

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

The fundraisers for the first semester are over. The fundraising committee is also hard at work on the February Ticket Give Away fundraiser and some other ideas are being discussed.

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.

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.

Talent Show

The Talent Show has been scheduled for January 16, 2009. Auditions are January 8, 2009. More details coming soon. Please mark your calendars now.

Congrats All-State Chorus Members

Fifteen students auditioned for All-State Chorus and 6 were selected for the following All-State Choruses.

SSA

- Laura Carbajal (1st Year)
- Katherine White (1st Year)
- Rachel McDaniel (1st Year)

TTBB

- Cecil Washington (3rd Year)
- McKinley Harris (2nd Year)
- Robert Mort (1st Year)

2007-2008 Chorus Board

President	Drama Breland
Secretary	Julianne O'Hara
Treasurer	Diann Hammon
Fundraising	Kathy Burkett, Patricia Scheler, Susan Neil, Rhea Fisher, Shelley Hughes
Spring Trip	Drama Breland, Jenipher Patterson, Kim Davis
Chaperones/Volunteers	Sarah Henderson, Rachel Vought, Leah Archer, Karen Spearman
Robes	Lynne Newman, Amy Robbins, Julie Leavitt, Tommy Loyd, Rachel Vought
Concerts	Margie Tidwell
Publicity/Website	Randy Tidwell
Newsletter	Rick Collins, Tricia Collins, Robin Higdon
Talent Show/Scholarships	Krista Givens, Stephanie Mayfield, Amy Robbins
Photography	Mitch Schuster
Director	Carl Davis
Assistant	Ginny Matherly

Federal Automated Recovery Systems (FARS)

Our check recovery service is now being handled by FARS and there is a \$30.00 NSF fee that will be charged. Parents, we need to have your **full name and phone number** on each check.

Parents can visit www.infinitybusinessgroup.com/products/fars/learnMore/tabid/249/Default.aspx for more info.

Spring Trip

Spring Trip this year is to New York City, NY. Dates for the Spring Trip are April 1-5, 2008. Cost of the trip will be \$750.00. See itinerary later in newsletter.

The tentative payment schedule is:

October 10, 2008	\$150.00
November 10, 2008	\$150.00
December 10, 2008	\$150.00
January 10, 2009	\$150.00
February 10, 2009	Balance Due (Nothing Refundable)

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

Dates to Remember

- Jan 8 – Talent Show auditions.
- Jan 15 – Outstanding Choral Student auditions.
- Jan 16 – Talent Show
- Feb 11 – District Festival @ FBC Decatur (All Choirs)
- Feb 26-28 – All State Chorus @ Samford University
- Apr 1-5 – Spring Trip to New York City

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

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 well in advance.

DHS Chorus Photographs

Mitch Schuster has been taking photographs at DHS Chorus events and is posting the pictures on our Shutterfly site. Go to www.decaturnhighchorus.shutterfly.com and enter the password "Sing" which is case sensitive. You can purchase copies of pictures from this site.

Candy Money Past Due!

Some students have taken boxes of candy to sell and have not turned in the money. This money is **past due**.

\$50.00 is now due for each box (check or money order made out to Decatur High Chorus.) **Failure to pay for the candy before the Isat day of this 6 weeks grading period will result in receiving a 0 in Chorus.**

The following students owe money:

1st Period

Ciara Balentine – 1 box

2nd Period

Kelcie Evans – 4 boxes
Ambriana Jones – 1 box
Sonja Motes – 1 box

3rd Period

Brandon Barbee – 1 box
Brandon Brown – 2 boxes
Blake Hightower – 1 box

Cody Kent – 3 boxes
Darius Lampkin – 1 box
Dee Sadler – 1 box
Terrence Hannon – 1 box

5th Period

Shalonda Dortch – 1 box
Briana Ervin – 1 box
Savannah Hawkins – 1 box
Brig Spearman – 2 boxes

6th Period

Whitley Jones – 2 boxes
Tiffany Malone – 1 box
Brienne Steele – 1 box
Edward Tucker – 2 boxes

7th period

Jalesa Elliott – 1 box
Angie Reeves – 2 boxes



Christmas Concert Thanks!

We would like to say thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help with our Christmas Concert this year. We could not have done it without you and appreciate you giving some of your time to help our children have a great performance.

Thanks to all of the following parents who volunteered:

Jim Callahan
Drama Breland
Patricia Duffy
Tammy Snider
Scott Snider
Kathy Littrell
Rick Collins
Tricia Collins
Sharon Cater
Jennifer Wilson
Linda Grisham
Gorman Grisham
Amy McLean
Chip Walraven

Rhea Fisher
Cindy Vinson
Alan Vinson
Kaye Walraven
Drama Breland
David Breland
Alison Marks
Bunyan Marks
Suzanne Woller
Shelley Hughes
Jan Lowery
Jenipher Patterson
Angie Belchic
Ellen Didier

Wendy Cowan
Robby Cowan
Carmen Callahan
Suzanne Townson
Peter Neil
Joann Matthews
May Thomas
Kenyon Smith
Karen Suggs
Susan Neil
Kim Hill
Jim Callahan



DHS CHORAL BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD Three scholarships (one \$1,000, one \$800, 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

Tuesday February 17, 2009



Decatur High School
Choral Department
Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parents name: _____

Home 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 DHS.
- 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.

Chorus Calendar 2008-2009

December

18 Last Day for Students

January

7 First Day for Students (Wednesday)
8 Talent Show Auditions (Thursday)
12 Mandatory Spring Trip Chaperone Meeting
15 Outstanding Choral Student Auditions DHS Auditorium
16 Talent Show during School Day (Friday)
19 Schools Closed (Monday)

February

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

March

6-13 Graduation Exams (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 State Choral Festival Meadow Brook Baptist Church

May

1 Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal (During School Day) (Friday)
3 Spring Concert @ First Baptist Church
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



**Decatur High Chorus 2009 Spring Trip to New York City
April 1-5, 2009**

Wednesday, April 1 – Leave Decatur on afternoon flight to Philadelphia. Arrive late evening and check into hotel. The Philadelphia Marriott is connected by walkway to the airport.

Thursday, April 2 – This morning, the motor coach will pick us up at the Philadelphia Marriott and give us a quick tour of Philadelphia. We will then travel to Manhattan and do an afternoon tour of the Statue of Liberty. Afterwards, we will check into the Midtown Manhattan Hotel and then go to dinner and a Broadway play.

Friday, April 3 – This morning we will attend the Broadway Classroom and have the afternoon free to shop or sightsee. We will visit the Empire State Building and then go to dinner and a Broadway play.

Saturday, April 4 – We will have the morning free to complete any shopping or sightseeing. We will check out of the hotel and walk 2 blocks to Penn Station. We will board the train at 1:15 PM for a 2:15 PM departure.

Sunday, April 5 – We will arrive in Anniston, Alabama at 10:00 AM and board motor coaches to Decatur. We will arrive at Decatur High School at approximately 12:30 PM.



Christmas Concert CDs and DVDs

You can order CDs and DVDs from the Christmas concert. If you would like one, you can send fill out the appropriate order form below and send the form and check to the Chorus office in a sealed envelope with your student's name on it.

Christmas Concert DVD Order Form

If you would like to purchase a copy, please complete the order form below and return with a **check payable to Jim Montgomery. DVDs will cost \$20.00.**

DVD Order Form

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of DVDs ordered: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Christmas Concert CD Order Form

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. CDs will cost \$10.00.**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mandatory Spring Trip Chaperone Meeting Jan 12, 2009!

All Chaperones for the Spring Trip to New York City must attend the Chaperone meeting in the Chorus Room at Decatur High School at 7:00 PM on January 12, 2009. Attendance is mandatory. If you absolutely cannot make this meeting, please send Dr. Davis an email. Carl.Davis@dcs.edu

