

# DHS CHORAL DEPARTMENT

## Director's Report

9/6/16

### Activities:

Tee It Up For The Troops - DHS provided a National Anthem Singer for the local fundraiser on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> benefiting the troops returning from service. Because we didn't get the request until Friday before, Claire Challacombe took one for the team and did a beautiful job representing the Choral Department once again!

Nestle-Beich candy bars - are currently being sold. \$2964 worth were ordered and delivered on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Due to this large order and the hope for steady orders during the rest of the year, Jay Presley (our candy man) offered the choir 50% profit and waived the setup fees.

Football National Anthem Singers - (in order) Srishti Srivastava Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, Alumni Megan Koch for Homecoming on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Libby Lewis September 30<sup>th</sup>, All-State Quintet Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Senior Choir Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. As in past years, students selected to sing are ILMEA competitors from last fall; either selectees to the district festival or All State.

Flower Power - Sept 6 information packets will be distributed. This is a 50% profit catalogue sale that includes a way for friends and family to order online, too. Email questions to Reece,

ILMEA Practice at Bradley University & ISU - The annual sing with Dr. Jost will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will rehearse and receive audition tips on procedure and requirements from District #2 personnel. Bus leaves at 5:15pm and should return around 9:30pm. Students need to eat before they leave, bring a water bottle, and all of their music. ISU is also hosting a sing later in Sept.

ILMEA - (All State) auditions will be held at Geneseo on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Music has already been delivered to students. CD's and extra rehearsals will be available afterschool til 5; Junior Chorus Mon & Fri, Senior Chorus Tues & Thurs. The Festival is on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Augustana College.

### Correspondence:

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) requested Madrigals to sing on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> for their winter luncheon - accepted

Kendra Fowler, Sheri's Byrne's mom, from Northwoods Community Church "Seniors Connection" has invited the Madrigals to sing on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening - accepted.

Lee Fosburgh is working with the Caterpillar Visitors Center on a documentary for the Caterpillar Mixed Chorus 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They have requested "T.B.A." to record a song called "I Wish't I Was in Peoria." If we can coordinate our efforts, they will come and record the boys singing, crediting them by name in the final credits of the film.

## "GEORGIA ON MY MIND" Choir Tour 2017:

- Purchased vinyl sign to hang at fundraisers with left over Chorus Activity Account \$.
- Payment of \$200 is due Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. Invoices will be sent home. Those selling items may wait to subtract their profits before turning in their check or may apply it to the next payment in November. Future payment dates are Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> \$200, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> \$200, & April 20<sup>th</sup> remaining balance. **All payments are payable to DHS Music Boosters.**
- 91 singers are currently signed up to go to Georgia, deposits and fundraising slips turned in. We still have a few new students deciding, but the cut off will be Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to go on the trip will need to have \$350 in their account by then to officially sign on. Cost is still between \$1000 - \$1075.
- 11 chaperones have been secured; 8 students per adult. Cost for a chaperone after Music Boosters pays half is around \$625 for double room rate instead of the student quad rate.
- After all student/chaperone seats are sold, extra seats will be sold to any parents and children who would like to travel with us (aka - ride alongs). Meals and tickets to all activities that the choir attends would be included. Price varies due to hotel occupancy.

## Thank you's!!!!:

All who have volunteered to chaperone the Georgia trip. We can't go without you!!!

The DHS Music Boosters who tirelessly work for the success of our musicians.

Mr. Carpenter for volunteering to host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Madrigal volleyball spectacle and Mrs. Holshouser for volunteering to host a bonding night later in the season.

Krista & Bruce Hoerr, who manage the Chorus individual trip accounts AND also volunteer on the Music Booster Executive Board.

Mrs. Colombo, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Dugan, Mrs. Wurtzbacher, Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. Gross, and Mrs. Fant for helping out with fitting uniforms. Mrs. Lewis also made a number of repairs.

## Miscellaneous Info:

Uniform bags were ordered and will be sent home with your singer along with a Chorus uniform as soon as they arrive. Ladies were each issued a black formal dress. Gentlemen are

assigned a tux coat, tux pants, tux shirt, black vest, and black tie. Outfits will be worn to all performances unless otherwise communicated.

Men in Chorus need BLACK DRESS SHOES (not black tennis shoes) and black socks for performances. Men in Show Choir will need black dance shoes as well.

Women in Chorus need CLOSED TOED BLACK DRESS SHOES. (not boots or "toms", please)  
Women in Show Choir will need black character shoes as well.

Concert donations - \$2 donations will be collected before every concert at DHS.

Profits from concerts range between \$400-\$800+ and help support the Music Boosters efforts to raise chaperone money for Colorado.

## New Business:

NEEDED: Chorus parents to chair and help organize fundraisers. The more help we have, the more opportunity our kids have to earn \$. Mrs. Pech and Mrs. Fant are the only two I have heard from so far willing to help out.

Bagging Groceries/Car Wash? - We have done these things in the past. Anyone have contacts and/or interested in spearheading?

Flower Power fundraiser - needs someone to organize the orders to be sent to the company.  
No sorting or delivering, all gets mailed to customer. Should be an easy one to help on.

TJ's Pizza Sale - Coming up soon. Anyone interested in helping. 40% profit if we sell 100 pies.

Bergner's fundraiser - Is anyone willing to look into this? Easy money!!! Sell coupon books worth over \$10 in savings for only \$5 each. Student profit is 100%.

Cheesecake Fundraiser - Need some parents to volunteer to head this fundraiser Oct. 12-24.  
The company will send samples to share at the October Booster meeting to get everybody excited. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> delivery in time for holidays. I have it all set up and ready for you.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Not set up yet, but this was a great seller for the last trip. Prices are similar to the stores and kids get 40% profit. Wonderful for gift giving!

Greens fundraiser - Chorus student profit into their individual accounts this year! Let's sell!!!

Restaurant Fundraisers - Watch for the next opportunity to support the music department!

**Questions or comments?**

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