

The Chorus Line

www.decaturchorus.com

September 2010

Chorus Fees Due

If you have not paid your Chorus fees, they are late. The total fee is \$50.00, which includes robe cleaning, chorus t-shirts, transportation and other incidentals.

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 fee.

If your student has a poor grade, it may be because one of the following has not been submitted:

- Notarized permission to travel form
- Chorus fee
- Online student information form



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THREE OPPORTUNITIES.....

Assistance with All State Auditions:

Your help is needed on November 12-13, 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 on either of these days, even for a half day.

(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.

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.

Picture Day Assistance:

Twelve parents are needed to help with Chorus Pictures on October 21, 2010. All choruses will have pictures taken beginning at 7:50 and continuing until 12:00. We need parents to help with robes and t-shirts.

Chorus Calendar 2010-2011

October

- 7-9 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** 4:45 p.m.

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
- 29 Spring Concert dress rehearsal (during the school day)

May

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



Chorus Board Members

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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. ♪



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.



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

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 room.
- 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

Fundraising Facts

New Fundraisers

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.

Pansy Pick Up: October 8th!!

Families participating in the pansy sale should note that the delivery date is **October 8, 2009**. Pick up your pansy order at the pavilion near the tennis courts at Delano Park from 9 until 4.

Pansy flats cannot be stacked, so prepare to use a large enough vehicle for the number of flats you need to deliver. Multiple trips can be made. Thanks for taking part in this fundraiser. If you have questions, call Lisa Doherty at 256-340-1343.

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. Please do not submit cash. 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. The coupons are great! You must pay for these books in advance.



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WE NEED YOU!!!

Your help is needed for two upcoming events:

- All-State Auditions on November 12-13, 2010
- Picture Day on October 21, 2010.
- Details on page 1 inside.