

The Chorus Line

October, 2008

A publication of the Decatur Choral Booster Club

www.DecaturChorus.com

Fundraising News

Candy Bar sales have begun. We have sold the first 100 boxes and have ordered 80 more. They should be in the second week of October. Please remember that each box must be paid by a check or money order (\$50 per box).

Additional fundraisers for this year include Rada a Knife sale beginning November 3-14th and a Give Away. The fundraising committee is also hard at work on the February Give a way.

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.

Oxford, MS Choral Festival

The Chamber Chorus will be attending a Choral Festival in Oxford, MS on Nov 8, 2008.

All-State Chorus Auditions

Students auditioning for Alabama All-State Chorus are reminded that 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 for the director. No student will be permitted to audition without knowing the music.

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
Concerts	Margie Tidwell
Publicity/Website	Randy Tidwell
Newsletter	Rick Collins, Tricia Collins, Robin Higdon
Talent Show/Scholarships	Krista Givens, Stephanie Mayfield, Amy Robbins
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 a Choral Festival in New York City, NY. Dates for the Spring Trip are April 1-5, 2008. Cost of the trip will be \$750.00.

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

- Nov 6 – Eastwood Elem (Chamber Chorus Only)
- 8 – Oxford Choral Festival at Oxford, MS (Chamber Chorus Only)
- Nov 16 – Christmas Concert at FBC Decatur
- Nov 17 – All State Auditions at FBC Decatur
- Nov 20 – All-City Music Festival
- Dec 5 – Christian Women's Club (Chamber Chorus Only)
- Dec 9 – Oak Park Christmas Concert (Chamber Choir Only)

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

Choral Photos

Choir pictures for the yearbook will be taken on Parenting Day, October 21, 2008. **We will need parent workers on that day.** Students will be called by period. Pictures will be taken from 8:00 – 12:00. We will forward times when we know them.

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 later in the newsletter.



National Honor Society

Congratulations to the following DHS Chorus Juniors and Seniors who have earned membership in the National Honor Society:

Angelica Beltran
Hayley Collins
Katherine Looney
Robert Mort
Sara Neil
Angelica Sanchez
Jessica Tiwari
David Woller
Amy Archer
Taylor Brown
Adam Ferguson
Claire Fisher
Bo Gilliam
Sarah Beth Henderson
Morgan Lee Lowery
Bo Martin
Jasmine McRae
Ben Spearman



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

October

- 13-14 Schools Closed (Monday/Tuesday)
- 21 Parenting Day -- Students released @ 11:30 a.m. (Tuesday)

November

- 6 Eastwood Elementary School @ 8:00 AM (Chamber Chorus Only)
- 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
- 17 All--State Auditions, First Baptist Church Decatur, AL 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

- 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
- 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 during School Day
- 16 Presidents Day – Schools Closed
- 26-28 All State Chorus Samford University, Birmingham Directions to Samford

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, 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

