

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

We have just completed our first fundraiser for the year. We had 20 students participate in the Pansy Sale and they made approximately \$6.75 per flat profit less \$2.50 per order delivery charge. The pansies should be in around October 10th and you will be notified where and when to pick up your order.

We will begin selling candy bars on Monday, October 2nd and will sell them through Monday, October 16th. The students can get one box of 50 candy bars at a time. The candy bars sell for \$1.00 and the students make 50¢ profit per bar. Once they turn in the \$50.00 for the first box of candy they sell, they can pick up another box.

In November, we plan to sell Rada knives and socks with our school logo (Indian) on them. The knives vary in price and the student's profit will be 40%. The socks come two to a pack and sell for \$5.00 a pack with the students making a 50% profit. We plan to have this fundraiser from Monday, November 6th through Monday, November 27th. This will allow the students to sell these items over the Thanksgiving holidays. They will make great Christmas gifts.

Remember that any profit from fundraisers goes into your child's account and can be used for Chorus fees or trips. Please feel free to let us know of any fundraiser ideas you might have.

Cathy Smalley, Fundraising Committee

Chorus Fees

All Chorus Fees were due by September 8th. The cost of a new chorus shirt is \$20, robe rental is \$25, a miscellaneous expense fee of \$10 and a late fee of \$5 for a total of \$60 unless a payment plan IN WRITING has been received. We are purchasing new shirts this year, so everyone will need to pay for a shirt.

No student will receive credit for performance and receive a passing grade without satisfying the chorus fee.

Spring Trip(s)

Spring Trip this year is to Ireland. An updated itinerary is included later in this newsletter.

There may still be room for a few more travelers. Please call Dr. Davis to see if any room is available.

The next \$700 payment per person for Ireland is due Nov 1st.

There are also other day trip possibilities for all students. These may include Atlanta (Six Flags, Braves Game), Memphis, etc.

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Chorus Website

Visit www.decaturchorus.com to find out the latest information on the Spring Trip(s), Account Balances, concerts, recordings, etc. You can also find electronic versions of the Field Trip Permission form, and Electronic Student Information Submission of Personal Data Form.

Dates to Remember

Sep 22 – Robe Fitting – during school
 Nov 4 – Riverland Choral Festival
 (Chamber Chorus Only)
 Nov 9 – All State Auditions at FBC Decatur
 Nov ? – All City Music Festival at Decatur
 Baptist Church at 7:00 PM

Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Concert

2:30 PM December 10, 2006

First Baptist Church, Decatur



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

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.

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.