

The Chorus Line

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Fundraising News

Fundraising is over for this year. 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.

PACT Family Fun Day

The Chamber Choir will be singing at the PACT Family Fun Day at Rhodes Ferry Park on Apr 25th at 10:00 AM.

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.

District Festival Scores

Congratulations to all Decatur High Choirs on receiving all 1s at the District Festival this year. The choirs will now prepare for the State Festival to be held in Birmingham on April 20-22, 2009. Great Job!!!!!!

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.

2007-2008 Chorus Board

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Photography	Mitch Schuster
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 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

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.

Dates to Remember

Apr 1-5 – Spring Trip to New York City
Apr 20-22 - State Choral Festival Meadow Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham
Apr 25 - Chamber Choir sings at PACT Family Fun Day @ 10:00 AM
May 3 – Spring Concert @ 2:30 PM at 1st Baptist Church Decatur

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 Concert

The Decatur High Chorus Spring Concert will be held on May 3, 2009 at 2:30 PM. The location of the concert will be First Baptist Church Decatur. Tickets are \$2.00 and will be available in the Chorus Office beginning April 13, 2009. Remember that all proceeds of the Christmas and Spring concerts go to support the three Chorus Scholarships we give every spring.

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)
Kelsie Evans
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
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
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
Flight 3 @ 4:30 April 1, 2009 Cont'd
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
 Caitlyn Farris
 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
 Katherine Looney
 Morgan Lowery
 Emily Loyd
 Laurie Loyd (Parent)
 Sara Neil
 Susan Neil (Parent)
 Julia Schuster
 Laura Split-Log
 Jessica Tiwari
 Brittney Toney
 Alicia Velazquez
 Susana Velazquez
 Opal Williams

Chorus Calendar 2008-2009

April

- 1-5 Spring Trip to New York
- 10 Schools Closed (Good Friday)
- 20-22 State Choral Festival Meadow Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham
- 25 Chamber Choir sings at PACT Family Fun Day @ 10:00 AM

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.

ATTENTION SENIORS!!!!

Graduation is approaching and we will be doing our annual "Salute to Seniors" slide show at the Spring Concert. We need five (5) pictures of each Senior from birth to the present and we also need your graduation/yearbook photo. If you can send these in digitally, that would be best. If you can't then please send them in an envelope and we will scan them in ourselves. You will get your hard copy photos back, but you will need to remind us. We need these photos as soon as possible, but no later than April 17th. Send digital photos to Dr. Davis at carl.davis@dcs.edu or bring the hard copy photos to the Chorus office.

CHAPERONES NEEDED!!!!

We are in desperate need of chaperone help for the State Festival to be held in Birmingham on April 21st. All of our choirs are going and that means we need parents to ride the buses and help with robes. We need 13 chaperones. We will leave Decatur High School around 7:00 AM and the last buses will return by 5:00 PM. Two buses will be returning around 2:00 PM. If you can help, please contact the Choir Office at Decatur High School and let Dr. Davis or Mrs. Matherly know.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

We would like to express our thanks to the following parents who helped make the District Festival a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

John Henderson
Suzanne Woller
 Schmidt
 Bedsole
Drama Breland
Gorman Grisham
Shelley Hughes
Rachel Vought
Rhea Fisher
Cookie Stoner
Julianne O'Hara
May Thomas
Lynne Newman
Kenyon Smith

Julie
Kim
Tom
Jill
Nolonda
Stacey
Jennifer
Suzanne

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 **DHS CHORUS**. **CDs will cost \$10.00.**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Spring Trip Chaperone and
Parent's Meeting – 24
March 2009!**

Mandatory Spring Trip meetings for Chaperones and Parents will be held on 24 March 2009. Chaperones will meet at 6:00 PM and the Parent's meeting will be at 7:00 PM. The meetings will be held in the School Cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendar!

Spring Concert

May 3, 2009

First Baptist Church, Decatur

