

The Chorus Line

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November 2010

Fundraising Facts

All fundraising money is due!!

Students with money due for candy or shopping bags need to turn it in prior to the end of the grading period!! First Semester Chorus Grade Will Be Zero Until Fundraising Money has Been Received.

Students who owe for Reusable Shopping Bags

\$5 per bag

Will Gann	1 bag
Sarah Grace Mitchell	1 bag
Madelyn Denton	1 bag
Maggie Whitley	1 bag
Blake Towe	5 bags
Raquel Beltran	5 bags
Amber Vinson	3 bags
Sam Burkett	5 bags
Porcha Matthews	5 bags
Bryant Moore	5 bags
Kira Waugh	6 bags
Bailie McRae	5 bags
Angie Reeves	4 bags
Cody Kent	5 bags
Russell Griffin	2 bags
Marissa Coley	4 bags
William Ellis	5 bags
Rachel Rogers	5 bags
Caitlyn Moore	5 bags

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED!!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
HELP ON PICTURE DAY!!!!**



Congratulations....

...to 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.

*We know you will represent the
Decatur High Chorus Program well!!*

Chorus Calendar 2010-2011

November

- 11 Schools closed
- 12-13 All State Chorus Auditions
- 18 All City Music Festival (Chamber Chorus Only)
Decatur Baptist Church @ 7:00 P. M. Rehearsal during the school day.
- 22-26 Schools closed
- 29 Oak Park Christmas Concert (Chamber Chorus Only) 6:00 P.M. Oak Park (Chamber Chorus arrive at 5:45)

December

- 2 Chamber Choir performance at Decatur Heritage leaving at 7:45
- 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: December 13 at 6:00 at Randy and Margie Tidwell's home. (1553 Blackhall Lane) Bring a finger food.

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

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



STATE LAW ON FUNDRAISERS

Please remember that money raised through fundraisers cannot be refunded due to state law. You may designate your funds to another student or donate them to the general chorus fund, but you may not receive a cash refund. ♪



CHORUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications will be available to DHS seniors in chorus for three scholarships to be awarded at the Spring Concert on May 1, 2011. Make plans to submit your application by February 25, 2011. The selections for this competition will be done by outside judges. Forms are on the website, but must be submitted in hard copy.



ITALY SPRING TRIP

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.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!!

- Last day to sign up: Dec. 18!!
- 55 signed up already
- Rooming lists completed in January
 - 4 per room in some hotels
 - 3 per room in other hotels
- Flights confirmed six weeks before departure.
- Adult Chaperons 2 per room in every hotel
- Participants need to get passports now!
- See EF website for more information!!

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

ATTENTION CHAMBER CHOIR:

IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

All-City Music Festival at Decatur Baptist during the day. You are responsible for your transportation to the church on that day, except for lunch. Performance at 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 2, 2010

The bus will leave at 7:45 A.M. for the performance at Decatur Heritage. Be prompt!

DECEMBER 8, 2010

You will travel by bus to the Holiday Inn to perform for the Civitan Club. Lunch will be eaten on the bus.

DECEMBER 16, 2010

Lights of Love @ Decatur General hospital. Arrive 5:30 P.M. performance @ 6:00.



FOR STUDENTS NEW TO CHORUS

NINTH GRADERS AND NEW CHORUS STUDENTS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL CHORUS STUDENTS MUST TURN IN SIGNED DRUG TESTING FORMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHORUS.



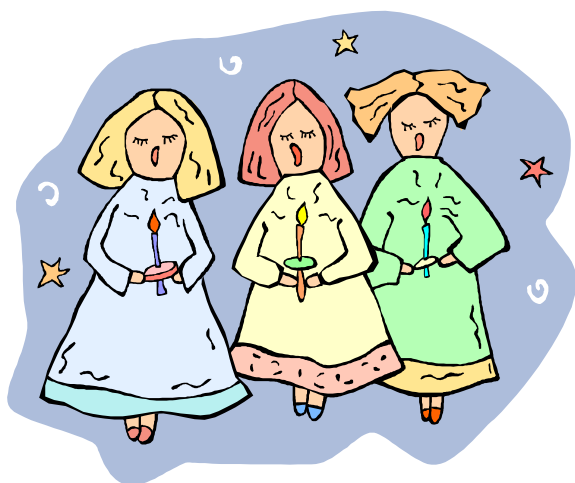
CHORUS WEBSITE

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.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH DECATUR**

2:30

DECEMBER 12, 2010

Purchase your tickets after
November 29 to avoid standing
in line. Send \$2.00 per ticket,
cash or check, in a sealed
envelope with your student's
name on it.