

The Chorus Line

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A Year to Remember and Great Expectations!

The 2007-2008 school year is over and it was a great year for Decatur High Chorus. **Ciara Balentine, Ella Davis, Brooke Higdon, Clark Maxwell, Hillary Miller, Kathleen O'hara, Christa Scheler, Brian Verchot, Opal Williams, and Cecil Washington** were members of Alabama All-State Chorus. Talent Show winners were **1st Place Ciara Balentine and McKinley Harris; 2nd place Lisa Ledbetter and 3rd Place Brian Verchot**. In January, DHS Chorus participated in the All City Music Festival at Decatur Baptist Church. In February all choruses participated in district choral festival scoring all superior ratings qualifying for the State Chorus Festival in Florence on April 23rd. Women's Chorus, Concert Chorus and Chamber Chorus received all Superiors and Men's Chorus received an Excellent Rating. Then choruses traveled to Orlando, FL to compete in a Chorus Festival and enjoy Disney World. The Spring Concert was May 4th and we honored our Seniors that day and awarded scholarships to Anna Laura Bryan, Natalie Newman and Hillary Miller. It makes me tired just thinking about all the good times we had this year.

Now we look forward to 2008-2009. We are expecting close to 90 new members from our middle schools and you will see several new names on our Board that are parents of these new members. Things kicked off on May 15, 2008 with Chamber Choir auditions (Results posted later in the newsletter) and there are exciting plans for next year that you will see outlined later in this newsletter. Thanks for reading this newsletter this year. We hope it was able to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in the Chorus and we look forward to seeing you all again in the Fall. Have a Great Summer!

Rick and Tricia Collins

Fundraising Notice

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.

Thanks Mitch!!

We want to say a big **Thank You!!!!** to Mitch Schuster for taking pictures at our Spring concert this year. We appreciate all he has done for us. Go to www.DecaturHighChorus.Shutterfly.com enter the password "Sing" which is case sensitive. Pictures from the Spring Concert and the Braves game are posted and you may purchase.

2008-2009 Chorus Board

President	Drama Breland
Secretary	Julianne O'Hara
Treasurer	Diann Hammon
Fundraising	Patricia Scheler, Kathy Burkett, Rhea Fisher, Shelley Hughes
Spring Trip	Jenipher Patterson, Kim Davis, Drama Breland
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Concerts	Margie Tidwell
Publicity/Website	Randy Tidwell
Photographer	Mitch Schuster
Newsletter	Rick Collins, Tricia Collins, Robin Higdon
Talent Show/Scholarships	Krista Givens, Amy Robbins
Director	Carl Davis
Assistant Director	Ginny Matherly

Choral Festival

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

Congratulations Scholarship Winners!!!!

Congratulations to the following Seniors who were awarded Chorus Scholarships this year!

- Anna Laura Bryan \$1000.00 Scholarship
- Hillary Miller \$800.00 Scholarship
- Natalie Newman \$750.00 Scholarship

2008-2009 Spring Trip

Next year's Spring Trip has been chosen and we will be traveling to New York City April 8-12, 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 the August 2008 newsletter.

State Chorus Festival Photographs

Photographs taken by Taylor Photography of the different Decatur High Choirs are available on Taylor Photography's website <http://www.taylorsphotographyinc.com> Click "Events" then click "State Choral Assessment" The Password is "Sing" and is Case Sensitive. We then are pictures # 16, 19, 22 and 25.

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.

Thanks to all of our Volunteers this year!!!

The Director, Assistant Director and Decatur High Chorus Board members would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make the 2007-2008 school year successful for the Decatur High Chorus.

2008-2009 Chamber Choir

Congratulations to the following students for making the 2008-2009 Chamber Chorus.

Soprano I	Soprano II	Alto I	Alto II
Hayley Collins	Opal Williams	Laura Split-log	Sara Neil
Kelah Fletcher Garth	Claire Fisher	Emerald Hammon	Katherine Looney
Ciara Balentine	SaraBeth Henderson	Julie Schuster	Brooke Higdon
Ella Davis	Kiara Koger	Ginny Boy	Jasmine McRae
Amy Archer	Catie Williams	Meg Whitten	Tara Givens
Kathleen Ohara	Andrea Miller	Mary Katherine Breland	Janelle Wallace
Wiley Underwood	Isabell Leavitt	Meg Patterson	Jaliah Gilcrease

Tenor I	Tenor II	Bass I	Bass II
Clark Maxwell	Jordan Landers	Taylor Brown	Josh Tidwell
Ryan Grisham	Robert Mort	Jordan Phillips	Joel Patterson
McKinley Harris	David Woller	Bo Martin	Bo Gilliam
Adam Ferguson	Cecil Washington	Ben Spearman	David Martin
	JP Hubbard	Spencer Walraven	Gaines Rowe
	Sam Ackley	Chace Grisham	Garrett Teague

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.

Spring 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: _____

Spring 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: _____





