

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

Pansy orders will arrive on October 15, 2007. They will be available for pick up between 10:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the South Office area at Decatur High School. Please make sure you either bring a vehicle that can accommodate the number of flats you purchased or be prepared to make several trips as all flats have to be removed by 4:30. There is also a need at 10:30 for assistance in unloading the flats when they arrive and sorting them. If you can spare some time between 10:00 and 12:00, please come and help.

Additional fundraisers for this year include Candy bars, Rada Knives, and a Give Away. The candy bar sales have begun and will continue through the month of October. The fundraising committee is also hard at work on the February Ticket Give Away fundraiser. If you or your business would like to donate an item or service please contact Julie Leavitt at 350-6131 or 309-9692, or call Kim Davis at 227-9339 or 353-1986. Not only is this an important fund raising event for the students but it is also an excellent advertising opportunity for businesses. The item that you donate and the name of the business will be printed on every ticket.

If you have any questions, contact Rhea Fisher at 353-8011 or rcf9999@msn.com.

Chorus Participation Obligation

If you have not paid your Chorus fees, **THEY ARE LATE.** The cost of a new chorus shirt is \$10, robe rentals are \$25 and the transportation obligation is \$10 for a total of \$45. If you have not paid your fees, a payment plan **IN WRITING** needs to be delivered to Dr. Davis immediately. No student will receive credit for performance and receive a passing grade without satisfying the chorus participation obligation.

Riverland Choral Festival

The Chamber Chorus will be attending the Riverland Choral Festival in Pearl, MS on Nov 3, 2007. There is a \$30.00 cost for each member of the Chamber Chorus that is due by November 2, 2007. You can use fundraising monies to pay this cost if you so choose. Chamber Chorus students need to be at the school no later than 7:30 AM on November 3rd as the bus will be leaving at 7:45 AM in order to get to Pearl on time for their performance.

2007-2008 Chorus Board

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Director	Carl Davis
Assistant	Ginny Matherly

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 Newsletter, Field Trip Permission form, and Electronic Student Information Submission of Personal Data Form.

Dates to Remember

Nov 3 – Riverland Choral Festival at Pearl, MS
(Chamber Chorus Only)
Nov 6 – All State Auditions at FBC Decatur
Nov 27 – Oak Park Christmas Concert
(Chamber Choir Only)
Dec 19 – Christmas Concert at FBC Decatur

Spring Trip

Spring Trip this year is a Choral Festival at Disney World in Orlando, FL. We will be staying at the Port Orleans property. Dates for the Spring Trip are April 23-27, 2008. Cost of the trip will be \$600.00.

The tentative payment schedule is:

September 1, 2007	\$150.00
October 1, 2007	\$100.00
November 1, 2007	\$100.00
February 1, 2008	\$100.00
March 1, 2008	Balance Due (Nothing Refundable)

Please visit the chorus website for the complete refund and transfer policy concerning funds paid for the trip(s).

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

Concert Attendance

We always like to remind parents at the beginning of the school of the concert attendance policy. Attendance at the Christmas and Spring Concerts is mandatory and counts as the Semester Exam Grade. The grade will be calculated as follows: 20 pts for on time arrival, 30 pts for proper etiquette, and 50 pts for correct concert attire. No out-of-town trips or other conflicts will be allowed for those weekends. If you feel you have a conflict, you will need to speak with Dr. Davis personally.

Morgan County Junior Miss

Congratulations to Anna Laura Bryan, the 2008 Morgan County Junior Miss. She and two other DHS Chorus Members, Hillary Miller and Christa Scheler, competed in this year's program. All three girls represented DHS Chorus well. This was the third year in a row that the winner has been a DHS Chamber Chorus member (2006 – Olivia Klein, 2007 – Mary Catherine McAnnally). Senior college-bound girls from all high schools in Morgan County are invited to participate.

Honor Society

DHS Chorus would like to recognize and congratulate the following 11th and 12th grade chorus members who have earned membership into the National Honor Society:

Angelica Beltran
Anna Laura Bryan
Hayley Collins
Greg Frazier
Katherine Looney
Nequita Lyle
Hillary Miller
Shannon Moore
Robert Mort
Sara Neil
Natalie Newman
Mary Grace Propst
Jonathan Rodgers

Angelica Sanchez
Christa Scheler
Mary Virginia Sherrill
Erin Silvestri
Jessica Tiwari
David Woller

Choral Photos

Choir pictures for the yearbook, which were scheduled for Parenting Day on October 23, have been cancelled. We will forward the new date and times when they are rescheduled. We will need parent workers on that day. Please let Diann Hammon or Dr. Davis know if you are able to help.

If you would like to receive Chorus information via email, please go to the Chorus website, click Dr. Davis' email address and send him your email address.

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 **Decatur Chorus** is welcome with proper identification.

Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Concert

2:30 PM December 19, 2007

First Baptist Church, Decatur



Pansy Pickup is Oct 15,
2007!

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South Office Parking Lot at
Decatur High School between
10:30 AM and 4:30 PM.*

