

Dear Parent,

Allow me to welcome you and your child to the **Inaugural Year** of PULSE! I am very excited to have your student as a member of the CCP, and I hope they find it a rewarding experience.

As this is the 1st year of this new group, a lot of things will be 'fluid' this year. We have set up various means of communicating with both members and their parents, but I won't know how much they'll need to be used until we're actually out there using (or not using) them. Better safe than sorry, right?

There are SIX members of PULSE that are not also a student in Concert Choir. Communication with my non-Concert Choir students has always been a challenge, and we have instituted steps to make communicating with the "Pulse 6" easier.

As was mentioned during the PULSE audition process, your child has joined the PULSE *Remind* feed and **Facebook group** in order to get timely information throughout the school year.

If you have a **Twitter** account, I invite you to follow our parent-information feed at @ccp_news, and you can follow us on **Facebook** by searching 'The Calhoun Choral Program'. Also (this one is neat), we use a resource called **Periscope** from time to time to live-broadcast our rehearsals. More information about this will be emailed to parents tomorrow.

Lastly (and most importantly), please take a moment to sign up to the aforementioned **PULSE parent email list**, by going to www.ccp1.org, clicking on Parents/Students, and clicking on Email Communication. Then sign up to receive **PULSE** email. All "letters home" (after this one) will be sent via email, and I don't want you to miss any information. In addition, please sign up for the PULSE **Parent Remind account** by sending a text message to 81010 with the following message: @parentpuls (Sorry, I couldn't fit the final E.) I promise not to overwhelm you with messages.

I know that was a lot of technical information, but if you get stuck trying to sign up for something, your child should be able to help you out. :)

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One of my goals during this first year of PULSE is to get the group a wide variety of performances. So hopefully, the performance schedule will grow as the year progresses. I hope that your child (and you) will enjoy the journey.

Of course, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me @ 516-992-1373, or via email ssardo@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us.

Yours in Music, Mr. Sanford Sardo Director of Choral Activities Calhoun Choral Program