



# Notes and News



## LAFAYETTE CHORAL DEPARTMENT

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## From the Director

Greetings Parents and Students,

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the new format for our choir newsletter: Notes and News. We have redesigned this newsletter to include more information, more student recognition, and more resources. We will be publishing Notes and News on a monthly basis to keep single content email announcements to a minimum and keep everyone informed. We are currently looking for an editor for the newsletter. Contact me if you are interested in helping.

Secondly, We are well into the beginning of our school year with lots of activities for students and great performances planned. We continue to need parental support in all of our activities. Parental involvement is critical to our success – and also has been shown to be important to student achievement in school.

We have two main areas that we need your help now.

**One is on our Sponsorship Campaign.** Please help your students with this. We are asking all students to sell 2 sponsorships. This is critical to replacing our Bingo Fundraiser. If you are glad to not have to participate in Bingo – please help us with this fundraiser which is designed to be short and painless. All sponsorships are due this Friday, September 15.

The second area we need your help is with the **Chorus Gala and Silent Auction.** Our great Gala Chairs need your help to make this a success. We are asking for auction items, as well as food donations, and help with the event. You can also print a poster to hang at work or church to help us with publicity. See the Gala article later in this newsletter.

We're off to a great start this year! Thanks to all!  
Ryan Marsh

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# Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **UK Bluegrass Choral Music Festival – Friday and Sat Sept 15 – 16 – UK Singletary Ctr.**

We are in the midst of rehearsals for the UKBGMF. (This is an optional activity) Students who have signed up will attend the Festival this Fri and Sat. Join us for a free concert at UK Singletary Center at 4:00 pm on Saturday! Cost is \$15.00. Students participating should turn in fees to the choir office before Friday 9/15. Checks payable to Lafayette Chorus Boosters.

For complete schedule and info: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/ukfest.html>

- **In-House All-State Choir Auditions – Tuesday Sept 26 – Choir Room**

Lafayette always has many qualified students interested in audition for All-State Choir, unfortunately, we are only allowed to bring 15% of our choir enrollment to actually audition. The fairest way to choose is by holding a preliminary audition in the exact same format as the actual auditions. This is good practice for the audition. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/allstateauditions.html>

- **Choir Gala - Friday September 29, 7:30 pm. LHS Café**

Join us for a great evening of song and great deals. Tickets: \$5/students and \$7/adults.

The second annual Lafayette Chorus Gala will be on Friday, September 29, from 7:00-9:30 P.M. We encourage all choir students, families, and friends to attend this evening of great vocal performances, a silent auction, food and fun. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/gala.html>

- **UK Choral Invitational – Chorale Field Trip - Monday October 16, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

The Lafayette Chorale has been invited to participate in the UK Choral invitation along with 5 other choirs from around the state. Choirs attend to sing for each other in a non-competitive format and get the opportunity to work with internationally known clinician, Anton Armstrong, conductor of the St. Olaf Choir. Stay tuned for more information coming home. Parents will need to sign field trip permission forms. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/forms.html>

- **All-State Auditions - October 17, 2006 – Tates Creek High School**

Lafayette Choir students in grades 10-12 are eligible to audition for the KMEA All-State choirs. Students must pass the LHS in-house audition in order to participate.

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

- **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>

- **Fall Concert - Tuesday October 10, 2006 7:30 pm - Beeler Auditorium**

With a high school as busy and with as many fantastic student performances as Lafayette, we all must work together to share common performance spaces. We will present our fall concert in Beeler Auditorium against the backdrop of the upcoming SCAPA Fall play. We thank Mr. Thomas and the theatre department for working with us to allow us to hold our concert on campus.

- **Winter Concert: - Monday December 11, 7:30 pm – Singletary Center (Advanced Choirs)**

**Please note this date! This is the Correct Date – there was another date listed previously on a schedule.**

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

Download the Fall Schedule: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/schedule.html>

# Fundraisers

## Sponsorship Campaign

Lafayette Choral Department Sponsorship Campaign is a new fundraising opportunity we have started this year.



Sponsorship provides an opportunity for area businesses and patrons to show their support for arts education and the LHS choral program. In return for their generous support we will provide several advertising opportunities during our 2006-2007 choral concert season.

It is also a good opportunity for students to bank **credits** toward their account for use on fees, trips and other choir activities. Students will receive 10% from all ads and sponsorships sold by you.

***Lafayette Chorus no longer participates in Bingo as a fundraiser, so your help is needed to replace revenue from Bingo!***

Download a complete sponsorship packet today.  
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html>

***All Sponsorships are due this Friday September 15!***

## Your Ad Here. . .

Your business listed



Become a Corporate Sponsor and secure a spot for your ad in the monthly newsletter



[www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html)

## Help Needed

Are you good with word processing? Do you have a knack with words? Would you like to help the Choral department?

We are looking for an editor of the Notes and News Monthly newsletter for the Lafayette Choral Program. If this sounds like a job for you, please contact Mr. Marsh.

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## Upcoming Fundraisers

### Sponsorship Campaign

Ends Friday Sept. 15

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chorus Gala and Silent Auction**  
Friday September 29 7:00 pm – LHS Cafeteria

### Cookie Dough Sales

October 2-13  
Earn Credits for Travel and Fees

### Fall Fundraiser TBA

November 1-15

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

# Chorus Boosters

## From the Presidents:

We want to welcome everyone to a new year in the Lafayette Choir programs. We have been LHS choir parents for 6 years. Our children have participated in Singers, Chorale, and Madrigals. Each of these choirs has been a fantastic experience for our kids. We want each of your children's experiences to be just as great. We accepted the job of choir booster co-presidents because we feel that it is our responsibility to support this fantastic program. Excellence is not achieved in isolation. We know our combined effort will help support Mr. Marsh and our students as they continue to make Lafayette choirs a truly superior musical experience for all who are involved.

There are many ways that you can be directly involved in making this program the best ever. First, we need your financial support. Please, pay your choir dues, join the booster organization, and generously support our fundraisers. Excellence is neither easy nor cheap!! Second, please get physically involved!!! Volunteer your time. We need chaperones, parents working the Gala, people making phone calls, people inviting friends and family to our concerts... There are numerous events where you are needed!!! Please don't wait to be asked, volunteer now to help!!

We know that everyone is busy, but this organization is worth your time. Our choir is full of the finest students in our school. They are amazing musicians and deserve everything we can do for them. In addition, you will be blessed by the music you hear and even more, by the young people who become a part of your life. Get involved and enjoy your child's years at LHS. If we all do a little, no one must do a lot!!

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](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters.html)

Credit Policies

[www.lafayettechoir.org/credits.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/credits.html)

Fundraising Info

[www.lafayettechoir.org/feesandfundraisers.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/feesandfundraisers.html)

Fee Info

[www.lafayettechoir.org/fees.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/fees.html)

In-Lieu of/Opt-Out

[www.lafayettechoir.org/optout.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/optout.html)

Sponsorship Campaign

[www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html)

CHARMS

[www.lafayettechoir.org/charms](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charms)

## Fall Parent Meeting Report

If you missed the fall parent meeting on Tuesday August 29, you can get the full report from our website. We discussed important topics such as fees, contact information, attire for Singers and Chorale, fundraising, Charms, the Choir Gala, concerts, contact information and more.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/ParentMeeting2006.pdf>



Next Board Meeting:

**Monday Sept. 18**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Choir Room**

Board meetings are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.



# Students in the Spotlight

## **Congratulations to the Lafayette Choir Officers for 06-07.**

The Students in each choir have elected their officers.  
(Men's choir will elect officers next week)

	<b>CHORALE</b>	<b>SINGERS</b>	<b>WOMEN'S</b>
President:	Miles Meehan	Emily Price	Hannah Reid
Vice-Pres:	Douglas W-Tieman	Jordan West	Hannah Dixon
Secretary:	Lydia Kabalen	Chris Stahl	Kayla Leguizamo
Librarian	Trey Alexander	Cathy Christian	Laurin Hill
Librarian	Emily McClanahan	Leenisha Marks	Lydia Putnam
Historian	Jasmine Gray	Jessica Crutcher	Nikka Berry
Historian	Katie Natella	Elliott Mattox	Cara Starns
Historian			Monika Zeps

The class officers will fill various leadership roles, including introducing the choirs, recording attendance, helping organize music, and recording the year in pictures. Congrats!

## **COMING SOON:**

As we get rolling this year, we will have many students to recognize for their accomplishments.

We will even feature articles written by students.

If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to  
newsletter@lafayettechoir.org

## **TRAVEL UPDATE: - STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS**

This space will be dedicated each month to the upcoming competition tour.

As you probably know, this is a travel year for the Lafayette Advanced Choirs (Singers, Madrigals and Chorale). We are working hard to get the best price for our trip, consulting with various travel companies. We hope to have details ready to announce very soon. We will have a trip meeting for all those interested in taking the trip this year.

Some tentative details:

We plan to travel together with the Lafayette Orchestra to Orlando for a competition and workshop.

Proposed Travel dates: March 7-11, 2007. This is a 3 day weekend to minimize missed classes.

We hope to keep the cost of trip close to \$550.

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

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

## **Sight-Reading Workshops**

In order to help students prepare for All-State auditions, we are offering three workshops to assist students in practice sight-reading. These are great opportunities to brush up, practice, or learn new techniques.

The workshops are:

**Monday Sept 11, 18, 25 from 3:30-4:15**

If you cannot attend, stop by and pick up a packet or download one from the website:

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/sightreadingpractice.pdf>

## **Fall Concert**

October 10, 2006 7:30 pm

Beeler Auditorium

Join us for our Fall Concert  
featuring all Lafayette choirs.

## From Ms. Gabbard

The SCAPA Voice Majors are starting the school year off with many exciting activities. Freshmen vocal majors have all recently auditioned for the Kentucky Choral Director's Association Junior High All-State. We will receive results in mid September. For those who are accepted, this festival will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with rehearsals at Heritage Hall and the concert at the Singletary Center.

Rehearsals are underway for the University of Kentucky's Bluegrass Choral Music Festival, which will take place at UK's Singletary Center for the Arts on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The students will rehearse Friday evening and all day Saturday, wrapping up with a concert at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon.

The following week, on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3:30 until 5:00, we will hold our first monthly studio performance class. During this month's class, all students will perform selections they have been practicing in preparation for the Choir Gala. Everyone will receive constructive feedback so that the Gala performances are top notch. Don't forget...attendance is mandatory as we only have one opportunity each month to both perform for and listen to others sing!

All upperclassmen vocal majors are busy preparing for All-State auditions as well. Lafayette's in-house auditions will take place on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Sight reading clinics will be held after school in the weeks prior to the auditions. Quartets are also encouraged to sign up for times to get extra help from Mr. Marsh or Ms. Gabbard.

Finally, the Choir Gala will take place on Friday evening, September 29<sup>th</sup>. All SCAPA vocal majors will either be performing solos or as part of small ensembles as well as with their respective choirs.

Remember...practice logs are due each Friday. You **MUST** log on to [www.lafayettechoir.org/charms](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charms) to submit these logs!!!! Remember, if your computer is down – there are computers in the choir room you can use.

Laura Gabbard  
SCAPA Vocal Instructor/ Director  
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[www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html)

### Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Masterclass**  
Thurs Sep 21, - Choir Room
- **Gala and Silent Auction Performances**  
Fri Sept 29, 7:00 - LHS Café
- **LHS In-House All-State Auditions**  
Tues Sept 27, - Tates Creek HS
- **KMEA All-State Auditions**  
Tues Oct 17, - Tates Creek HS
- **SCAPA Masterclass**  
Thurs Oct 26, - Choir Room
- **SCAPA Performance class**  
Thurs Nov 16, - Choir Room
- **SCAPA Voice Recital**  
Sun Dec 3- 2:30 Location TBA
- **Fall Jury Dates** - TBA

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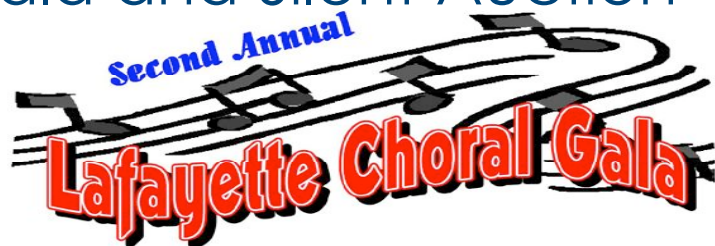
### Practice Logs

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

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



# Gala and Silent Auction



Friday, September 29, 2006  
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Door Prizes Soloists Silent Auction  
Refreshments

Lafayette Cafeteria

Tickets: \$7 - Adults  
\$5 - Students

Madrigals



Chorale

Download and print this poster to distribute to help spread the word: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/galaposter.pdf>

## Help needed:

All chorus students and families are encouraged to solicit donations for the silent auction. We would like a wide variety of items, from handmade crafts to professional services, music-related items, gift certificates, jewelry and art. Groups of parents or students may like to combine smaller items to make a theme basket.

**Silent Auction items** Contact Candy Brunk to donate: [c.brunk@lexmark.com](mailto:c.brunk@lexmark.com) (home 523-1237, cell 230-2578,)

Silent auction items may also be dropped off in the chorus room. Please include the name and address of the donor, and the approximate value of the item donated. Forms are available on the Choir website. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/gala.html>

Items must be delivered by September 21 in order to be listed in the program.

To help with food or the event, contact the Gala chairs Kathleen Tubbesing (home 272-7323, cell 227-6665, [m.tubbesing@insightbb.com](mailto:m.tubbesing@insightbb.com)) or Carolyn Waterbury-Tieman (home 273-5218, cell 536-1313, [cwtieman@yahoo.com](mailto:cwtieman@yahoo.com)).

**Publicity:** Contact Penny Christian to help with publicity. [pennymom66@yahoo.com](mailto:pennymom66@yahoo.com)

**Decorations:** Contact Julia Gentry to help with decorations. [juliagentry@insightbb.com](mailto:juliagentry@insightbb.com)

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## Focus on the Web:

In this section of Notes and News we will be highlighting a section of interest of the choir website each month.

The Lafayette Choir Website is an extensive collection of resources and information. Please check back regularly to find answers to your questions

## FORMS

We have redesigned the forms section in the website. We have consolidated many forms from across our website onto one page. This page now not only contains applicable forms, but links to other important documents.

There are four main sections on this page: [Class Forms](#), [Travel Forms](#), [Booster forms/documents](#), and [Fundraiser Forms/documents](#).

You can get to the forms page by clicking on the forms link on the left hand side of the main Lafayette Choir page: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org>

You can also get to the page by using this link:  
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/forms.html>

# CHARMS

[www.lafayettechoir.org/charms](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charms)  
Lafayette School Code: **LafayetteHSC**

CHARMS Music Office assistant is the new accounts receivable and data software adopted by the LHS Choral Department. This product does more than our prior software solution and will save us money. You will be seeing lots of information about and from CHARMS this year.

### **Update your student data!**

The first way in which you can use CHARMS is to login using your students last six digits of their student number and update your contact information. Please enter current email addresses and phone numbers. We will prompt you to update your data at least once during the year.

There are many other features of CHARMS which we will be deploying over the course of the year. Log on and explore!

Please let us know if you have problems logging on and we can check the account [ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us) or [charms@lafayettechoir.org](mailto:charms@lafayettechoir.org)