

VOCAL MUSIC FUNDRAISING

Fundraiser participation (including Bingo) is an expectation of each family with a student involved in Vocal Music at Lafayette High School. Costs associated with performing groups far exceed the dollars supplied by FCPS to our school. Dollars raised through fund-raising are used for many purposes over the course of a school year, including:

- To pay for supplies for Chorus gatherings – Ice Cream Social, Spaghetti Dinner, Banquet, etc.
- To pay the costs of concert hall rental (UK's Singletary Hall costs \$575+ to rent for one performance (more if we must use their ushers), most churches also charge a fee (\$50-100) to cover janitorial fees for the use of their sanctuaries. Our directors feel it is critical to the students' over-all chorus experience that they perform in formal settings, rather than always in the school auditorium with crowded stage and poor acoustics.
- To pay for the cost of newsletter printing and postage
- To pay entry fees for festivals and contest
- To purchase music
- To cover expenses of Chorus-related activities including transportation (*yes, we have to pay for those Yellow School Buses!*), group meals at All-State, Vocal Music Camp, etc.
- To purchase new equipment directly used by our students (folders, chairs, cabinets for music storage, audio equipment, etc)
- To care for and replace formal attire worn by our performing groups
- The provision of a Vocal Music Consultant (15-20 hours/week) to assist with paperwork and office duties. This individual also has a degree in Piano Performance and can provide accompaniment at the directors' discretion.
- To pay for incidental equipment and supplies used by the department over the course of the school year. So far, this year, Boosters have already:
 - ✓ purchased a new multifunction phone that enables Mr. Marsh to provide homework and concert info lines and multiple message boxes; gives Mrs. Graham access to Chorus phone line.
 - ✓ improved the students' learning environment by paying for additional components to mount and rewire our stereo speakers
 - ✓ paid for the addition of doors and locks to secure costly equipment in stereo, computer, and music cabinets

These are only a few of the many, many ways that YOUR efforts with fund-raising will help support our students in Lafayette Choruses. Boosters encourage and support 'ownership' in the entire program from all students and families, from the Beginning Classes to the accomplished Madrigal Group.

Your help is required to continue the needed support of this outstanding program.

Your child is worth it!