

DHS CHORAL DEPARTMENT

Director's Report

December 2016 - January 2017

Activities:

IHSA Solo & Ensemble - Master and Women's Chorales have already begun selecting ensembles and music for the IHSA SGE Contest on March 4th at Normal West HS. Please make plans to join us for the day!!

Festival Season Begins!! - Women's Chorale will travel to Glen Ellyn, IL, on February 2nd to attend the ACDA Choral Festival, spending the day singing with and for groups mostly from the Chicago area. Master Chorale will attend the Mid-Illini Choral Festival on Feb 6th in Pekin.

Nestle-Beich candy bars - We finished the year with \$7680 worth of candy bars ordered (\$3840 profit) and delivered. If we have enough interest, the next order will be placed late January. Please send new orders in to Reece.

Bergners Coupons - \$1620.64 was profited from the Fall Community Days Sale at Bergner's. A big thank you to Mrs. Fant, Mrs. Middleton, & Mrs. Hallman for manning the in-store table and rallying the kids to sell. We will begin participating in the Spring Sale starting this week. Coupons and hours manning tables are available now from Ms. Reece.

Music Booster Greens Fundraiser - 95 products were sold through the new greens sale with Greenview Nursery. Kids profited \$930.45 with the Master Chorale winning with 50 sales. Individual high sellers were Jason Flanagan, Hannah Gross, & Libby Lewis with 8 each! 😊

TJ PIZZA Sale - \$369.60 was our total in profits for the pizza sale in November. We may try to run this one again in the Spring when there is less going on.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Still going on until Jan 11th!!! Prices are similar to the stores and kids get 40% profit. Wonderful for gift giving! Please contact Mr. George for more info.

ILMEA Results - 6 chorus students will be attending the ILMEA State Conference January 25-28 here in downtown Peoria. Congratulations to Nathan Cuizon, Libby Lewis, Adam Raso, Emily Smith, Srishti Srivastava, & Emma Windsor. Schedules, music, and information are being sent home this week.

Mid-Illini Madrigals - Madrigal groups from DHS, Morton, Washington, Canton, Limestone, & Metamora took the stage on Nov 21st at 7PM, performing a sampling of their music for upcoming Madrigal dinners. Everyone did a great job and the cookie/cocoa reception afterwards was appreciated by all!!! A big thank you to Mrs. Colombo and Mrs. Gross for organizing and manning the tables!

Correspondence:

From first time "Madrigal Knight" attendees, Joe and Janet McCarty: "Amazing - that's what your excellent "Madrigal Knight" was! Joe and I loved everything in that wonderful evening. Congratulations to everyone involved! Please extend our thanks to Dunlap HS, students and staff. It made Joe's day!! Blessings at Christmas, Table 6".

The Bloomington Edge (Bloomington indoor football) has emailed looking for National Anthem singers this spring. We may be able to tie a performance at the arena into the opportunity. Update will follow.

Bergner's rewarded the students who worked tables the week of the Fall Community Days Sale with a share of the store profits. \$20.50 was credited to each of the twelve students who worked!

"GEORGIA ON MY MIND" Choir Tour 2017 : JUNE 1st-7th

Please add the MANDATORY TRIP MEETING to your calendar on May 8th @ 7:30PM in the DHS Commons (right after Music Awards Night). All singers and at least one parent/guardian will need to be present at the meeting. Representatives from the Travel Company, chaperones, and staff will be available to walk us through trip itinerary and procedures, help with a variety of paperwork that has to be filled out for each traveler, and answer any questions/concerns you may have as we approach the Savannah Tour. Completed paperwork will also be turned in that evening.

- Payment of \$200 was due Nov. 20th. Invoices have been home and we are still accepting checks. Future payment dates are Feb 20th \$200, & April 15th will be the remaining balance. All payments are payable to DHS Music Boosters.
- 90 singers, 12 chaperones, and 2 directors are committed to go to Georgia. Cost is \$1060 per student. Students are choosing bus seat partners this week!!! 141 days to go!!!!
- An updated itinerary has been posted on www.eaglemusic.net. Plans have begun to secure performance venues and activities.
- 12 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.

Thank you's!!!!:

Mrs. Raso and her crew who jumped in to organize dinner for the Madrigals & Court Singers before the Forest Nature Park performance and all parents who are currently working to feed the show choir kids between musical and show choir.

"Madrigal Knight" Chairpersons who volunteered to serve and lead! Thank you so much!!!

Mrs. Fant, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Hallman, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Wurtzbacher, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. McFadden, Mr. & Mrs. George, Mrs. Gross, and Mrs. Dugan who have stepped forward to work on fundraisers. We have the BEST parents!!!

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.

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

Miscellaneous Info:

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 Savannah and other projects supported by the Boosters.

New Business:

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Libby Lewis will be representing ILMEA District #2 (and DHS) in the National Anthem Competition at All State. She won the spot to compete during an initial audition at the District festival in November at Augustana College. If she advances, she will get to sing at an IHSA State Competition later in the year. Good luck Libby!!!

RAFFLE 2017: Ms. Reece would like to explore holding a raffle in conjunction with the Fine Arts Nite in April. Students would sell tickets for a drawing, profits going into their trip accounts. Parents are needed to help organize, build raffle baskets and prize lists, and advertise the event. If you have any experience with school raffles, please join us!!

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

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

Fundraisers 2017: Coffee, 31 Bags, Butterbraids, Raffle, TJ's Pizza, Bergner's Coupons, Cow Chip BINGO? What can you help with?

Questions or comments?

Please contact Ms. Reece via email

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