

# The Chorus Line

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## Fundraising News

The fundraisers for the first semester are over. The fundraising committee is hard at work on the February Ticket Give Away fundraiser and some other ideas are being discussed. The candy sale will resume after Christmas break.

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 is now included in the Chorus Handbook and parents are 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.

## Chorus Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Homecoming Door Decoration Contest!

Dr. Davis and the Chorus were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Decatur High School's Homecoming Door Decoration Contest. Special thanks to Emerald Hammon for leading the team that created our winning door. It was very mod, groovy and cool.

## Talent Show

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

## Chorus Students in Honors

The Chorus has an impressive number of students involved in honors here at Decatur High School. Chorus members make up:

- 20% of National Honor Society
- 37% of A or A/B Honor Roll
- 48% of A Honor Roll

There are also 38 Chorus members who are in the Pre-DP or IB program (7 Juniors & Seniors in IB and 31 Freshman & Sophomores in Pre-DP).

Keep of the great work!

## 2007-2008 Chorus Board

<b>President</b>	Drama Breland
<b>Secretary</b>	Julianne O'Hara
<b>Treasurer</b>	Diann Hammon
<b>Fundraising</b>	Kathy Burkett, Patricia Scheler, Susan Neil, Rhea Fisher, Shelley Hughes
<b>Spring Trip</b>	Drama Breland, Jenipher Patterson, Kim Davis
<b>Chaperones/Volunteers</b>	Sarah Henderson, Rachel Vought, Leah Archer, Karen Spearman
<b>Robes</b>	Lynne Newman, Amy Robbins, Julie Leavitt, Tommy Loyd
<b>Concerts</b>	Margie Tidwell
<b>Publicity/Website</b>	Randy Tidwell
<b>Newsletter</b>	Rick Collins, Tricia Collins, Robin Higdon
<b>Talent Show/Scholarships</b>	Krista Givens, Stephanie Mayfield
<b>Photography</b>	Mitch Schuster
<b>Director</b>	Carl Davis
<b>Assistant</b>	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](http://www.infinitybusinessgroup.com/products/fars/learnMore/tabid/249/Default.aspx) for more info.

### Spring Trip

April 1-5, 2009 are the dates for the spring trip to New York City. 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

- Dec 3 – Civitan Club (Concert and Chamber)
- Dec 5 – Christian Women’s Club  
(Chamber Chorus Only)
- Dec 9 – Oak Park Christmas Concert  
(Chamber Choir Only)
- Dec. 17 – Lights of Love (Chamber Choir Only)
- Jan 8 – Talent Show auditions.
- Jan 15 – Outstanding Choral Student auditions.
- Jan 16 – Talent Show
- Feb 11 – District Festival @ FBC Decatur  
(All Choirs)

## **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 in advance.

**Please check out the chorus  
Picture Site @**

**[www.DecaturHighChorus.Shutterfly.com](http://www.DecaturHighChorus.Shutterfly.com)**

**Or**

**Click the “Shutterfly” Link on the  
chorus Website.**

**The Password is “Sing” and is  
case sensitive**

*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.*

## Chorus Calendar 2008-2009

### November

24-28 Schools Closed (Mon-Fri)

### December

3 Civitan Club (Chamber and Concert Choruses) During School Day  
5 Christian Women's Club @ 11:00 AM (Chamber Chorus Only)  
9 Oak Park Christmas Concert (Chamber Chorus Only) 6:00 p.m. @ Oak Park  
17 Lights of Love (Chamber Choir only) Decatur General Hospital 5:30 pm  
18 Last Day for Students

### January

7 First Day for Students (Wednesday)  
8 Talent Show Auditions (Thursday)  
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 Meadow Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham

### 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. DVDs are \$20.00 and CDs are \$10.00 each. If you would like one, you can 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 DHS Chorus. **CDs cost \$10.00 each.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mark Your Calendar!

### *Talent Show*

*Auditions: Jan 8, 2009*  
*Talent Show: Jan 16, 2009*



## Spring Trip Payment Due

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> payment of \$150.00 for the spring trip is due Dec. 10, 2008.*

