

DHS CHORAL DEPARTMENT

Director's Report October 2024

Activities:

Fall Choral Concert - was on Thursday Oct 17th at both 1:45 PM and 7:00 PM. 325 Choral students were able to sit in on the matinee performance as part of our choral curriculum and we had about 75 guests attend as well. What a wonderful crowd of parents, family and friends!! Thank you for your generous donations to the Music Boosters, they add up quick! \$1086

Senior Night @ the Football Game: All Chorus Seniors sang the National Anthem on Oct. 25th at the game. Come on out and support them and the band at the last home game. Thank you to Reagan Lindgren 2021 Alum for singing at Homecoming. Go Team!!

Greens fundraiser - Information was emailed out to students/parents a couple of weeks ago and the sale is now completed. Chorus students going on the NYC trip profited \$896 into their individual accounts. Big thank you to Mrs. Kammerer for organizing and running a great sale!

PASTA FUN! - Pasta is our great new fundraiser, thanks to parent Aubrey Thomas! There are over 100 products to choose from and the sale can be traditional paper/cash/check or online. Anything ordered online is shipped to the seller.. Please see any NYC student for ordering information.

Court Singers "Bondfest" - The Court Singers are headed out for their annual "Bondfest" on Friday Nov. 1st. Details are sketchy at this time (a little Elevate lazer tag and Panera, I believe), but there is usually some type of sectional competition. Stay tuned to see if the sopranos or the altos prevailed. 😊

ILMEA Results- Virtual auditions wrapped up on Oct 2nd.. We are excited to report that 14 chorus students who auditioned for the Senior Chorus have been selected to participate in the District choir!! The ILMEA District festival is on November 2nd at Augustana College. Information has been sent home regarding bus times and concerts.

Youth In Harmony: "T.B.A." will not be traveling to Bloomington November 7th to

participate in the Youth In Harmony Barbershop Festival this year. Instead the boys will be partaking in a spring workshop with the ACDA to promote camaraderie in the Tenor/Bass sections. department. All Dunlap T/B will be welcome to participate.

Madrigals to ISU - Friday Nov. 8th the Madrigals will travel to ISU for a performance and clinic with Dr. Mark Grizzard at 12:38pm. (leaving DHS at 7:45am) Students will get to hear madrigal groups from across the state as well as ISU students. We should be home by 3:30pm at the latest. Madrigals will be wearing classic black.

WEEK-TV "Songs of the Season" - Madrigals will be taping a segment for WEEK on Nov. 13th for the festive show to be aired several times during the holidays. As soon as I have times, I will communicate them.

"Madrigal Knight" - It's our 23rd year anniversary and we want nothing more than to celebrate! Tickets go on sale Nov. 11th- 25th from any Madrigal or Court Singer. \$17 each and includes entertainment, a light dinner, and dessert

Correspondence:

2024 Alum **Lola Cox** sent a very sweet email to the choirs, sharing her journey into college life at Bradley. We hear and get visits from alumni often. So wonderful to hear how things are going.

Nicole (Schneider) Hayse, former DHS Madrigal Queen, has invited the Madrigals to sing at Methodist College for the Carle Retirees holiday luncheon on Nov. 20th.

Peggy Vilberg-Smith has requested another performance by the Madrigals at the Peoria Country Club on Dec. 10th. Several parents of DHS alums participate in this women's group. Always nice to see familiar faces!

The Chorus email distribution lists are done for Master Chorale, Women's Chorale, and Concert Choir. Be watching for concert/performance information, as well as Booster announcements.

Thank you's!!!!:

Tech help for the Fall Choral Concert included the talents of **Shawney Weyhrich**, **Brooklyn Lindsay**, **Sofia C**, **Anna Moersch**, **Lydia Bourne**, and **Molly Bixby**. Also a big thank you to **Mrs. Carmean & Mrs. Ninnam** for taking donations at both concerts!!

The **Music Boosters** have once again agreed to buy lunch for the ILMEA students at the Music and Jazz Festivals on November 2nd and 11th at the \$10 per student rate. There are 27 musicians attending the district festivals this year.

Mrs. Park who worked on a number of uniform repairs for students.

Mrs. Kammerer, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Botero-Moriarty who have been volunteering to help with fundraisers. It takes a village!!

Parents who have volunteered to chaperone the New York City trip. (**Mrs. Ninnam, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Trompeter, & Mrs. Hartman**) We can't go without you!!!

To all who attended the **Panera** restaurant fundraiser. We made \$221.66!!! Please see the website at www.eaglemusic.net for future restaurant nights to support the Music Boosters.

The **DHS Music Boosters** who tirelessly work for the success of our musicians. Please consider joining in on the fun!! Email jamiwebster@yahoo.com for ways to help.

NEW YORK CITY Choir Tour 2025:

- A vinyl sign has been ordered to hang at fundraisers and to take with us on the trip for performances/Today Show..
- We have a full charter bus with 55 passengers signed up to go to New York City, deposit and 1st payment are already under our belt. Be sure to set up automatic payments so you stay on top of the deadlines.
- 6 chaperones have been secured; 8 students per adult. Cost for a chaperone, after Music Boosters generously pays half, is around \$875 for double, shared room. Students are staying in quad rooms.
- Next payment is due Nov. 12th \$350. Please see the BRT online portal for progress. Greens and KK have both been deposited into your studnet's account. Future payment dates are Feb 18th \$350, & April 15th remaining balance. All payments are submitted to **Bob Rogers Travel** through the online portal. If you have concerns or questions, start with **Ms. Reece**.

New Business:

STILL NEEDED: Chorus parents to chair and help organize fundraisers. The more help we have, the more opportunities our kids have to earn \$.

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

Cheesecake Fundraiser - We have lost our bakery provider to a company move. This has always been such a good fundraiser, I hate to let it go. If anyone has any contacts or ideas, I'd be happy to talk with you! ☺

Quote Candle Fundraiser - Not set up yet, but this was a great seller. Prices are similar to the stores and kids get 50% profit. Wonderful for gift giving times coming up! Interested in helping? Let me know.

Candy Bar Sale - I am checking with Nestle/Beich & Fannie Mae on their products. I understand the candy size and price have changed. Might be easier to do the big box route.

Bagging Groceries @ Hy-Vee - We did this activity for tips several years ago. Was a lot of fun! Thank you to Mrs. Botero-Moriarty for looking into this for us. More news to come!

Miscellaneous Info:

Concert Shoes should be all black dress shoes - not dark blue or multicolored, not boots (dressy, combat, or other), flip flops, or tennis shoes. All other uniform issues should be resolved by now. Please let Ms. Reece know IMMEDIATELY if there is a problem.

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 NYC and other projects supported by the Boosters.

Questions or comments?

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