

The Chorus Line

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www.DecaturChorus.com

Fundraising News

We are selling boxes of candy bars at the present time. If anyone is interested in selling candy, you can pick up a box in the Chorus Room. Remember that the candy bars sell for \$1.00 each and the student will make 50¢ per candy bar. The candy is \$50.00 per box, so you will make \$25.00 per box.

At this time we are not planning on doing any more fundraisers this school year since all trip money is due by Feb 1, 2007. If your child still needs to pay their Chorus Fee, they can participate in the candy sale and apply their money to their Chorus Account.

If you have any good ideas for future fundraising activities, please feel free to contact me.

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.

Attention Seniors!

As you prepare to graduate from Decatur High and go on to the next stage of your life, we need your help. We need for each Senior in the Chorus Department to bring in 5 pictures of themselves between birth and the present, including your Senior portrait.

These photos will be shown during our Spring Concert when we honor our Seniors. Please deliver the photos to Dr Davis, Mrs. Matherly or Mrs. Briley no later than Feb 28, 2007.

2006-2007 Chorus Board

President	Cherri Carr
Past President	Ginny Matherly
Secretary	Jana Frost
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Fundraising	Cathy Smalley, Kim Davis, Rhea Fisher
Spring Trip	Drama Breland (Ireland), Cherri Carr (other)
Chaperones/Volunteers	Regina Morgan, Sarah Henderson
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

There will be a mandatory parent's meeting for those student's going on the trip to Ireland at 7:00 PM on March 6, 2007 in the Chorus Room.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR PASSPORT!

It's past time to be thinking about your passports. The current standard waiting period to get a passport is 6 weeks, but if you've waited until the last minute you can still get your passport at an higher cost. 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. You can expedite your passport and have it in about 2 weeks, but that will cost an additional \$60.00 per application.

Don't forget that each person going on the Ireland trip should have paid \$2229.00 no later than February 2, 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 the musical "Wicked" in London's famous West End Theatre District.

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 Wicked in London.
- Joint concert with a local youth choir.

Photos from the Christmas Concert









DHS CHORAL BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

- AWARD** Two scholarships (one \$1,000 and one \$750.00) are awarded to graduating seniors who have been involved in the chorus at DHS.
- CRITERIA** Candidates for these scholarships provide information regarding scholastic achievements, extracurricular participation and college plans. This information will all be considered as well as input from the choral director regarding participation and dedication to the choral program.
- PROCESS** This application is made available to all students via the chorus website and newsletter. Students complete and return all information requested to the scholarship guidance counselor. The counselor will collect completed forms and mail to an independent judge to select the winners. Judges will send names of winners to the counselor for announcement at the spring concert.
- REQUIRED ITEMS**
- Completed application form
 - Four (4) narrative paragraphs
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation (teachers, community, or church leaders) in a sealed envelope.

All materials due to Tina Kellett in the Guidance Department by

**Wednesday, February
28, 2007**

Decatur High School
Choral Department
Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mother and Father Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Musical Experience – Number of years in (chorus middle and high school): _____

List the ensembles and years of participation in middle school and Decatur High School:

List any musical experience (private lessons, musicals, etc.) which are not school sponsored

Awards and Recognition – List any honors awards, and recognition you have received and the year received and the year received.

Narrative – On a separate sheet of paper in your own handwriting, write a paragraph on each of the following:

- Describe your contributions to Decatur High school Choral Department.
- Describe a most memorable occasion related to your choral experience at Decatur High School.
- Describe or bullet point list progress of improvements, vocally, which you have made while being a member of chorus.
- Describe your future plans, if any, to remain involved in the field of music, and describe your future educational plans.

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 Notice!

You must have \$1,850.00 in your account by Friday, January 19th for Ireland or forfeit you place on the trip and LOSE all your funds.