

CLUB TO CLASS: Girl Scout Gold Award Project



By Olivia Cain and the Choir members

Who I am:

- Senior student
- Ambassador Girl Scout
 - Earning my Gold Award, which only 5% earn
- School Choir since 3rd grade
- Wrote and received a \$1,000 grant for choir
- Organized the first joint middle/high school
- Creator of Choir Website
 - <http://pghschoir.wixsite.com/pghschoir>
- Wrote and organized Dinner Theater
 - Rosie's Pub, Wednesday, October 19th



From the choir website -->

Who we are:

- Grew from 6 to 45
- Southern California Tour for 3 years
 - 4th year plan in progress
- Meet every Saturday from 10am-12
- Trained with a college professor
- Annual winter and spring concerts
- Perform at VAPA week's collaboration of the arts



Membership:

- Started in the 2011-2012 school year, meeting at lunch
 - 6 members
- 2012-2013 school year
 - 12 members
- 2013-2014 school year
 - 24 members
- Last Year
 - 35 members
- This Year
 - 45 members



What we want:

- Class status
 - Money for sheet music
 - Help with the cost of tours and uniforms
 - Payment for our teacher
 - Credit as a class on transcripts
- Recognition as a involved program
 - During VAPA week
 - At graduation
 - For scholarship nights



Our Plan:

- Future:
 - .1 or .2 class starting as soon as possible
 - Curriculum available now
 - Taught by Michelle Boulware
 - 8th period
 - Quarter system
 - Saturdays from 10-12 and some Wednesday afternoons
 - Not required to be an a-g college approved class
- Now:
 - Funding, both payment for our teachers and music costs

Will it work?

- 2 years ago
 - 24 members
 - In school day
 - Not taught by Boulwares
 - Minimum of 35 students required
- Choral Music is least expensive music
- District has the money



Why is this important?

- Music helps with learning
 - It is used as therapy
 - Studies show music promotes excellence in academics
 - <http://www.nafme.org/take-action/what-to-know/all-research/>
- Vocal music programs at elementary and middle school
- If this does not become a class, I will not get my Gold Award





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