

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

The February "Give Away" is under way. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each and there are numerous items that have been donated for the "Give Away". Tickets will be sold until Feb 6, 2009 and the drawing will be held on February 9, 2009. Remember that students get 100% of the money raised for this fundraiser, so go out and buy lots of tickets..

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.

Black History Month

The Chamber Choir will be singing at the Black History Month program at Somerville Road Elementary School on Feb 19th at 5:30 PM.

HELP!!!!

The District Choir Festival will be held at 1st Baptist Church Decatur on Feb 11th. We need lots of adult help to make this Festival a successful event. You don't have to commit for the whole day. If you can give a few hours that day, it would be very much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Sarah Henderson at 353-4291 or call Dr. Davis or Mrs. Matherly at the Chorus office at 552-3017.

Spring Trip Parent Meeting

The Parent Meeting for the Spring Trip will be on March 24th at 7 PM in the school cafeteria. A Parent packet will be sent home with your student on Mar 9th and should be brought to the Parent Meeting completed and notarized. A Chaperone Meeting will be held at 6 PM prior to the Parent Meeting.

Spring Trip Luggage Announcement

Only two (2) pieces of luggage will be allowed per student and chaperone (This does not include purse). The dimensions of the luggage are:

Carry-On Bag: 22"x14"x9" & less than 40lbs

Checked Bag: 28"x22"x14" & less than 50lbs

2007-2008 Chorus Board

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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

Feb 11 – District Festival @ FBC Decatur (All Choirs)

Feb 19 – Black History Month program @ Somerville Road Elementary (Chamber Choir)

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 Shutterfly. Go to www.decaturnhighchorus.shutterfly.com and enter the password "Sing" which is case sensitive. You can purchase copies of pictures at that site.

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.

Spring Trip Flight Schedule

The following list details which flight each student and chaperone are on for the Spring Trip and when those flights leave. This information is tentative and subject to change. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.

Flight 1 at 1:40 PM on April 1, 2009

Sarah Belchic
 Angie Belchic (Parent)
 Shavonne Cater
 Sharon Cater (Parent)
 Carl Davis (Teacher)
 Lauren Gist
 Quenisha Harris
 Rebecca Hawkins
 Laura Bryn Higdon
 Kadie Long
 Jennifer Long (Parent)
 David Matherly (Adult)
 Ginny Matherly (Teacher)
 Rachel McDaniel

Flight 2 at 3:15 PM on April 1, 2009

Austin Dupper
 David Martin (Bo's Brother)
 Chase Grisham
 Ryan Grisham
 Gorman Grisham (Parent)
 Antonio Miland
 Jacob Richey
 Valente Sanchez
 Isaiah Scott
 Samuel Townson
 Suzanne Townson (Parent)
 Edward Tucker
 Spencer Walraven

Flight 3 at 4:30 PM on April 1, 2009

Sara Bedsole
 Suzanna Greer
 Kirsten Hawkins
 Elizabeth Hess
 Caroline Hughes
 Gray Hughes (Parent)
 Shelley Hughes (Parent)
 Caroline Keenum

Flight 3 @ 4:30 April 1, 2009 Cont'd

Jody Keenum (Parent)
Martha Keenum (Grandparent)
Hannah Kennedy
Alex Lowry
Kim Lowry (Parent)
Katelin Lucier
Ana Lucier (Parent)
Mary Marmann
Chandler Matthews
Sarah Mitchell
Erin Neil
Mallory Papich
Taylor Peebles
Abigail Pike
Rachael Riley
Mallory Schmidt
Kenyon Smith (Parent)
Megan Snider
Karen Suggs (Parent)
Sofia Thomas
May Thomas (Parent)
Kayla Tierce
Patricia Woller
Suzanne Woller (Parent)
Amanda Woodson
Devin Young

Flight 4 at 5:06 PM on April 1, 2009

Samuel Ackley
Tevin Adkins
Mary Catherine Breland
Drama Breland (Parent)
Alison Brown
Brandon Brown
Laura Carbajal
Rick Collins (Parent)
Shirlethia Evans
Adam Ferguson
Jaliah Gilcrease
Bo Gilliam
Tara Givens
Savannah Hawkins
Chace Holladay
John Hubbard
Bo Martin
David Martin (Andrew's Father)
Andrew Martin
Clark Maxwell
Robert Mort

Renee Mort (Parent)
John Garrett Newman
Kathleen O'Hara
Joel Patterson
Meg Patterson
Mitch Schuster (Parent)
Joshua Tidwell
Margie Tidwell (Parent)
Wiley Underwood
Amber Vinson
Janelle Wallace
Eli Wesseling

Flight 5 at 5:08 PM on April 1, 2009

Amy Archer
Leah Archer (Parent)
Samantha Burkett
Hayley Collins
Lauren Commiskey
Allison Duffy
Morgan Embry
Melissa Fisher
Kelah Fletcher-Garth
Edith Garner (Parent)
Emerald Hammon
Sarah Henderson
Sarah Henderson (Parent)
Anna Brooke Higdon
Kiara Koger
Katherine Looney
Morgan Lowery
Emily Loyd
Laurie Loyd (Parent)
Jasmine McRae
Gloria McRae (Parent)
Sara Neil
Susan Neil (Parent)
Julia Schuster
Laura Split-Log
Jessica Tiwari
Brittney Toney
Alicia Velazquez
Susana Velazquez
Opal Williams

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 George Simms 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

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, 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. If you would like one, send the appropriate order form below with 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 **DHE CHORUS. CDs will cost \$10.00.**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

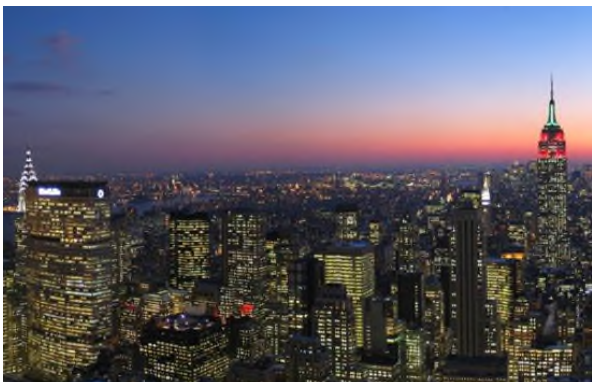
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



Spring Trip Final Payment
Due 10 Feb 2009!

The Final Payment for the Spring Trip to New York is due on Feb 10, 2009. There are no refunds.



Mark Your Calendar!

Spring Concert

May 3, 2009

First Baptist Church, Decatur

