

# The Chorus Line

www.decaturchorus.com

October 2010

## Fundraising Facts

### **RADA KNIVES**

- Students may pickup order forms in chorus class on October 15.
- The order is due back to the chorus room on October 29.
- These products are expected back before Thanksgiving.

### **DECATUR DISCOUNT CARDS**

Students may sell Decatur Discount Cards for 100% profit toward their trip or chorus fees. Each card sells for \$10.00 and there are numerous discounts for Decatur businesses. See Dr. Davis to pick up the cards.

### **CANDY SALES**

Students may pick up boxes of candy to sell for their chorus fees or trip costs. A check for \$50.00 per box should be submitted. Profit for each box is \$25.00. All candy bars include a coupon for Chick-fil-a.

### **REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS**

Students may sell reusable shopping bags with the Decatur High logo for \$5. Half of the money is profit that you may use for your spring trip or chorus fees.

### **SHOPPING COUPON BOOKS**

Students may sell the coupon books for Decatur/Huntsville businesses. The coupon book is \$20.00 and half is profit. The coupons are great! You must pay for these books in advance.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### ***TWO OPPORTUNITIES.....***

#### **Assistance with All State Auditions:**

- Your help is needed on November 12, 2010, to assist with the All State auditions for the Decatur and Huntsville choral district.
- These auditions will be held at the Mayfair Church of Christ in Huntsville. Please contact Karen Spearman if you can help, even for a half day. ([karenspearman@gmail.com](mailto:karenspearman@gmail.com))
- It will be necessary for you to speak with Dr. Davis (256-552-3017) and arrange a time to learn your role. This is a pressing need for our chorus.
- Please email or call Dr. Davis, especially if you mentioned on your volunteer form that you might work for this event. [carl.davis@dcs.edu](mailto:carl.davis@dcs.edu)

#### **Hospitality Room and Gift Bags:**

A hospitality room and 50+ director's bags are necessary for the All State auditions on November 12-13, 2010. If you are willing to donate food items or items for the gift bags, please contact Hope Schmidt at 245-318-4274. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Chorus Calendar 2010-2011

### October

- 8 All State Show Choir Auditions (B'ham)
- 11 Schools closed
- 21 Parenting Day- students released @ 11:30

### 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

### December

- TBA Civitan Performance@ Holiday Inn 12:00 P.M.
- 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 P.M
- 17 Chamber Chorus Auditions 3:30 P.M. Chorus Room
- 22 Baccalaureate
- 26 Last Day for Students
- 27 Graduation



## Chorus Board Members

**NEXT MEETING: November 8 at 7:00  
At Mi Hacienda**

Director:	Dr. Carl Davis
Assistant:	Ginny Matherly
President	Randy Tidwell
Secretary	Julianne O'Hara
Treasurer	Suzanne Woller
Fundraising	Susan Neil, Patricia Scheler, Lisa Doherty
Spring Trip	Leah Archer, Jamie Gauthier, Karen Suggs
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.





## 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 chaperones 2 per room 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

**Students who owe  
for Reusable Shopping Bags  
\$5 per bag**

<i>Garrett Newman</i>	<i>2 bags</i>
<i>Bryn Higdon</i>	<i>4 bags</i>
<i>Will Gann</i>	<i>1 bag</i>
<i>Suzanna Greer</i>	<i>2 bags</i>
<i>Sarah Grace Mitchell</i>	<i>1 bag</i>
<i>Madelyn Denton</i>	<i>1 bag</i>
<i>Maggie Whitley</i>	<i>1 bag</i>
<i>Blake Towe</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Raquel Beltran</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Amber Vinson</i>	<i>3 bags</i>
<i>Sam Burkett</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Porcha Matthews</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Nicholas Smith</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Bryant Moore</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Kira Waugh</i>	<i>6 bags</i>
<i>Bailie McRae</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Angie Reeves</i>	<i>4 bags</i>
<i>Cody Kent</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Russell Griffin</i>	<i>2 bags</i>
<i>Marissa Coley</i>	<i>4 bags</i>
<i>William Ellis</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Rachel Rogers</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Caitlyn Moore</i>	<i>5 bags</i>
<i>Sam Scheler</i>	<i>7 bags</i>



**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](http://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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**WE NEED YOU!!!**

Your help is needed for:

- All-State Auditions on November 12, 2010
- Details on page 1 inside.