

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising Opportunities

We have fundraising opportunities for everyone who wants to earn money for the spring trip. The first fundraiser for the year, a pansy sale, has just been completed. We had 25 students participate in the sale and the pansies will be delivered on Oct. 13. You will receive a notice beforehand regarding the pickup of the flowers.

Holiday candy and soup mixes will be sold from Monday, Oct. 3 through Monday, Oct. 17 for our next fundraiser. These will make great Christmas gifts, so be sure your child picks up a brochure from the chorus room.

In January, we will be selling candy bars. The students will be allowed to place an order for the types of candy bars that they wish to sell. We will have more information about this sale at a later date. Also, be looking for information about a giveaway drawing and another pansy sale later in the winter.

Please remember that the profits from these fundraisers go directly to your child's account to help pay their Chorus fees or the spring trip. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Smalley at 353-4914.

The students have been fitted for their choir robes and shirts. **Please remember** that chorus fees were due **Sept. 12**. Unless you have talked to Dr. Davis about fundraising your fees, the payment will now be \$60 for the robe rental, transportation and shirt. If you already have a shirt, the fee is \$40.

Allstate Auditions

If your child is interested in auditioning for All-State, please send a check for \$15 payable to DHS Chorus by September 23. This fee will cover the cost of the audition music and CD



Mark your calendar!

Christmas Concert-
 Sunday, December 11, 2005
 First Baptist Church 2:30 p.m.

Proper Concert Attire

A large portion of each student's grade will come from their being properly dressed for all performances. Please remember that proper concert attire includes:

- *Chorus shirt
- *Black pants or skirt. No shorts
- *Black dress shoes (no flip flops or bare toes)
- *Black hose or socks
- *Robe (provided by the choral department)

<i>Spring Trip</i>	
<i>A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due October 3 if your child is planning on going on the spring trip to Washington, D.C. Please check our website for the refund and payment transfer policy.</i>	If you have not completed the field trip permission slip, the student biography information and the parent volunteer information forms, please do so immediately. They are past due.

Automated Check Recovery

Decatur High School now uses Automated Check Recovery. All returned checks are subject to electronic redeposit without further notice. State authorized recovery fees will be assessed on all returned checks and may be debited from your checking account electronically. Your personal check made out to *DHS Chorus* is welcome with proper identification.

Chorus Calendar Fall, 2005

October 10 & 11	School closed
October 25	Parenting Day – school closes at 11:30 a.m.
November 10	All-State auditions, Florence Highland Baptist Church
November 11	School closed
November 15	All-City Music Festival – Decatur Baptist 7 p.m. Chamber Chorus and selected Chorus members
December 9	Christmas Concert dress rehearsal (during school day)
December 11	Christmas Concert (all choirs) 2:30 p.m. First Baptist Church
December 16	Last day for students

Director's Notes – Dr. Carl B. Davis

We've had a good start to the school year and I thought you might like some details of the upcoming Christmas Concert. This year we are going in a different direction for the first concert of the year, as opposed to the spring of last year with Death. Ha. This Christmas Concert should prove to me a more traditional Christmas concert than you've probably seen here in last several years. Normally titled "A Little Bit of Christmas" this concert has far more Christmas music than you are used to.

Women's Chorus will perform Benjamin Brittan's *This Little Babe*, which literally states that Christ has come to rifle Satan's fold. A real rhythmic barn-burner! *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*, another women's chorus number, is smooth, lyrical and lullaby like. The third women's chorus piece will be *Sing a New Song*.

Concert Chorus will sing the familiar *Carol of the Bells*, and anthem *Create in Me a Clean Heart*. *Sacerdotes Domini* (translated Holy Art Thou Lord God) is a liturgical communion piece that we will also use for Chorus Festival this spring. Then the Concert Choir's fourth piece will be a gospel number *Shut de do*.

Chamber Chorus will sing a familiar arrangement of *Away in the Manger*, *Psallite* (translated Sing Now to God Christ is Born), and *Precious Lord*. Dr. Jerry Jordan my major professor for my doctoral studies at Ole Miss will be here to conduct *Precious Lord*. He introduced the piece to me 20 years ago when I sang in Concert Singers @ Ole Miss. His wife Jean, former voice teacher @ Ole Miss will sing the solo to O Holy Night.

If you missed the Parent Meeting, please check the chorus website for informational slides shown at the meeting.

For more information about the National Anthem Project, please visit their website at:
www.TheNationalAnthemProject.org

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Ireland Trip

There will be a meeting on October 20 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria for parents of any students interested in a Chorus trip to Ireland in Spring, 2007. The meeting will cover trip dates, the proposed itinerary, payment plans and fundraising ideas. Interested 8th grade parents are also encouraged to attend.