

# The Chorus Line

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[www.DecaturChorus.com](http://www.DecaturChorus.com)

## Fundraising News

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 order 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](mailto:rcf9999@msn.com).

Additional fundraisers for this year include Candy bars, Rada Knives, and a Give Away. The fundraising committee is also hard at work on the February Ticket Give Away fundraiser.

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 the Chamber Choral Festival in Oxford, MS on Nov 8, 2008.



## 2007-2008 Chorus Board

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<b>Newsletter</b>	Rick Collins, Tricia Collins, Robin Higdon
<b>Talent Show/Scholarships</b>	Krista Givens, Stephanie Mayfield
<b>Director</b>	Carl Davis
<b>Assistant</b>	Ginny Matherly
<b>Pictures</b>	Mitch Schuster

### Chorus Website

Visit [www.decaturchorus.com](http://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 Newsletter, Field Trip Permission form, and Electronic Student Information Submission of Personal Data Form.

### 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 approximately \$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 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 concert 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.

## 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). 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.

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. Auditions are Monday, November 17, at First Baptist.



## 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 between 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.

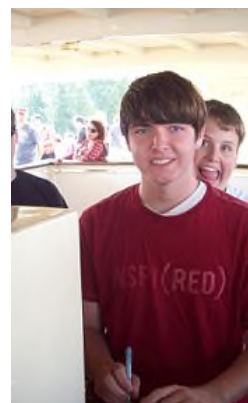
## Voice Teacher

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.

## 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.

*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

### 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
- 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
- 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

### 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 State Chorus 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

## **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. Please see attached page.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

*Christmas Concert*

*2:30 PM November 16, 2008*

*First Baptist Church, Decatur*



**1<sup>st</sup> Payment for Spring  
Trip Due Oct 10, 2008!**

*We will be going to New York City  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$150.00 is  
due Oct. 10, 2008*

