

The Chorus Line

www.decaturchorus.com

September 2011

Fundraising Facts.....

- **Candy Sales began Sept 15!**

Students may pick up a box of candy from the chorus room. Please pay for the candy box with one check after the candy is sold.

- **Rada Knife Sale starts Oct. 14**

Forms will be available on **Oct. 14**. All orders are due **Oct. 28**. The merchandise will be available for the holidays.

- **Pansy Pickup!**

Pick up date is **October 14, 2011 1-4 P.M.** at Delano Park. Contact Lisa Doherty with questions at 256-318-2755.

Pansy flats cannot be stacked, so prepare to use a large enough vehicle for the number of flats you must deliver. Multiple trips can be made.

Students participate in fundraisers to pay chorus fees or to offset expenses for the spring trip.

If you are using fundraising to pay for chorus fees, that should be in writing to Dr. Davis ASAP.

Scrip Fundraiser Starts!

- You may register online to purchase gift cards to businesses where you regularly spend money. They will credit a percentage of your purchase to your account with DHS chorus.
- Set up your account at www.shopwithscrip.com.
- The school code is **ADE433F23LL85**
- Be sure to list **Carl Davis** as the teacher.

To use this fundraiser,

you must enroll with Presto Pay.

Please note: **Any orders received that are not paid for with Presto Pay will be deleted. Do not send a check to school.**

With Presto Pay, you have to :

1. Enter your checking amount routing and account number
2. Wait 2-3 business days for Scrip to make 2 small deposits in your account (approx. .06 - .17 cents)
3. Log onto your Scrip account and enter those two deposited amounts to confirm you entered the correct account number.
4. Then Scrip emails you a 4 digit code to forward to Drama Breland. When you get the confirmation email from Scrip with your 4 digit code, FORWARD the email to: Drama@sterlingtravel.com She will then activate your account and reply that your Presto Pay is active.

We will notify you shortly as to the Deadline Each Week that you have to order by so that your cards will be ready to be picked up on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS.

Let Dr. Davis know if you have any issue with registering for a Scrip account or enrolling in Presto Pay.

Chorus Calendar 2011-2012

September

- 2 Chorus Fee in lieu of fundraising due
- 2 All State Money due
- 29 All State Show Choir Auditions, Wallace State
- 30 Ole Miss Contest Money Due (Chamber only)

October

- 3 Trip Deposit Due(\$150)
- 14 Pansy Sale Pick Up at Delano Park
- 29 Ole Miss Contest (Chamber only)

November

- 4 2nd trip payment due (\$150)
- 7 All State Auditions-Central Meth. Decatur
- 17 All City Music Festival
Decatur Baptist Church @ 7:00 P. M.
- 29 Oak Park Concert (Chamber only)

December

- 1-2 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (during school day for all choirs)
- 4 Christmas Concert (All Choirs) 2:30 P.M. First Baptist Church
- 20 Last day for students

January

- 5 First day for students
- 13 3rd trip payment (\$150)
- 14 All students must have \$450 in account to participate in spring trip.
- 16 Schools closed

February

- 3 Final Trip Payment (balance)
- 9 Talent Show auditions after school
- 20 Schools closed
- 24 Talent Show during school day

March

- 8-10 All State Chorus Samford
- 14 State Chorus Contest (need parent workers)

April

- 11-15 Spring Trip to Orlando, FL
- 23-27 Schools closed

May

- 6 Spring Concert (All Choirs) 2:30
- 15 Concert Chorus Auditions 3:30 Chorus Room
- 17 Chamber Chorus Auditions 3:30 Chorus Room

Decatur Chorus Website

Please check out the Decatur Chorus website. It is packed with information, forms, and pictures for your benefit. You can access it at www.decaturchorus.com. 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.

A hearty thanks to Ellen Didler who created the wonderful website! ♪

Next Chorus Board Meeting:

October 10, 2011 6:00 Mi Hacienda

Chorus Board Members

Director:	Dr. Carl Davis
Assistant:	Ginny Matherly
President:	Julianna O'Hara
Secretary:	Leah Archer
Treasurer:	Suzanne Woller
Fundraising:	Susan Neil, Tricia Scheler, Lisa Doherty, Nita Woodson
Spring Trip:	Jimmy Boy, Karen Suggs, Jamie Gauthier
Field Trips:	Sarah Henderson
Chaperones:	Karen Spearman, Missi Cranston
Robes:	Nita Woodson, Melinda Baker, Lynne Newman, Lisa Greer, Michelle Puryear
Concerts:	Kathleen Megehee
Talent Show/ Scholarship:	Krista Givens
Mailouts:	Gail Warth
Newsletter:	Amy Hill
Website:	Ellen Didier
Publicity:	Wendy Lang Beck
Scrip:	Drama Breland, Nita Woodson

Getting Started at ShopWithScrip.com

ShopWithScrip.com is the online ordering system that our organization will use to gather your scrip orders. This site offers you convenience – you can now order scrip from any internet-connected computer at home, school, or office.

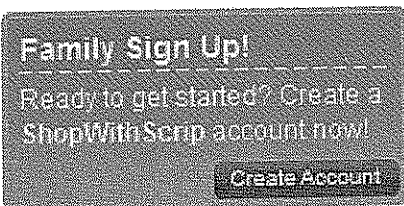
Who Can Use ShopWithScrip?

Any family can use ShopWithScrip – however, to place orders, **you have to create a free account at ShopWithScrip.com.**

How to Register

To register with ShopWithScrip, first open up your web browser, and go to www.shopwithscrip.com. To register a new account, go to the green **Family Sign Up** box on the left side, and click "Create Account".

Follow the simple registration instructions and accept the terms and conditions of using the site.



Select two challenge questions and provide answers. These answers will be required if you forget your password. They are case-sensitive.

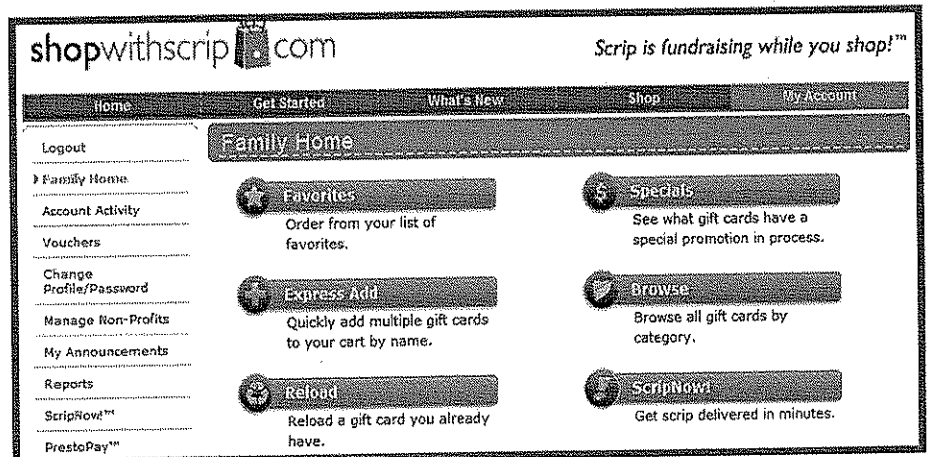
Before you can place an order, you must enter our organization's enrollment code, listed below. By associating this code with your newly created account, the ShopWithScrip system will correlate your shopping activity with our non-profit organization.

Using ShopWithScrip.com

You can manage your account through the Family Home page. To access this, click "My Account," at the top of any page.

From here, you can check your account activity, change your profile and password, add, remove, and modify organizations you belong to and read coordinator and site announcements.

You can also run your own order and rebate histories and view or print any ScripNow! eCards that you've previously ordered.



Six Easy Ways to Order

To place an order, you can shop right from your Family Homepage!

- ☑ **Favorites:** Order the same products each week? Add these items to your Favorites list for easy ordering in the future.
- ☑ **Express Add:** Know exactly what you want? Quickly add the items to your cart using this feature.
- ☑ **Reload:** Don't want to wait for your card to be shipped? Easily add funds to selected cards here.
- ☑ **Specials:** Want to order items with special rebates available for a limited time? Add these items to your cart directly from the specials list.
- ☑ **Browse:** Looking for a gift? Not sure what's available? Use this feature to shop by category.
- ☑ **ScripNow!:** Want to print an eCard to use at the retailer or for online shopping? Order ScripNow! eCards and you can print directly from your ShopWithScrip account.



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Now families can pay online – using the new PrestoPay™ payment system at ShopWithScrip.com. When you pay online with PrestoPay, your scrip order payment is transferred automatically, and there's no need for you to make a special trip to drop off a check.

PrestoPay is not a credit card system, because credit cards are costly for your non-profit organization. Instead, PrestoPay uses the same secure electronic payment transfer used by direct deposit systems. You simply visit the secure PrestoPay area at ShopWithScrip.com and enter your checking account information. After verifying the checking information, we'll send a secure approval code to share with your scrip coordinator. Then you can choose to pay with PrestoPay at the time you order, and have your payment securely transferred from your checking account to your organization. A 39 cent convenience fee will apply; less than the cost of a postage stamp.

Visit the "my account" page at ShopWithScrip.com, and click on the PrestoPay link on the left navigation bar. You'll find additional information and instructions for activating this convenient payment tool.

PrestoPay and ShopWithScrip.com. The easiest and most convenient ways to order scrip!

****All Orders Must Be Paid Using Presto Pay. Any order not paid with presto pay will be deleted**

Send your Verification Code Email from Scrip to:
Drama@sterlingtravel.com

Forward your verification code email from Scrip to:
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2012 SPRING TRIP

Orlando

April 11-15

**D.H.S. CHORUS WILL SING
AT AN ADJUDICATED CHORAL COMPETITION IN
DISNEY WORLD!!!**



Magic Kingdom on Thursday!

Choice of Parks on Friday!

Disney's Hollywood Studios on Saturday!!

The total cost of the trip cannot be determined until the final roster is cast. It should fall between \$650-750.00 per student. Payments can be offset with fundraisers and should be made in 4 payments.

Payment Schedule:	
October 3	\$150
November 4	\$150
January 13	\$150
January 13	Use it or lose it date! See Spring Trip Policy!
February 3	calculated when final amount is determined

Spring Trip Payment Policy

- All cancellations must be received in writing prior to the January 13th deadline. January 13th is a “use it or lose it” date. Any student with a balance of less than \$450 on January 13th forfeits all monies. The funds become nontransferable to another student on this date.
- As of January 13th all monies paid on each student’s account become nonrefundable and non transferable.
- Full payment must be received by February 5th. Failure to have all monies paid by this date will result in cancellation of you student’s space and any money already paid will not be refunded and cannot be transferred another student.
- If a student must cancel after January 13th (having greater than \$450.00 balance), that student may transfer any money paid to a “new” student. This cannot be a student already booked on the trip, in other words this “new” student must be a student who will take the place of the student who is canceling. This request must be submitted in writing. No refunds or transfers of funds will be allowed after January 13th.
- Regardless of when a student cancels, all fundraising money is nonrefundable but can and is transferable subject to the terms and conditions above.
- If the director removes a student from the trip, for any reason, then all funds will be refunded (except funds generated through fundraising.)
- The only exception to the above policy would be in the event of a school related conflict which occurs after payments have been made. In this case the decision to refund will be determined by Dr. Carl Davis, however, no fundraising money is refundable for any reason (Alabama State Law).
- To receive a refund for any overpayment you must submit a request for refund in writing to the treasurer before the end of the school year in which the trip was taken. This must be submitted online. You may find a link for this form under the “Forms” tab at the top of the website: www.decaturchorus.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4, 2011 Christmas Concert (1st semester exam)

May 6, 2012 Spring Concert (2nd semester exam)

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. No earrings or other piercings.

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

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 20, 2011

Twelve parents are needed to help with Chorus Pictures on October 20, 2011. 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.

November 7, 2011

Your help is needed on Nov. 7, 2011 to assist with the All State auditions for the Decatur and Huntsville choral district.

These auditions will be held at Central United Methodist Church in Decatur. Please contact Karen Spearman if you can help on either of these days, even for a half day. karenspearman@gmail.com This is a pressing need for our chorus.

A hospitality room and 50 + gift bags are necessary for the All State auditions. If you are willing to donate food items or items for the gift bags, please contact Dr. Davis.

Calling all Seniors.....

Apply for the 2012 Chorus Scholarships! Three scholarships will be awarded.

Forms available online at www.decaturchorus.com

Chorus scholarship applications should be turned into Krista Givens (DHS room 104) by **Friday, February 24, 2012.**

Don't wait until the last minute, do it now!

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SCRIP FUNDRAISER BEGINS!

Go online to www.shopwithscrip.com to learn more.

School code is **ADE433F23LL85**

See page 1 of the newsletter for more details.
No selling involved!!

Ole Miss Chamber Choir Festival

October 29, 2011

Performance Times announced 2 weeks prior to the competition.

Awards Ceremony at 7:00 P.M.

Return to Decatur approximately 11-12 P.M.