back to Chorus Night.

**Please take a moment to download the 2012-13 Chorus Calendar and all of the 2012-13 Required Chorus Forms. Forms are due on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Back to Chorus Night. [www.southlakeschorus.org](http://www.southlakeschorus.org)**

I encourage you to contact me throughout the school year with any concerns or questions that you may have. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Musically Yours,  
Mrs. Gigliotti