

LAFAYETTE CHORAL DEPARTMENT

Notes and News

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Singers and Parents:

Welcome to another exciting year in the Lafayette Choral Department. If you are new to the program, let me extend a special welcome and congratulations on becoming a part of what we believe to be the finest choral program in the state! Our chorus enrollment is up, and we have an action-packed year ahead of us!

Let me first welcome Ms. Laura Gabbard to Lafayette and the choral department. Ms. Gabbard comes to LHS from Southern Middle School. She will be the new SCAPA vocal instructor and director. (You can read more about her later in this newsletter.) We are thrilled that Ms. Gabbard is joining our faculty. She will bring much knowledge and skill as well as enthusiasm and energy. She will play a significant role as we continue each year taking the choral program to a new level!

This summer, the choral department transitioned our accounting and data management to a new software solution. The *Charms* Music office Assistant will be an important tool in communication and student accounts. This will be important to students and parents as we enter a big fundraising and travel year. In addition to receiving emails and account statements from CHARMS, parents will be able to log on to check student fees and travel account statements. (SCAPA voice students, you will be able to log your practice hours electronically! -I bet you can't wait!) Parents will find access instructions in this newsletter and you can find links to access Charms on the Lafayettechoir.org website!

While on the subject of technology, please keep an eye on our website. www.lafayettechoir.org. It is always changing and constantly being updated. Pay particular attention to the calendar available there!

Lastly, this is a travel year for Singers, Madrigals and Chorale. We are currently formulating plans for this year's trip. With this, comes the ever more important need for fundraising. Not only will we be providing opportunities for students to bank credits toward their trip, but we must continue to fund-raise to meet the needs of the entire department. Some of these things will be discussed at our **fall parent meeting**. Please plan for one parent per family to attend this important meeting on **August 29 at 7:00 pm**.

It is going to be an exceptional year! But we need everyone's help to continue the fine tradition of the Lafayette Choral Program.

Welcome back! I look forward to seeing you soon.
Ryan Marsh

August 2006

New Email Address

This summer, the Fayette County Schools along with other school districts in the state changed email servers. This means all school employee email addresses have changed.

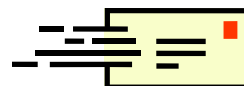
Our new email addresses are as follows:

**ryan.marsh@
fayette.kyschools.us**

**laura.gabbard@
fayette.kyschools.us**

**hollice.lamb@
fayette.kyschools.us**

Please note these changes in your address book



You have MAIL!

E-MAIL will continue to be the primary means of communications for the Vocal Music Department for the 2006-2007 year. Newsletters, notices of performances and events, schedule changes, etc. will be sent via e-mail. Please make sure you complete this section on the Participation Form (or online).

If your e-mail address changes, please contact our database coordinator (Kathryne Watkins, kwatkins@insightbb.com) with your new address.

This is very important to us. Please make sure we have your email address!

Vocal Music Fees

www.lafayettechoir.org/fees.html

Due to the time that money collection takes away from the instructors' teaching time, Chorus Boosters will continue to collect and document payment of Vocal Music Department fees.



Fees:

Advanced Choir Fees (Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, Swing)

\$80/year • (Option to pay in two \$40 semester payments)

This fee includes attire rental fees. Students only pay 1 fee per student – regardless of number of choirs they are enrolled in.

Beginning Choir Fees (Women's, Adv. Women, Men's Choir)

\$50/year • (Option to pay in two \$25 semester payments)

The first semester's payment should be returned with the Participation Form by **August 5th**.

The chorus fees are extremely inexpensive when compared to the cost associated with any other school-related extra-curricular activity your student might choose. **One could not even purchase a choir tuxedo or dress for the cost of our annual chorus fees!**

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. **EACH STUDENT 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 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. 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 and fees help provide:

Chorus T-shirts
 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.....

Fundraising 2006-2007 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. 2)

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.**

“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:

Gala and Silent Auction (October ‘06)

Sponsorship and Patron Program ads. (September ‘06)

*Cookie Dough (Fall ‘06)

*Coupon Books (Fall ‘06)

*Candy Sales (January ‘07)

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

VOCAL DEPARTMENT FEES

The fees remain the same from last year. Vocal department fees include attire (tux and dress) rental fees for advanced choirs. See below for fee information. Be sure to select the appropriate box for which choir level your student is enrolled in.

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. JOIN TODAY! (See Below)

CHARMS music office assistant

www.lafayettechoir.org/charms

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.

Features offered by charms:

Log in to your student's account, pay by credit card/paypal (coming soon) • track student fundraising • track trip payments • SCAPA practice logs • receive email account statements • receive email announcements and newsletters • update your contact information.

Your use of CHARMS helps our directors with time-consuming organizational tasks.

CHARMS

INSTRUCTION GUIDE

- Logon to www.lafayettechoir.org/charms or www.charmsmusic.com
- Locate the "PARENT/STUDENT LOGIN" section of the web page.
- Login to your child's program account using the following login:
_____LafayetteHSC_____
- This will bring up the main parent page. This will allow you to view a **calendar, event list, handouts and SmartMusic files**.
- When you enter your child's ID NUMBER,
(the last 6 digits of LHS student number)
another more detailed screen appears with even more options to view your uniform assignments, music assignments, financial records, and forms. Enter your child's ID FIRST – then you may create your own, unique password by clicking on the "keys."
- You can help us maintain our records! You may make changes to your child's **student information page** (such as updating phone numbers and email addresses if they change). This help us communicate with you more effectively and saves postage as well.
- Most importantly, the parent page assists us to communicate with you.

LAFAYETTE CHORAL DEPARTMENT

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.

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

BEGINNING CHORUS FEES

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

- Yearly Beginning Vocal Music Fee** • **\$50.00**
 We will be paying in two \$25.00 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 music families are invited and encouraged to join the LHS Chorus Booster Assoc.

- Booster Membership** • **\$10.00**

*(Make a 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 28th TO
Lafayette Chorus Department • Lafayette HS • 401 Reed Lane • Lexington, KY 40503*



LAFAYETTE CHORAL DEPARTMENT

2006-2007 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 you completed this in Spring '06.*

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 24th 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.

WELCOME to Laura Gabbard!—SCAPA Voice Instructor

Laura Gabbard is a native of Mt. Sterling, KY where she graduated from [Montgomery County High School](#). She credits her involvement in the music programs of the Montgomery County Public Schools with the beginnings of her musical passion and ultimately, her career.

Ms. Gabbard is a graduate of [Morehead State University](#) where she completed both her undergraduate and graduate degrees. As an undergraduate, she received her Bachelor of Music Education degree as a piano major on the choral/vocal education track of study. She also received the Master of Music degree while studying music education and choral conducting. While completing her graduate degree, she studied choral conducting privately with Dr. Greg Detweiler. She also served as a graduate assistant for the [choral music department at MSU](#). Ms. Gabbard recently completed Level II training in the Kodaly philosophy of music literacy and education. She began her teaching career in 2002 at Southern Middle School in Fayette County where she was responsible for general music classes, grades 6-8, as well as the 6th, 7th and 8th grade choirs. She has also had a private piano and voice studio since 1996.

For many years, Ms. Gabbard has served as an accompanist for various choirs, soloists (both vocal and instrumental), and musical productions. She also serves as a church musician both as a pianist as well as a vocalist.

Ms. Gabbard is delighted to be a part of the SCAPA/Lafayette faculty! She will conduct the Women's Chorus and the Swing Choir as well as teaching [SCAPA vocal majors](#), Musicianship I, and Beginning Keyboarding. Welcome Ms. Gabbard - laura.gabbard@fayette.kyschools.us

UNIFORM FITTINGS

Tuxedos and formal black dresses are provided for students enrolled in [Madrigals, Singers, and Chorale](#).

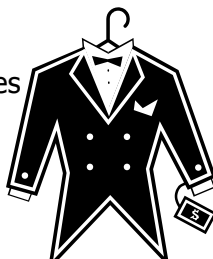
August 8 5:30-7:00 PM

August 14 5:30-7:00 PM

August 15 5:30-7:00 PM

Appointments can be made but are not necessary. Drop-ins are welcome on both days. Appointments can be made by contacting our uniform/attire coordinator, **Jane Anderson, 273-9714**

Please make sure your student comes to a fitting session.



**** Important Parent Meeting ****

Tuesday, August 29th at 7:00 pm

There will be a parent meeting on Aug 29 in the Choir Room for all choir parents. We will cover concert attire, fundraising, trip information, 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.**

Board Meetings

The Chorus Booster Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm in the Chorus room. General parent meetings will be announced via e-mail.



Choir Gala and Silent Auction **Friday September 29**

If you or a business you know would like to donate items/products, please contact Mr. Marsh.

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We're on the Web!

www.LafayetteChoir.org

An Up-to-date calendar is
always available on the
website. We will also keep
you notified by email.

Important Dates

Uniform Fittings

(Singers, Madr. And Chorale Only)

August 8 5:30-7:00 PM - Choir Room

August 14 5:30-7:00 PM - Choir Room

August 15 5:30-7:00 PM - Choir Room

First Day of School August 16th

Booster Board Meeting -

August 21st - 6:00 pm - Choir Room

Participation Form & Vocal Music

Fees DUE August 24th

Parent Meeting - All Grades

August 29th 7:00 pm Chorus Room

UK Bluegrass Choral Music Fest

Sept 15 and 16

LHS Chorus Gala and Silent Auction

Friday September 29, 2006

Fall Concert - All Choirs

Tues Oct 10, 2006, 7:30-Location TBA

LHS Chorus Booster Board

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Lafayette High School

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