

The Chorus Line

www.decaturchorus.com

February 2010

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

You need to submit 5 pictures plus a Senior Portrait for the Spring Concert. Spring semester is a busy time, so turn these in today!!

WE NEED YOU!!

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY
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PARENT WORKERS

FOR DISTRICT FESTIVAL

- Volunteers may work either a half day shift, morning or afternoon, or a full day shift.
- Your help is necessary for this program to be the quality event we want it to be!
- Contact Karen Spearman to sign up or ask questions. 256- 476-7535
karenspearman@gmail.com

Need your old newsletters?

**They are always available
on the chorus website.**

www.decaturchorus.com

FUTURE CHORUS TRIPS!!!!

ITALY SPRING BREAK 2011



We will perform in Florence and Venice! Go to the chorus website to sign up for this trip! You don't want to miss this wonderful learning opportunity! See page 3 of this newsletter for detailed trip payment and cancellation information.



*Make plans to be there on
September 29, 2010 at the Atlanta
Braves baseball game when our own
Decatur High School Chorus sings
"The Star Spangled Banner!"*

Chorus Calendar 2009-2010

February

- 18 Talent Show rehearsal (evening)
- 19 Talent Show during school day
- 25 District Performance Assessment, First Baptist Church Decatur (All choirs)

March

- 1-5 Graduation Exam
- 24 State Performance Assessment, Birmingham
- 24-28 Chicago Trip

April

- 10 Schools closed
- 15-17 All State Chorus, Samford University, Birmingham
- 19-23 Schools closed
- 30 Spring Concert dress rehearsal (during school day)

May

- 2 Spring Concert (All Choirs)
- 18 Chamber Chorus Auditions 3:30 P.M. Chorus Room
- 23 Baccalaureate
- 27 Last Day for Students
- 28 Graduation



Christmas in February!!

Christmas Concert pictures are now available on the website!!

One section of the website is a link to a photo sharing file on Shutterfly that is password protected. The password is "Sing," and it is case sensitive. Recent pictures of the Christmas Concert have been added!! You can access it at www.decaturchorus.com.

Fundraising Facts..... February

The expected date of delivery for the spring flower sale is Friday, April 30, 2010

March

Watch for a new fundraiser coming in March or April!!

Decatur High School Choral Scholarships

Required Items

- Completed application form ([Download in PDF format](#)) ([Fill out online form](#))
- Four (4) narrative paragraphs
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (teachers, community, or church leaders) in a sealed envelope.

All materials are due to DHS teacher, Mrs. Givens by Friday, February 23, 2010. *The entire process can be done online except the letters of recommendation.*

Chorus Board Members

Next Board Meeting: March 8, 2010.

Director:	Dr. Carl Davis
Assistant:	Ginny Matherly
President	Randy Tidwell
Secretary	Julianne O'Hara
Treasurer	Diann Hammon
Fundraising	Susan Neil, Patricia Scheler, Lisa Doherty
Spring Trip	Jenipher Patterson, Kelley Holloway, Amy Shelley
Chaperones	Karen Spearman, Sarah Henderson, Leah Archer
Robes	Emily White, Karen Suggs, Amy Robbins, Lynne Newman, Pam Brannon
Concerts	Margie Tidwell
Talent Show/ Scholarship	Stephanie Mayfield, Krista Givens
Pictures	Mitch Schuster
Mailouts	Robin Higdon
Newsletter	Amy Hill
Website	Ellen Didier

EF's Booking Conditions: **Cancellations and refunds**

The cancellation policies outlined below take into consideration the costs EF incurs long before groups ever depart. Notice of cancellation from an EF tour will only be accepted from the participant, his or her legal guardian, or the group leader. The date of cancellation will be determined by the date on which EF receives notice. Cancellation refunds can only be made to the person whose name appears on the account; payments cannot be transferred to another account.

EF's Standard Cancellation Policy

150 days or more prior to departure

Full refund less the \$95 Enrollment Fee and a \$250 cancellation fee.*

149 to 110 days prior to departure

Full refund less the \$95 Enrollment Fee and a \$450 cancellation fee.*

109 to 30 days prior to departure

Full refund less the \$95 Enrollment Fee and 50% of the Program Fee.*

29 days or less prior to departure

No refund will be issued.

Cancellation with replacement

150 days or more prior to departure

Full refund less the non-refundable \$95 Enrollment Fee.*

149 to 110 days prior to departure

Full refund less the non-refundable \$95 Enrollment Fee and a \$100 substitution fee.*

109 days or less prior to departure

Replacements can no longer be accepted.
(EF's Standard Cancellation policy will apply.)*

Cancellation with replacement refers to a participant who cancels but finds a person to replace him or her for the same program. The replacement's enrollment form must be submitted at the same time as the notification of cancellation.

*Non-refundable fees are also deducted from refunds.

Please make all payments on time to qualify for refunds in accordance with EF's Standard Cancellation Policy.

Group Leader Cancellation

A group leader must accompany participants on every tour. If a group leader cancels for any reason, EF will ask him or her to assign a new group leader to the group's participants. The new group leader is responsible for any increases in his or her own airline costs. Any participants who cancel at this point and choose not to travel with their replacement group leader will be treated as standard cancellations. If no replacement group leader is found, the affected participants will need to cancel to be eligible for EF's Standard Cancellation Policy. Those participants interested in being placed with a new tour group should contact EF at 1-800-665-5364. If we cannot find a new tour for these participants, EF's Standard Cancellation Policy will apply.

Travel Warning Cancellation

EF is pleased to offer additional travel security to our customers to cover cancellations due to an act of terrorism or the threat of an act of terrorism. Participants will receive a full refund (less the \$95 Enrollment Fee) should all of the following conditions be met: (a) a terrorist act, or threats of terrorist acts occur(s), which is directed against U.S. interests on U.S. soil or in U.S. airspace or directed against U.S. interests in any other country or in international airspace; and (b) as a result of these events, a formal Travel Warning is issued by the United States Department of State, stating that Americans should not travel to any country or countries that are included in the participant's tour itinerary; and (c) the formal Travel Warning by the U.S. Department of State is issued within 65 days of the participant's departure. Participants missing any payment deadlines will need to pay late fees to qualify.

Refunds

Refunds for overpayments will be issued only upon written request and after a participant's check(s) has (have) been in the account for 21 days. Refunds will be issued in the name which appears on the EF account. All refund checks are mailed 4-6 weeks after the request has been processed. **There will be a non-refundable \$30 stop-payment fee for lost refund checks.**

EF's Booking Conditions: **Manual payment plan and late enrollments**

Manual payment plan

If you choose to opt out of EF's monthly payment plan, the following payment schedule and late fees apply. Keep in mind that your tour balance payment will be due two months earlier than with EF's monthly payment plan.

1. \$95 Enrollment Fee

Due: Upon enrollment

2. \$250 payment plus any unpaid insurance*

Due: 30 days after enrollment | Late Fee: \$75

3. \$200 payment plus any unpaid insurance*

Due: 08/30/2010 | Late Fee: \$75

4. Tour Balance (all charges excluding Departure Fees)

Due: 110 days prior to departure | Late Fee: \$125

5. Remaining Balance (including Departure Fees)

Due: 30 days prior to departure

* For enrollments received after 07/30/2010, or for tours departing prior to 01/01/2011, a combined payment of \$450 is due 30 days after enrollment or a late fee of \$75 will apply.

All payment due dates refer to the dates by which each payment must be received at EF. For those on the manual payment plan, EF will cancel your reservation in accordance with EF's Standard Cancellation Policy if:

- any payment is past due by 60 days or more
- your Tour Balance payment is not received by 95 days prior to departure
- your remaining balance payment is not received by 30 days prior to departure

Please indicate the participant's name and account number on all check payments. EF cannot resubmit checks; if a stop-payment order is put on a check, or if a check is returned to us by the drawer's bank, a non-refundable \$35 processing fee will be charged. A \$20 decline fee will be charged for each declined credit card payment.

Late enrollments (109 days or fewer prior to departure)

If you enroll 109 days or fewer prior to departure, then you are considered a late enrollment. Once we have received your full payment by cashier's check, credit card, or money order only, including a non-refundable \$125 Late Enrollment Charge, you will be placed on a waiting list while we check bus and flight availability. If we are unable to place you on a tour or offer you an alternate flight to meet up with your tour, you will receive a full refund. We may also offer you the option of arranging your own flight and buying the land-only portion of your tour. We cannot accept enrollment forms 14 days or fewer prior to departure.



Enroll in paperless billing on your enrollment form to receive your statement updates by email instead of in your mailbox. It's easy, and it's better for the environment!

Enroll at eftours.com/enroll or call 1-800-665-5364

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Sign up for Italy 2011
by MARCH 8, 2010
\$95.00 deposit



Mandatory Parents
Meeting!!!



Chicago Trip: must attend
for child to get on the bus

March 9th @ 7 p.m.

DHS Cafeteria

Great News \$550 Final Cost if you have paid
\$600 we will write refund checks

