

November 2006

From the Director

Dear Parents and Students:

I am asked regularly to give advice about voice lessons for high school students. I believe that high school age is a good age to begin voice lessons. While adolescent voices are still very early in their development, most having just gone through the voice change, voice lessons are an outstanding opportunity for students to improve their vocal technique as it relates to breathing, posture and other vocal issues. Vocal lessons can also often positively affect confidence and performance ability. While we strive to work as much technique in an ensemble setting as possible, we cannot possibly address all issues the way private instruction can. Just like in band and orchestral programs, vocal programs are positively affected when a higher number of students receive one on one instruction on a regular basis.

I would urge all of our students to think about private vocal coaching/instruction. There are many qualified teachers in the area. Even SCAPA Voice students are urged to seek weekly private lessons outside of their in-school coaching session.

What to look for in a private teacher: Find a teacher who will challenge you. Study with a teacher you like and are comfortable with. Look for a teacher who insists on regular sessions. Find a teacher who encourages and provides opportunities for their students to participate in recitals, competitions and solo-ensemble festival. Expect to pay between \$15-\$25 for a half-hour lesson. The Choral department keeps a list of area voice teachers available to download from our website. www.lafayettechoir.org/voiceteachers.pdf

As I always say, "The better individuals are, the better our choirs will be. Every voice matters!"

Ryan Marsh,
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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **Cookie Dough Pickup** - Delivery Date TBA (Before Thanksgiving)
 - **Freshmen All-State – Friday and Sat November 3 and 4**
Interested students already submitted audition tapes. Acceptance notification will be made later this month. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/freshmenallstate.html>
 - **Nuts Fundraiser - November 6-17** - Earn Credits for Travel and Fees
 - **Chorus Booster Board Meeting** - November 20, 6:00pm – Choir Room
 - **SCAPA Voice Master Class** - November 29, 3:30-5:00 pm – Choir Room
 - **SCAPA Vocal Recital** - December 3, 2:30 pm – Location TBA
 - **Madrigals Sing at Faculty Mtg:** Tuesday December 5, 3:30 pm – LHS Library
 - **Winter Concert - Tuesday December 5, 2006 7:30 pm - Beeler Auditorium**
We will present our Winter Concert in Beeler. This concert will feature the Men's and Women's Choir as well as the Swing Choir.
 - **Winter Concert: - Monday December 11, 7:30 pm – Singletary Center (Advanced Choirs)**
This concert will feature the Chorale, Singers, and Madrigals. This concert will be a joint performance with the Lafayette Orchestras! Be sure to not miss this highlight!
Please note this date! This is the Correct Date – there was another date listed previously on a schedule.
 - **Madrigals Carol Concert: Friday December 15, 7:00 pm – Location TBA**
 - **Chorus Candy Sales:** Jan 8-19, 2007 - Earn Credits for Travel and Fees
 - **All-State Singers Required Rehearsal:** Saturday January 13, 9:00 am – Georgetown College
 - **UK Male Chorus Day:** Saturday January 20, 9:00 am – UK School of Music
 - **Lafayette Chorus Invitational:** Friday January 26, 4:00 pm – LHS Cafeteria
For middle school and high school students interested in singing in choir at LHS during the 2007-2008 school year. Bring a friend!
- Don't Forget Harambee:*
- **Harambee Meets Every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30-4:30**
Lafayette's gospel choir is led by Mr. Ron Dillard, orchestra director!

Check out our Online Calendar:

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

Download the Fall Schedule:

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



Fundraisers

We're Nuts!



November 6-17

Prices comparable to local grocery! - Larger quantities!

Time for our last fall fundraiser.

This is a great way to raise money for the chorus and to earn credits to apply to your account.

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Cookie Dough is Here!



**Pickup: Thursday Nov. 9
3:00-4:00**

in the LHS Cafeteria

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Upcoming Fundraisers

Nuts Fundraiser

November 6-17

Earn Credits for Travel and Fees

Candy Sales (LAST FUNDRAISER for the Yr)

January 8-19

Earn Credits for Travel and Fees

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

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Chorus Boosters

From the Presidents:

Here is the long awaited information about the Choir trip to Orlando next Spring. The itinerary can be found on the website www.lafayettechoir.org/orlando.html.

Date: March 7-11

Cost per student: \$569

Cost per chaperone: \$368

Fees include the following:

- Transportation via Miller Transportation by Motor Coach
- Lodging: 2 nights (Students 4 per room, chaperones 2 per room)
- Meals: 2 full breakfasts, 2 lunch/dinner meal vouchers, 1 buffet dinner
- Entertainment: 3 day Parkhopper Plus pass at Disney.

Thanks to all of you who have expressed interest in being a chaperone. To be honest, we have way more than we need. After we have a chance to check with the orchestra to see how many chaperones they are bringing, we will have a better idea how many we can take. It is a great problem to have. Thank you for being willing to go.

There is a new fundraising opportunity from Andy Frain. See the details on page 7.

Jeff and Rhonda Story, Choir Booster Co-Presidents

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Booster Links

Here are some Links to important Booster Information:

www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters.html

Credit Policies

www.lafayettechoir.org/credits.html

Fundraising Info

www.lafayettechoir.org/feesandfundraisers.html

Fee Info

www.lafayettechoir.org/fees.html

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www.lafayettechoir.org/optout.html

Sponsorship Campaign

www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html

CHARMS

www.lafayettechoir.org/charms

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Many thanks to our corporate sponsors for the 2006-2007 Season! You will see our Corporate Benefactors and Donors listed each month in the Choir Newsletter!

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Next Board Meeting:

Monday Nov. 20
6:00 pm
Choir Room

Board meetings are usually held the 3rd Monday of each month.



Orlando 2007

LHS Choir Tour
March 7-11, 2007

www.lafayettechoir.org/orlando.html



Students in Singers, Chorale, Madrigals and Swing Choir are eligible for this tour

Cost per student: \$569
Cost per chaperone: \$368

Fees include:

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Meals
- Entertainment

See details in the Presidents' letter above.
A payment of \$100/student is due Nov. 20th.
See the trip itinerary at

www.lafayettechoir.org/orlando.html

**Note: All plans are tentative until official approved granted by the Fayette County Board of education.*

Trip Coordinator:
Jeff Story

orlando@lafayettechoir.org

Payment Schedule

- Oct. 23th - \$50/student
- Nov. 20th - \$100/student
- Jan. 19th - \$150/student
- Feb. 20th - \$remainder due

Total Trip Cost: \$570

Andy Frain Fundraising Opportunity

This is about an 8 hour commitment per day that you work. Workers would need to be present about 4 hours before the game. Pay is \$7 per hour which is paid directly to Lafayette Chorus Boosters and credited to your student's account. Workers must wear black pants and a white shirt.

The remaining two games are Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. Workers would need to report to Parking Structure #2 which is in front of the WT Young Library on Rose Street at 8:30 a.m. You would be finished by 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

There are two football games left. If you are interested in participating in this fund raiser, e-mail Jeff Story at 4story@insightbb.com. We need to know by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the game if you plan to participate

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From Ms. Gabbard

The month of October was very busy for SCAPA vocal majors. They spent countless hours preparing for and then participated in All-State Chorus auditions. This hard work paid off because the scores were excellent. Many students also auditioned for and were given roles in SCAPA's upcoming musical *Guys and Dolls*. It will be exciting to work with the students on this fun show! This month the vocal majors also had the opportunity to work with Dr. Roma Prindle, professor of voice at Morehead State University, during our first true Master Class. She provided the entire group with some basic vocal technique exercises and then worked specifically with four soloists. Thanks to Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, Jami Hart, Trey Alexander and Alex Edwards for singing and working with Dr. Prindle individually. These students gave outstanding performances and were provided with feedback and some new ideas about vocal production. This was a truly successful event!

November is shaping up to be just as busy as October. Several students are participating in the Kentucky American Choral Director's Association's Jr. High All-State Chorus on November 3rd and 4th. These freshmen were chosen by audition to participate in this highly selective event which takes place here in Lexington. The SCAPA Art Lease and Coffee House have been planned for November 17th from 6-8PM in the Bluegrass Multipurpose Room. This would be a great opportunity for vocal majors to perform show tunes or other lighter literature. Please see Ms. Gabbard to sign up. Also, the November Master Class will take place on Wednesday, November 29th from 3:30-5:00PM. Dr. Everett McCorvey will be conducting this class. It is a mandatory event for SCAPA vocal majors, but other students are also welcome to attend. Also see Ms. Gabbard as soon as possible if you are interested in performing for this event. These performing slots are filling quickly!

Good luck and continue working hard in November!

Laura Gabbard
SCAPA Vocal Instructor/ Director
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www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html

Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Performance class**
Thurs Nov 16, - Choir Room
with Dr. McCorvey from UK
- **SCAPA Voice Recital**
Sun Dec 3- 2:30 Location TBA
- **Fall Jury Dates**
December 12 & 13

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Office Hours: 1:20 - 3:20

Practice Logs

Don't forget to submit your SCAPA Voice practice logs each week!

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charms>



ACDA All-State

By: Jami Hart & Ellie Osborne

This past weekend, Lexington was proud to host the ACDA All-State. At ACDA, there are three different choirs. They are the SATB, SSA, and 5th & 6th grade choirs. The whole thing began with a grueling eight hour practice on Friday. To most people, this would be torture, but if you're truly passionate about music, then it's an incredible experience. Not only did we have to sing and learn our music, but we had to learn songs in different languages, as well. This was especially difficult, considering that there were 200 kids in our choir (SSA) alone. These students represented over 40 schools across the state of Kentucky. Some traveled from as far as Paducah! Lafayette was proud to have 13 students selected to participate in this wonderful opportunity! Those students were: Gabby Barker, Taylor Begley, Jimmy Betts, David Burton, Madeline Carey, Jami Hart, Micah Miller, Ellie Osborne, Trystan Pendley, Christina Roach, Alek Scott, Sydney Steele, and Hannah Yates. All of the work put in by these Lafayette students, and students from other schools, paid off in the end, as the concert was a huge success! Congratulations to all the participants on such a great job!



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Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent Lafayette at the **Kentucky All-State Auditions**: These students will participate in the All-State Choirs during the Kentucky Music Educator's Conference in Louisville in February. **Trey Alexander, Josh Babcock, Shannon Baker, Alex Bath, Katie Berger, Erin Brown, Troy Carman, Antoinette Comer, Kevin DeVries, Alex Edwards, John Krebs, Miles Meehan, Anthony Miller, Katie Natella, James Pendergrast, Katie Sink, Tyler Smith, Theresa Smyser, Ryan Story, Bonnie Stuck, Alyssa Sutphen, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubbesing, Paige Weherley, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman.**

Congratulations to **Kevin DeVries** and **Sarah Tubbesing** for winning First place in the Kentucky High School Male and Female division of the NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) competition.



Women's Choir sings at the Fall Concert



Men's chorus serenades Sarah Kennedy



Chorale at the UK Invitational



Madrigals at the Fall concert



Dr. Prindle works with Voice Majors



Jami Hart coached by Dr. Prindle



Elliott Mattox & Singers Perform at Fall Concert

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