

Perhaps Wishing will Make it so...

After a recent conversation with my Choral Colleagues, where I must have said, "I wish my choir would...." a hundred times, I decided to actually create a wish list for my high school ensembles. Simple things like *pure vowel sounds...a unified choral blend...warm tone quality*. I placed these "wishes" on my whiteboard and began referring to them in every rehearsal.

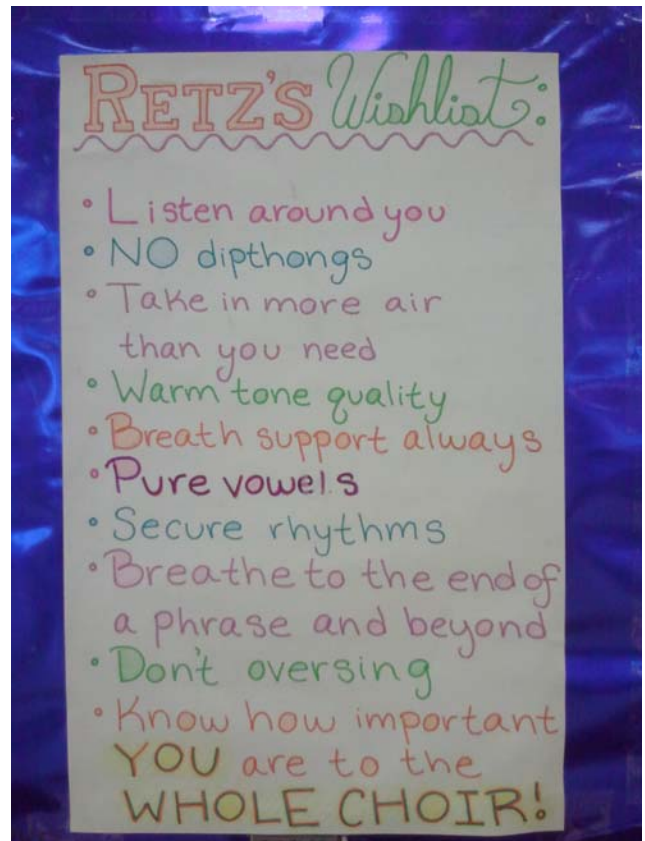
Soon I realized that my singers were buying into the idea of making my wishes come true! I could ask a question about sections of the repertoire and their responses would come straight from the board with a better understanding of what it was I was looking for in their rehearsal performance.

As a gift, one of my sophomores created this poster for me to display in my room. I reference it in almost every rehearsal and it has become a very successful teaching tool.

What would be on YOUR wish list? I would challenge you to create the list and say to your classes,

*"Ya' know what I wish?
I wish for _____"*

Who knows? Perhaps all your wishes can come true!



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