

August 2007

Welcome Back

From the Directors

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome back to another exciting year in the Lafayette Choir. We are excited about seeing everyone back and making great music after the summer off. We have some exciting concerts planned and great music to sing.

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A very exciting program beginning this year is the Vocal Mastering Musicianship or M2 program. This program is modeled directly after the very successful Lafayette Band M2 program. M2 offers individual vocal lessons to students in the choirs. These lessons will take place after school hours in the Lafayette Music department. This is a cost-effective and convenient way to improve your skills and vocal technique. This is the next step in making an already great choir the best it can be! Stay tuned for more information to come very soon.

I also want to mention of some other items of interest: The Choir Gala and Silent Auction is the kickoff to our concert season featuring Singers, Madrigals, Chorale, Swing Choir, and the SCAPA Voice majors. If you are interested in lending a hand with the gala, contact Kathleen Tubbesing m.tubbesing@insightbb.com.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the fall parent meeting on August 21 at 7:00 pm.

See you at our concerts!
Ryan Marsh
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Important Dates

Uniform Fittings - (Singers, Madr. And Chorale Only) Choir Room	August 7 3:00-6:00 PM August 10 5:00-7:00 PM
First Day of Classes	August 13 th - 8:25 (Note new time)
Sponsorship Campaign	August 15-31
Participation Form & Vocal Music Fees DUE	August 21 st
Parent Meeting – <u>All Grades</u>	August 21 st 7:00 pm Choir Room
UK Bluegrass Choral Music Fest	Sept 21 and 22
Chorus Gala and Silent Auction	October 6
In-House All-State Auditions	October 9

Check out our Calendar: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/calendar.html>

Important Parent Meeting

Tuesday, August 21st - 7 pm

There will be a parent meeting on Aug 21 in the Choir Room for all choir parents. We will cover concert attire, fundraising, and other important items for the year. There will also be an opportunity to meet and talk with our Directors, Mr. Marsh and Ms. Gabbard as well as members from the Chorus Booster Association.

Please make plans to attend.

UPDATE YOUR **CHARMS** ACCOUNT

Please help us by keeping your email and phone info current.
Log in and update your, address, phone # and t-shirt size.

www.lafayettechoir.org/charms
Lafayette School Code: **LafayetteHSC**
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Important Announcements

Concert Attire Fittings

Singers, Madrigals & Chorale:

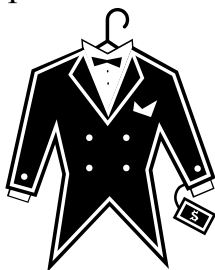
****Tuesday August 7 3:00-6:00 pm**

****Friday August 10 5:00-7:00 pm**

- Please try to attend one of these dates to reduce the number of fittings that must be done during the school year.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Cathy Sutphen, Attire Chair.

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Sponsorship Campaign

2007-2008

It's time to get out and sell some sponsorship ads. This campaign is by far, our most successful fundraiser. We want to build on this success for the coming year!

The Campaign runs August 15-31. 10% credit is given to student accounts for each ad or sponsorship sold. Your fees and M2 registration can quickly be paid for.

Think creatively! We are also willing to do In-kind sponsorships of goods or services. Such ideas include audio equipment, t-shirts, etc. Contact Mr. Marsh for question about in-kind donations! Info, forms and request letters can be found online.

www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html



Mastering
Musicianship

VOICE

The Choral Department will be beginning an M2 program for private voice study in the Fall of 2007. The program offers students the opportunity to take individual voice lessons over a 10-week session each semester. The advantages to this program are cost and convenience. The rate for private lessons in Lexington is approx. \$15 per half-hour lesson or more. The M2 program at Lafayette is only \$100 for the 10-week session, and the majority of the private instruction takes place in the practice rooms of the Lafayette music department, under the direction of highly qualified music consultants. Enrollment spots are limited.

Stay tuned for info coming soon.

www.lafayettechoir.org/m2.html



Annual Events of Interest

Stay tuned for more information about all of these events.

www.lafayettechoir.org/events.html

Gala and Silent Auction: This is the opening concert event for the concert season! All are welcome. Performers include: Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, Swing Choirs & SCAPA Voice Majors.

Fall Concert: The Men's and Women's choirs perform in concert.

Winter Concerts: The Swing Choir, and Men and Women's Choirs perform their winter concert in Beeler auditorium on Lafayette's Campus. Singers, Madrigals and Chorale hold their concert at an area church or Singletary center.

Lafayette Choral Invitational: This event takes place in January. 7th and 8th grades from Lafayette's feeder schools are invited to work with the choirs at Lafayette. All Lafayette Choir Students are required to attend.

Women's Choir Festival: This Festival is a new event for the 07-08 school year. The LHS Women's Choir will join with several other schools in the Central Kentucky Area for a festival concert in February. This promises to be a fun day of singing and performing.

UK Male Chorus Day: This is open to all Men in the LHS Choirs. (It is required for the LHS Men's Choir). It takes place in January at the UK Singletary Center.

Solo and Ensemble Contest: This contest is held at Scott County High School (in Late February or March) for soloists and small ensembles. These are usually prepared with Ms. Gabbard or Mr. Marsh outside of the school day. The student sings their solo or ensemble piece for an adjudicator. Sign-ups are in early January.

KMEA Festival Assessment: All choirs perform at Festival Assessment in March for comments and rating.

Spring Chorus Banquet: Celebrate the successes of the year at our annual choral banquet in early May.

Ice-Cream Concert: All choirs will perform at the Ice-Cream concert in the spring.

Spring Concerts: The advanced choirs will perform usually at the Singletary Center.

Vocal Music Fees

Fees:

Chorus fees are an unfortunate necessity. They are, however, extremely inexpensive when compared to the cost associated with most other school-related extra-curricular activity your student might choose. Fees include: choir T-shirt (used for performances), folder, music, pencil, transportation, participation fees in area-wide contests and festivals, etc.

Advanced Choir Fees • \$80/year (Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, Swing)
(Option to pay in two \$40 semester payments)
(One could not purchase a choir tuxedo or dress for the cost of the annual chorus fees!)

Beginning Choir Fees • \$50/year (Women's, Men's Choir)
(Option to pay in two \$25 semester payments)

Your FEES and Fundraising provides:

Chorus T-shirts
Folders
Pencils
Music purchase
Student consumables
Attire repair, cleaning, and replacement
Classroom supplies
Classroom equipment
Risers, and maintenance
Posture Chairs,
Music stands
Audio/video equipment
Folder cabinets
Performance space rental
Program printing
Festival/Contest Fees
KMEA registration fees
All-State 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
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.....



Fundraising 2007-2008 Details

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a necessary part of any school music organization. Operating expenses for groups such as ours far exceed the dollars supplied by FCPS to the choral program. In order for the department to remain vital and offering quality experiences to our students, fundraiser participation is a necessity for each student. Money raised through fund-raising and fees are used for many purposes (seen and unseen) over the course of a school year. (See Newsletter Pg. 4)

The Choral Department and Boosters work hard to keep student fees low and offset those low fees with fundraising efforts. Please keep in mind all of the often “unseen, behind the scenes” expenses when considering your level of commitment to fundraising. Your help is a necessity to continue this outstanding program, therefore, **EACH STUDENT IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS THAT THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT SPONSORS EACH YEAR or give an In-lieu-of Donation.**

IN-LIEU-OF or OPT-OUT CONTRIBUTIONS

This year, the booster board will again offer an “In-lieu-of” fundraising possibility for those who may be overburdened with several organizations to fund raise for or for those who would simply prefer not to sell items. The “In-lieu-of” program is intended to allow folks to still contribute to the organization allowing us to meet our fund-raising goals, but perhaps avoid selling items.

If this sounds like the right choice for you, Lafayette Chorus Boosters are suggesting a yearly In-lieu-of contribution of \$75 (\$25 for each major sales fundraiser). This in-lieu-of takes the place of your student participating in three major fund-raising initiatives for the choir. These three sales include: **Cookie Dough**, **Coupon Books**, and **Candy Sales**. Those taking part in the In-Lieu-Of program will not qualify for fundraising credits. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

This year’s planned fundraisers include the following:

Sponsorship and Patron Program ads. (September '07)

Gala and Silent Auction (October '07)

*Cookie Dough (Fall '07)

*Raffle (Fall '07)

*Candy Sales (January '08)

*indicates fundraisers that are included in the “in-lieu-of” donation program.

FUNDRAISING CREDITS

For most sales fundraisers we try to offer student account credits. Credits are offered as incentives for students to sell and give 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, trips, or other activities which involve costs to students. Student credit details are announced at the onset of each fundraiser. 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.

LAFAYETTE CHORUS BOOSTER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All vocal music families are invited and encouraged to join the Lafayette Chorus Booster Association whose work is to support the Lafayette Choral Department, its Directors, and the Vocal Music students. Membership entitles you to be a voting member of the organization and is only \$10.00 per year per family.



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Fee/Fundraising Worksheet

LHS VOCAL MUSIC FEES, FUNDRAISING and BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP

Students pay only 1 fee regardless of number of ensembles in which they are enrolled.

BEGINNING CHORUS FEES

Adv. Women • Women's Chorus • Men's Chorus

Yearly Beginning Vocal Music fee • \$50.00

We will be paying in two \$25.00 installments

ADVANCED CHORUS FEES

Singers • Chorale • Madrigals • Swing Choir • SCAPA Voice

Yearly Advanced Vocal Music Fee (includes attire rental) • \$80.00

We will be paying in two \$40.00 installments

FUNDRAISING OPT-OUT DONATION

Fundraising not for you? Opt out of the 3 major sales fundraisers and still contribute. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

Fundraising Opt-Out Donation • \$75.00

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

All vocal families are invited and encouraged to join the LHS Chorus Booster Association.

Booster Membership • \$10.00

(Make checks payable to **Lafayette Chorus Boosters**)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ **Student Name:** _____

Email Contact: _____

Please indicate Student Name and purpose of the check in the memo blank.

*PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH CHECK(S) BY AUGUST 13th TO
Lafayette Chorus Department • Lafayette HS • 401 Reed Lane • Lexington, KY 40503*



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2007-2008 PARTICIPATION FORM

*****If Possible, please complete this form online:*****

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/studentregistration.html>

There is no need to complete this form if you successfully completed the online version or if your CHARMS account information is current and accurate.

Student Information

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	T-SHIRT Size
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	HOME PHONE		
E-MAIL	GRADE	DATE OF BIRTH	CELL PHONE		
(if applicable) PRIVATE VOICE TEACHER			VOICE PART (if known)		

Parent-Guardian Information (Mother)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME			
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	HOME PHONE		
E-MAIL				WORK PHONE	
OCCUPATION/SKILLS			CELL PHONE		

Parent-Guardian Information (Father)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME			
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	HOME PHONE		
E-MAIL				WORK PHONE	
OCCUPATION/SKILLS			CELL PHONE		

IF UNABLE TO COMPLETE ONLINE, PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM AND MAIL BY AUGUST 13th TO:

Ryan Marsh
Lafayette Choral Department
401 Reed Lane
Lexington, KY 40503

Information submitted on this form will **only** be used by the Directors and staff of the Lafayette Choral Department and members of the Lafayette Chorus Booster Association in support of the Vocal Music program at Lafayette High School.

