

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

Decatur High School Chorus Students who want to go on the Spring Trip (New York City in April) may offset their expenses through participation in various fundraisers throughout the year. These fundraisers include Pansy Sale, Candy bars, Rada Knives, and a Give Away. Our first opportunity for the year is the Fall Pansy Sale which began the 1st day of school, August 7, 2008. Orders had to be turned in by August 25th. Students will be credited with a substantial profit for each flat sold. For the families of any students participating in the pansy sale fundraiser: the delivery date will be **Wednesday, October 8**. The pansies will be on the lawn outside the south office for pick up from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Just pull up in the circular drive and we'll help load your vehicle. If you ordered more than 15 or so, you'll need either a truck or more than one car to pick up (or you can make multiple trips,) since the flats are pretty large and cannot be stacked. Please be sure to have your entire order picked up **NO LATER THAN 4:00**, as there is no guarantee that anyone will still be there, and your ordered may be left unguarded. Thank you for taking part in this fundraiser. If you have questions, you may email Rhea Fisher at rcf9999@msn.com.

Next Fundraiser: Candy Sales begin in September!

Just a reminder that monies raised through fundraising cannot be refunded. You may designate your funds to another student or donate them to the general chorus fund, but you may not cash them in for a refund. This information will now be included in the Chorus Handbook and parents will be required to sign a statement that you understand this policy.

Choral Festival

Decatur High Chamber Chorus will be attending a Choral Festival in Oxford, MS on Saturday, Nov 8, 2008. Please put this on your calendar.

2008-2009 Spring Trip

The Spring Trip location has been chosen. We will be traveling to New York City April 1-5, 2009. We plan on attending at least one musical and possibly a baseball game. Please put this on your calendar and look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

2008-2009 Chorus Board

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Director	Carl Davis
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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.

Concert Attire

The dress for any chorus performance is as follows:

- **Boys:** Black Shoes (no tennis shoes), Black Socks, Black Pants, Chorus shirt.
- **Girls:** Black Shoes (no tennis shoes, no open toe shoes), Black hose, (NO BARE LEGS AND FEET), Black Pants, Chorus Shirt, **NO EARRINGS**, Hair must be neatly secured out of face. Attire will be checked at performances.
- Students in non-compliance will receive a maximum performance grade of 50 (F). Since performance grades are a major portion of the six-weeks grade, a student could fail for not wearing proper attire.

Mandatory Parent Meeting Attendance

If you were unable to attend either of the parent meetings on August 19 or August 26, please call the Chorus office at 552-3017 or email Dr. Davis at carl.davis@dcs.edu to schedule an appointment. Students will not be allowed to remain in chorus if a parent has not met with Dr. Davis.

Voice Teacher

Stacy Owens, Choral Director at Oak Park Middle School, is teaching voice lessons at The School of Fine Arts. For more information about fees, times available, etc., call the School of Fine Arts office at 353-7399, Ext. 118.

All-State Chorus Auditions

Students are given the opportunity to participate in auditions for Alabama All-State Chorus. Each student is expected to purchase a practice CD (\$20.00). **Due Friday, August 29th**. The choral department purchases music and pays for the student registration fee. Students choosing to audition must 1) work on the music at home with CD and 2) attend scheduled section rehearsals.

Students planning to audition must pass off music one week prior to the audition for the director. No student will be permitted to audition without knowing the music. Auditions are Monday, November 17, at First Baptist Church, Decatur. Any student chosen by Alabama Vocal Association to participate will be expected to provide funds for the three-day trip to Samford University (meals and lodging) February 26-28, 2009. The choral department will pay required school and student registration fees.

2007-2008 Christmas and Spring Concert CDs

There are still CDs available from the Christmas and Spring concerts. They are \$10.00 each and if you would like one, you can send in a check made out to Decatur High Chorus along with Order Form below.

2007-2008 Christmas or Spring Concert CD Order Form

If you would like to purchase a CD of the Christmas or Spring Concerts, please return the form below with a check payable to **Decatur High Chorus**. **CDs will cost \$10.00.**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Chorus Calendar 2008-2009

September

- 1 (Monday) Schools Closed
- 8 (Friday) NOTARIZED Permission to Travel Form Due, Online Student Information Submission Due AND Robe Rental Due.

October

- 4 Red Ribbon March @ 10:00 AM (Chamber Choir will sing National Anthem)
- 13-14 Schools Closed (Monday/Tuesday)
- 21 Parenting Day -- Students released @ 11:30 a.m. (Tuesday)

November

- 8 Chamber Chorus Festival @ Ole Miss (Saturday, Chamber Chorus Only)
- 11 Schools Closed (Tuesday)
- 14 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (During School Day) (All Choirs) (Friday)
- 16 Christmas Concert (All Choirs) 2:30 p.m. First Baptist Church Directions to Church
- 17 All-State Auditions, First Baptist Church Decatur, AL Directions to Church during School Day
- 20 All City Music Festival (Chamber Chorus Only) Decatur Baptist Church Rehearsal All Day Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- 24-28 Schools Closed (Mon-Fri)

December

- 9 Oak Park Christmas Concert (Chamber Chorus Only) 6:00 p.m. @ Oak Park
- 18 Last Day for Students

January

- 7 First Day for Students (Wednesday)
- 8 Talent Show Auditions (Thursday)
- 15 Outstanding Choral Student Auditions DHS Auditorium
- 19 Schools Closed (Monday)
- 23 Talent Show During School Day (Friday)

February

- 11 District Festival (All Choirs) @ First Baptist Church Decatur Directions to Church during School Day
- 16 Presidents Day – Schools Closed
- 26-28 All State Chorus Samford University, Birmingham Directions to Samford

March

- 6-13 Graduation Exam (Friday – Friday)
- 16-20 Schools Closed Spring Break (Monday – Friday)

April

- 1-5 Spring Trip to New York
- 10 Schools Closed (Good Friday)
- 20-22 Birmingham

May

- 1 Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal (During School Day) (Friday)
- 3 Spring Concert @ First Baptist Church Directions to First Baptist
- 21 Chamber Chorus Auditions Beginning @ 3:30 p.m. in Chorus Room
- 24 Baccalaureate
- 25 Schools Closed Memorial Day
- 28 Last Day for Students
- 29 Graduation

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.

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.



***Welcome to
2008-2009 Decatur High School
Chorus!***

We are excited to have your son or daughter as a part of our Chorus this year. These newsletters will be sent to you monthly to keep you informed as to what is happening in Chorus. We hope it provides you with the information you need.