

The Chorus Line

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December 2010

CONGRATULATIONS to our All-State Chorus Singers !!

SATB Chorus

Rachel McDaniel
Samantha Scheler
Ian Yarbrough

SSA Chorus

Abigail Gauthier
Shannon Silvestri
Meredith Ward
Bryn Higdon
Laura Carbajal
Mimi Walker
Carrie Hill
Andrea Miller
Destiny Garrett
Julia Phillips

TTBB Chorus

Tevin Adkins

All State Show Choir

Samantha Scheler

We are proud of

... the Women's Chorus for being selected to perform at the Winter Inservice of the Alabama Music Educator's Association. They are one of eight choirs asked to perform out of 33 submitting audition materials from the chorus performances of the last three years. The last time a Decatur High Chorus performed at this conference was 2002. The performance will be on January 20, 2011 in Montgomery, AL.

Attention Seniors:

DHS Choral Scholarships

Award:

Three scholarships (one \$1,000, one \$850, 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. Students complete and return all information requested to Leigh Ann Raby. 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 are due in the Guidance Department by Friday, February 25, 2011. All of the forms can be downloaded online.

Thank you,....

TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL STATE AUDITIONS!!

Margie Tidwell
Leslie Whitley
Carmen Callahan
Leah Archer
Pam Ward
Steven McDaniel
Karen Spearman

Hope Schmidt
Crystal Page
Blythe Orr
Jill Oden
Michelle Riehl
Karen Martin

Chorus Calendar 2010-2011

December

- 8 Civitan Performance@ Holiday Inn 12:00 P.M.
Chamber & Concert Choirs
- 9-10 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (during
school day for all choirs)
- 12 Christmas Concert (All Choirs) 2:30 P.M. First
Baptist Church
- 16 Last day for students

January

- 5 First day for students
- 17 Schools closed
- 20 Alabama Music Educator's Winter In-service
Conference - Montgomery (Women's Chorus)

February

- 10 Choral Performance Assessment, FBC Decatur
(All Choirs)
- 15 Talent Show auditions after school
- 16-22 Writing Assessment (one day)
- 21 Schools closed
- 24 Talent Show rehearsal (evening)
- 25 Talent Show during school day
- 28 Graduation Exam Feb.28-March 4

March

- 1-5 Graduation Exam
- 24-26 All State Chorus Samford University,
Birmingham

April

- 7-16 Spring Chorus Trip to Italy
- 11-15 Schools closed
- 22 Schools closed
- 28/29 Spring Concert dress rehearsal (during the school
day)

May

- 1 Spring Concert (All Choirs) FBC Decatur 2:30
- 17 Chamber Chorus Auditions 3:30 P.M. Chorus
Room
- 22 Baccalaureate
- 26 Last Day for Students
- 27 Graduation

Chorus Board Members

NEXT MEETING: January 2011

Director:	Dr. Carl Davis
Assistant:	Ginny Matherly
President	Randy Tidwell
Secretary	Julianne O'Hara
Treasurer	Suzanne Woller
Fundraising	Susan Neil, Patricia Scheler, Lisa Doherty
Trips	Leah Archer, Jamie Gauthier, Karen Suggs, Margie Tidwell
Chaperones	Karen Spearman, Missi Cranston
Robes	Amy Shelley, Lynne Newman, Michelle Puryear, Nita Woodson, Susan Bedsole
Concerts	LeeAnn Baggett
Talent Show/Scholarship	Stephanie Mayfield, Krista Givens
Pictures	Mitch Schuster
Mailouts	Robin Higdon
Newsletter	Amy Hill
Website	Ellen Didier
Publicity	Wendy Lang Beck



Christmas Concert CDs and DVDs

You may order CDs and DVDs from the upcoming Christmas Concert. DVDs are \$20.00 and CDs are \$10.00 each. If you would like either one, you can fill out the appropriate order form below and send the form and the check to the Chorus office in a sealed envelope with your student's name on it. Make checks payable to Decatur High Chorus.

Christmas Concert CD Order Form

If you would like to purchase a copy, please complete the order form below and return with a check payable to DHS Chorus. CDs will cost \$10.00.

Student name: _____ Number of CDs ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Phone Number: _____



ITALY SPRING TRIP

*The last day to sign up is Dec. 18
IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!!*

- **Participants need to get passports now! Do not wait any longer!**
- **Final payment is due 110 days prior to departure, unless you are on the payment plan!**
- **Confirm that your passport name matches exactly with your EF registration. You cannot travel unless it does.**
- **Non-US citizens must verify your travel documentation for each country you will visit or pass through while on tour.**
- Rooming lists completed in January
- Flights confirmed six weeks before departure.
- Adult chaperones 2 per every adult room.

Itinerary :

Day 1 Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2 Arrive in Rome

Day 3 Rome

Take a guided tour of Vatican City

Visit the Sistine Chapel

Visit St. Peter's Basilica

Take a guided tour of Rome:

- Forum Romanum

Visit the Colosseum

Take a walking tour of Rome:

- Trevi Fountain
- Pantheon

Day 4 Travel to Florence

Take a guided tour of Florence:

- Piazza della Signoria
- Ponte Vecchio
- Chiesa di Santa Croce
- Gates of Paradise

Visit the Duomo

See a leather-making demonstration

Day 5 Florence

Enjoy a free day in Florence

Optional: Pisa

Days 6-7 Venice

Travel to Venice

Take a guided tour of Venice:

- St. Mark's Square
- Grand Canal

Visit the Doges' Palace

See a glass-blowing demonstration

Day 8 - Assisi • Rome

Travel to Assisi

Take a guided tour of Assisi

Visit the Basilica of St. Francis

Day 9 - Rome Travel via Spoleto to Rome

Day 10 - Depart for home

Consult the EF website for further details!

Fundraising Facts

All fundraising money is due!! Outstanding balances will negatively impact your grade in chorus.



CHORUS WEBSITE

The chorus website is available at www.decaturchorus.com. Look for updates, reminders, general information, and student forms. The current and previous newsletters are always available, as is current financial information. Pictures are available, as well. The password (**Sing**) will help you access the pictures from previous performances.

CONCERT ATTIRE

The dress for any chorus performance is as follows:

- Boys: black shoes (no tennis shoes), black socks, black pants and chorus shirt. Hair must be neatly secured out of face.
- Girls: black shoes (no tennis shoes and no open toed shoes). black hose (no bare legs or feet), black pants, chorus shirt, no earrings. Hair must be neatly secured out of face.

Attire will be checked at each performance. Students not in compliance will receive a maximum performance grade of 50 (F). Since performance grades are a major portion of the six-week's grade, a student could fail for not wearing proper attire. ♪

CONCERT ATTENDANCE

Please note that the Christmas and Spring Concerts count as the semester test for all chorus students. Therefore, participation is mandatory. The only excused absences are sickness verified with a doctor's note, court appearances, and school imposed conflicts.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT : DECEMBER 12

SPRING CONCERT : MAY 1

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JANUARY 10, 2011

**Parent Meeting at
Decatur High School
Cafeteria
7:00**

*It is very important that you attend if you
or your student is going to Italy.*

**CHAPERONES
URGENTLY
UNEEEDED**

JANUARY 20, 2011

**Women's Chorus trip to
Montgomery, AL
Contact Karen Spearman @
karenspearman@gmail.com**

*Leaving from DHS at 9:30
Arriving back to DHS at 9:30*