

Vocal Music Fees

Due to the time that paper work takes away from the instructors' teaching time, Mr. Marsh has requested that Boosters collect and document payment of Vocal Music Department fees.

The cost to Advanced Vocal Students for participation in Vocal Music at Lafayette High School for the 2004-2005 school year will be \$40.00 PER SEMESTER or \$80 per year. The cost to Beginning Vocal Students for participation in Vocal Music at LHS for 2005-2006 school year will be \$25 PER SEMESTER or \$50 per year. The first semester's payment should be returned with the Participation Form by August 5st and you'll receive a statement in December for the second installment.

The chorus fees are extremely inexpensive when compared to the cost associated with any other school-related extra-curricular activity your student might choose. Your student's \$80.00 yearly fee offsets the cost of running our program – it helps pay for the formal attire that your student wears in concert, for its once-a-year dry-cleaning, repair, replacement, and garment bags, the purchase of new music and folders, participation fees in area-wide contests and festivals, rental for concert performance sites, etc.

While fees *help* offset our costs, they IN NO WAY pay for everything our kids can or will experience, accomplish, and need during their vocal music education at Lafayette. With the continued budget cuts in public school systems, fundraising is a vital and necessary function to pay for activities, especially with groups of this size. **EACH STUDENT/FAMILY IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS THAT OUR VOCAL MUSIC STUDENTS ENGAGE IN THIS COMING YEAR or give an In-lieu of Donation.** Continued success with fundraising means that we can keep activity fees **low** and reduce everyone's out-of-pocket costs for supporting the choir! Thanks for your continued support with all of our fundraising endeavors.

Fundraising Credits

For most sales fundraiser that we do (including Bingo), we try to offer student account credits. Credits are offered to offer incentives for students to sell and offer opportunities for students to pay for activities they are involved in. Credits are applied to student accounts and can be carried over from one year to the next (in saving for a choir trip) or can be applied to banquet costs or other activities which involve costs to students. Student credit details are announced at the onset of each fundraiser. (There will be smaller fundraisers (ie Donut Sales) or designated fundraisers, however, that do not offer credits.) Since this is a non-travel year, keep in mind that credits can be banked for future years. Credits will not be cashed out to students. Any unused credits at the end of a student's senior year will be rolled into the booster general fund.

FUNDRAISING

The list to the right contains items purchased/provided to students with fee money and fund raising dollars.

Your fundraising efforts help provide:

Chorus T-shirt
 Folders
 Music purchase
 Student consumables
 Attire repair, cleaning, and replacement
 Classroom supplies
 Classroom equipment
 Risers, and maintenance
 Tables, Posture Chairs,
 Music stands
 Audio/video equipment
 Folder cabinets
 Performance space rental
 Program printing (paper purchase)
 Festival/contest register
 KMEA registration fees
 All-State Expenses
 Vocal Camp Expenses
 Transportation costs to contests and festivals
 Instructional software
 Instructional materials
 Instructional videos and audio recordings
 Library storage
 Office support
 Office supplies
 Office equipment
 Accompanist fees
 Guest clinician expenses
 Supplemental instruction
 All-State adjudicators
 Newsletter postage
 Student incentives
 Awards
 Electronic Consumables (CD's, Tapes, DVD's)
 Piano Tunings
 Musical instruments
 Chaperone expenses
 Substitute teachers for when directors are chaperoning All-State, or other festivals.
 Recordings of concerts.

AND MORE.....