

DHS CHORAL DEPARTMENT

Director's Report

February 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 Off To A Great Start!! - Women's Chorale travelled 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. DHS was well represented and the gals got to work with Dr. Wys, an All State caliber director. Master Chorale attended the Mid-Illini Choral Festival on Feb 6th in Pekin. Again, DHS performed a stellar set of music for the conference ensembles and directors. Both groups received "judges" comments to assist in future performances.

Nestle-Beich candy bars - A \$1392 order for candy bars was just sent in. Candy will arrive on Wednesday. This brings our total ordered to \$9072 (\$4536 profit) and delivered. If we have enough interest, the next order will be placed early March. Please send new orders to Reece.

Bergners Coupons - The kids have been hard at work at Bergner's again, selling coupons in the store on Saturdays. So far they have brought in \$465, still have work to do to outdo the Fall Sale. Students are able to check out coupons and sell to family and friends for the next two weeks. Please see Ms. Reece ASAP. A big thank you to Mrs. Fant, Mrs. Middleton, & Mrs. Hallman for continuing to man the in-store table and rallying the kids to sell. \$1620.64 was profited from the Fall Community Days Sale.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - Is over, but a new sale will begin soon. When we sold Yankee in 2013, we profited over \$2000. Prices are similar to the stores and kids get 40% profit. Wonderful for year round gift giving! Please contact Mr. George for more info.

Correspondence:

CONGRATULATIONS!!! We received word that Libby Lewis has been selected to sing the National Anthem at the IHSA Girls Basketball 3A/4A Championships on March 4th at Redbird Arena. She competed against 31 singers at the district level, and then against 18 at the state level. Libby is one of two students in Dunlap's history to receive this honor. (Isaac Funk 2008) Congrats Libby!!!!

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.

Madrìgals received a check for \$25 and a thank you card from the First Federated Church group they sang for in December.

"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 Dec. 20th. New Invoices will be sent home this week for the February payment of \$200, though we do accept checks at any time during the month. Final payment date is April 10th and will be for 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, Mrs. Smith, and all of the show choir parents who are organized to feed the show choir this weekend during the lock in!

Mrs. Brown for stepping forward to organize the Butterbraids sale coming up at the end of the month. She could use a few worker bees to help sort and ready the order. We have the BEST parents!!!

Mrs. Fant, Mrs. Middleton, and Mrs. Turner who are still running Bergner's tables and managing Community Days coupon sales!!!

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. The next concert is the Spring Choral Concert on Thursday, April 6th at 7PM.

New Business:

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. More parents are needed to help organize, build raffle baskets and prize lists, and advertise the event. (only one taker so far) 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: Bergner's Coupons, Nestle Candy Bars, Yankee Candles, Butterbraids, Coffee, 31 Bags, Fine Arts Raffle, TJ's Pizza, Cow Chip BINGO? What can you help with?

Questions or comments?

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