

September 2007

Welcome Back

From the Directors

Dear Students and Parents:

It has been a very exciting beginning to the new year. I am always excited to begin working with the choirs and hear what our choirs will be like each year. This year promises to be a great year. We have very strong choirs this year.

This Month....

2. Important Dates
3. Fundraising
4. Gala
5. SCAPA Voice
6. Chorus Boosters
7. Choir Officers

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.

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. 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.

Be sure to mark your calendars for all the important events this semester.

Lastly, please complete the [volunteer survey](http://www.lafayettechoir.org/volunteer.html) so that we may be able to contact you to help . This is very important to us.

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

I hope to see all parents at LHS PTSA Open House – Sept 13.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **UK Bluegrass Choral Festival Pre-Rehearsals – All Pre-Rehearsals take place in LHS Choir Rm.**
Students are required to attend 3 pre-rehearsals

Tues, Sept 5 3:20-4:00 pm • Wed, Sept 6, 7:45-8:15 pm • Tues, Sept 11, 3:20-4:00 pm • Wed, Sept 12, 7:45-8:15 pm
Tues, Sept 18, 3:20-4:00 pm • Wed, Sept 19, 7:45-8:15 pm

- **LHS PTSA Open House – Thursday, September 13**
- **Freshmen All-State Honor Choir Audition Tapes Due - Friday, September 14**

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

- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass - Wed, Sept 19, 3:30-5:00**

(Required for SCAPA Voice majors – open to all choir students.) <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>

- **UK Bluegrass Choral Music Festival – Friday and Sat Sept 21 – 22 – 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 9/14. Checks payable to Lafayette Chorus Boosters.

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

- **Choir Gala - Saturday October 6, 7:00 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 Saturday, October 6, 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>

- **In-House All-State Choir Auditions – Tuesday Oct 9 – 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>

- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass - Mon, Oct 15, 3:30-5:00**

(Required for SCAPA Voice majors – open to all choir students.) <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>

- **All-State Auditions - October 29, 2007 – 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 2 and 3**

Interested students already submitted audition tapes. Acceptance notification will be made later this month. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/freshmenallstate.html>

- **Fall Informance - Tuesday October 16, 2007 7:30 pm - Location TBA (Men, Women's Choir)**

- **Winter Concert: - Tuesday December 4, 7:30 pm – Beeler Auditorium (Men, Women, Swing)**

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

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 2007-2008 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 7!

FUNDRAISING 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**, **Raffle**, 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.

[It's not too late to make your contribution if you do not plan to participate in the fundraisers.](#)

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www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html

Upcoming Fundraisers

Sponsorship Campaign

Ends Friday Sept. 7

2nd Annual Chorus Gala and Silent Auction

Saturday October 6 7:00 pm – LHS Cafeteria

Cookie Dough Sales

October 2-13

Earn Credits for Travel and Fees

Fall Raffle

November 1-15

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



Lafayette Choral Gala

Saturday October 6, 2007

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Door Prizes

Soloists

Silent Auction

Refreshments

Lafayette Cafeteria

Tickets: \$7 - Adults

\$5 - Students

Madrigals



Chorale

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AWARD WINNING TRADITION

Be sure to attend the UK Bluegrass Choral Music Festival concert: Saturday Sept 22, 4:30

We have 63 students scheduled to participate.

Gala 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: These 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 October 1 in order to be listed in the program.

To help with the event, contact the Gala chairs Kathleen Tubbesing (h: 272-7323, c: 227-6665, kctubbesing@yahoo.com)

Dianne Toll (home 277-2353, cell 421-0685, Dianne-miketoll@insightbb.com)

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Publicity or Food: Contact Penny Christian to help with publicity or food. pennymom66@yahoo.com

Decorations: Contact Julia Gentry to help with decorations. juliagentry@insightbb.com

Private Lesson Opportunity

The Central Music Academy exists to provide music performance education for the children of Lexington. Chartered in 2004, the Academy partners with the community and other arts organizations to reach every child regardless of experience or financial need, enabling them to develop artistically, intellectually, and socially through musical study.



All are encouraged to apply, and tuition is free for those in financial need: if you qualify for free or reduced lunches at school, you qualify for free lessons at CMA. The music lessons are available in all areas of musical performance including voice, winds, strings, and percussion. Certain instruments will be available on loan from Central Music Academy and practice facilities are available at Central Music Academy's headquarters in Central Christian Church on East Short Street.

You can also contact Mr. Marsh for an application.

<http://web.mac.com/centralmusic>

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From Ms. Gabbard

SCAPA vocal majors are off to a busy start this year as everyone is preparing for upcoming events. To kick things off, all freshmen vocal majors have auditioned for the KyACDA Freshmen All-State Choir. Results should be in by September 18th. Good luck!

Last year we hosted a very successful series of vocal master classes and we are continuing the program this year. Our first master class is Wednesday, September 19th from 3:30-5:00. University of Louisville vocal professor Edie Tidwell will be our guest clinician. She will be working with the group as a whole and will then listen to several individual performers and provide feedback. All vocal majors are required to attend!

The next performance event is the Choir Gala which is one the students always look forward to. Vocal majors will be performing individually as well as with their choir. The students are working hard in preparation for this event.

Since all vocal majors have now had a private lesson, practice logs should be coming in weekly either through the Charms website or on paper. Most are doing very well in getting these in. Remember, no late practice logs will be accepted this year. They are meant to be beneficial to you as you keep track of your progress.

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www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html

Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Master Class**
Wed, Sep 19, 3:30-5:00 - Choir Rm
- **Choir Gala and Silent Auction**
Saturday, Oct 6, 7:00 - Cafeteria
- **LHS In-House All-state Auditions**
Tuesday, Oct 9, - Choir Room
- **SCAPA Master Class**
Mon, Oct 15, 3:30-5:00 - Choir Rm
- **KMEA District All-State Auditions**
Monday, Oct 29, - Tates Creek High
- **Freshmen All-State**
Fri/Sat, Nov 2-3, Heritage Hall
- **SCAPA Master Class**
Thurs, Nov 15, 3:30-5:00 - Choir Rm
- **SCAPA Vocal Juries**
Mon/Tue, Nov 19-20, 3:30 -Choir Rm
- **SCAPA Vocal Recital**
Friday, Dec 7, 7:00 - Location TBA

Practice Logs

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

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



Chorus Boosters

From the Presidents:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 year in the Lafayette Choir programs. We have been LHS choir parents for 7 years.

Our children have participated in all areas of this fine program. 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 last year because we feel that it is our responsibility to support this fantastic program.

Last year was a wonderful year and we expect the same this year. 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. The first way you can volunteer is with our Gala coming up in October. Please, call or email and volunteer at this great event. We need items for our silent auction, as well as help in putting on the whole event. We also need chaperones, 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!!

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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.



Congratulations to the Lafayette Choir Officers for 07-08.

The Students in each choir have elected their officers.

	CHORALE	SINGERS	WOMEN'S	MEN'S
President:	Douglas W-Tieman	Hannah Yates	Nakesha Dumphord	Kenny Demus
Vice-Pres:	Katie Berger	Wood VanMeter	Sharon Rodriguez	DeQuan Cloud
Secretary:	John Krebs	Jimmy Betts	M'Ilique Hill	Adam Collins
Librarian	Sara Isaacs	Lauren Hill	Rachel McCann	Cameron Sallee
Librarian	Cathy Christian	Emily Lee	Lydia Putnam	Dmetric Wilson
Historian	Raven Darkomensah	Nikki Berry	Meredith Burns	
Historian	Emily McClanahan	Tyler Stahl	Cory Harmon	

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

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**

User ID is last 6 digits of student number.

Email Mr. Marsh if your login id does not work.

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 25, October 1, & 8 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 **Informance**

October 15, 2007 7:30 pm

Location TBA

Join us for our Fall Concert featuring
Men's & Women's Choirs

