

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

We have just completed our 3rd fundraiser for the year. We had 12 students participate in the Rada Cutlery sale. These students sold approximately \$2300.00 in cutlery.

We will be selling candy bars again when school starts back in January. If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser, remember that the candy bars are \$50.00 for a box of 50 \$1.00 bars. The student will make 50¢ a bar. This is an easy fundraiser.

We are also looking at doing a give-away in February. The tickets will be \$1.00 and the student will make \$1.00 per ticket sold. We hope to have 5 items in our give away.

If you have any other ideas for fundraisers, please feel free to contact me. Remember that any money you raise through a fundraiser can go towards your child's Chorus Fee or trip.

Cathy Smalley, Fundraising Committee

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 Choral Department)
- ✓ No Earrings

Chorus Website

Visit www.decaturchorus.com to find out the latest information on the Spring Trip(s), Account Balances, concerts, recordings, etc.

Alabama All-State Chorus Members

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen to participate in the Alabama All-State Chorus March 1-3, 2007 at Samford University in Birmingham.

- Jared Miller
- Hillary Miller
- Clark Maxwell
- Cecil Washington
- McKinley Harris
- Mary Catherine McAnnally
- Josh Tidwell
- Kathryn Matherly

2006-2007 Chorus Board

President	Cherri Carr
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Robes	Sammie Fite, Kelli McInnis, Diann Hammon, Susan Roberts, Lori Derrick, Lannette Spencer
Concerts	Margie Tidwell, Ginny Matherly
Publicity/Newsletter	Rick Collins, Tricia Collins
Talent Show/Scholarships	Kim Qualls
Director	Carl Davis

Ireland Trip Information

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR PASSPORT!

It's time to start thinking about your passports. The current waiting period to get a passport is 6 weeks, but you don't want to wait until the last minute to start the process. Go to the following Internet website and you can get passport information and download the forms you need to apply for a passport; www.travel.state.gov/passport

You can also visit the Probate Judge's Office in the Morgan County Courthouse and pick up forms. Individuals 16 years old or older will get a 10-year passport, while those under 16 years of age will get a five year passport. If your child is turning 16 between now and the middle of January, you might want to wait on submitting your passport application until after their birthday.

You will need to return the completed passport form, proof of US citizenship (certified birth certificate), proof of identity (previous passport, driver's license, government issued identification card), two recent color passport photos (these can be done at Walgreens, UPS Store, photography stores, etc) and your passport fees (16 years of age or older - \$97.00, under 16 years of age - \$82.00) to the Probate Judge's Office at the Morgan County Courthouse. Each person getting a passport MUST be present when turning in the forms.

Spending Money: There are many thoughts as to how much money each person needs to take on this trip. Some will want to spend a lot and others very little. With that in mind, we are going to recommend what we think is the minimum amount of spending money for each person to bring on the trip and that amount is \$200.00. I would recommend you look over the updated itinerary on the following page to see what is covered in your tour payment and determine how much you think you need to cover the other expenses (some meals, souvenirs, etc)

Don't forget that each person going on the Ireland trip should have paid \$1850.00 no later than January 4, 2007. You can check the status of your accounts by visiting the chorus webpage.

New Ireland Itinerary - March 17-25, 2007

Day 1 – Depart from Huntsville to Dublin

Day 2 – Arrive in Dublin, Ireland. After checking in to our hotel we will have a half day scenic Castle and North Dublin Tour.

Day 3 – Dublin. Today you will have a city tour with a local guide that brings to life Dublin's grand architectural treasures and history stretching back more than 1000 years.

Day 4 – Dublin/Blarney/Killarney. After driving through the Curragh, the heart of Ireland's equestrian country, we will travel to County Cork to visit Blarney Castle and its magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence for a kiss. We will continue on to Killarney famous for its lively pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere.

Day 5 – The Ring of Kerry. We travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. It is one of the most magical places in all of Ireland.

Day 6 – Killarney/Cliffs of Moher/Bunratty. This morning we cross the Shannon estuary by ferry and enter County Clare to walk along the Cliffs of Moher. We then turn north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape dotted with rare plants. We continue on to Shannon for a Farewell Irish Coffee at your hotel. Tonight you will attend a Medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle.

Day 7 – Bunratty/Depart Shannon for London. Transfer from London's Gatwick Airport to your hotel. Your afternoon begins with a drive through Westminster, past Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament, and Big Ben. The tour will also take you to Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace for the Changing of the Guards, Piccadilly Circus, and Trafalgar Square.

Day 8 – London. The Original London Sightseeing Tour today which offers you two different hop-on, hop-off bus routes to customize your own tour of London. That evening the group will see a musical show at one of London's famous West End Theatres.

Day 9 – Depart London for Home. Arrive home this evening.

Your Tour Price of \$2229.00 per person Includes:

- Air transportation from Huntsville to Dublin, Shannon to London and London to Huntsville.
- Twin-bedded rooms in First Class hotels including all taxes, service charges and tips for baggage handling.
- Full breakfasts daily, 1 lunch at Rathburn Farm and 6 dinners.
- Services of a professional Irish Driver/Guide.
- Private deluxe motorcoach with air conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom.
- Complete sightseeing program as detailed in itinerary.
- Ticket to Play in London.
- Joint concert with a local youth choir.



Congratulations to the Chamber Choir for their successful competition
at the Riverland Choral Festival

CD's and DVD's of the Christmas Concert are available. Send
Check made payable to:

\$10.00 – CD – DECATUR HIGH CHORUS

\$20.00 DVD – Jim Montgomery

Christmas Concert CD

If you would like to purchase a CD of the Christmas Concert, please return the form below with a check payable to **Decatur High Chorus**. We must have at least 25 orders or your check will be returned to you. **CDs will cost \$10.00.**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Christmas Concert Video or DVD

Mr. Jim Montgomery will be available to videotape the Christmas Concert if at least 15 people purchase copies of the video. If you would like to purchase a copy, please complete the order form below and return with a **check payable to Jim Montgomery**. **Videotapes will cost \$15.00 and DVDs will cost \$20.00.**

Video or DVD Order Form

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Videos or DVDs ordered: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Jan 11 – Talent Show Auditions

Feb 7 – Talent Show

Feb 13 – District Festival at FBC Decatur

Mar 1-3 – All State Chorus at Samford Univ

Mar 17-25 – Chorus trip to Ireland

May 4 – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal

May 6 – Spring Concert at FBC Decatur

May 17 – Chamber Chorus Auditions

Ireland Trip Money Due!

Dr Carl, the Lucky Leprechaun says, “If you are going on the Spring Trip to Ireland, you must have a total of \$1850.00 per person paid by January 4th.”

