

ROHS Combined Choirs Newsletter

January 2010

Mark Your Calendar

January 22-23 / Michigan Music Conference
January 29 / Solo & Ensemble Festival
January 29 & 30 / "Forever Plaid" Auditorium Fundraiser
February 4 / Spectrum Concert

Notes from the Director

Dear Performing Arts Families,

First of all thank you so much for attending our winter concerts this year. I am sure you could see the love of performing in the faces of our children on stage! They LOVE, LOVE IT! There are DVD's and CD's available to purchase of the concert. You were sent the form recently and students may also pick up extra forms, on the piano in the choir room. These are wonderful keepsakes and wonderful gifts for family and friends who couldn't attend.

We just finished SPECTRUM AUDITIONS! They were amazing and will feature approx. 28 performances from the choir and band/orchestra classes. Save the date: Thursday, Feb. 4th at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 students and \$7 adults, reserved.

I have available approx. 60 free tickets to attend the state convention Choral Hour in Grand Rapids, MI. This will happen on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. at the J.W. Marriott Ballroom. The tickets are \$10 and I could give out my free tickets to anyone interested in attending. Our A Cappella Choir will be performing. They are the first performing group from Royal Oak to ever have been given this honor! Anyone wanting tickets, please e-mail me ASAP @ buffad@royaloakschools.com.

We are deep in our theory lessons and exams already. I give the choir mid-term exams in three small sessions. This test determines the music reading level (and choir) that your son/daughter is ready for in 2010-2011. No regular ed. student can repeat Royal Oak Singers. All freshmen are placed in either Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble or A Cappella Choir. This test is also being given in Women's Ensemble and Concert Choir. A Cappella Choir is preparing for the Michigan Music Conference. Their performance is Saturday morning, Jan. 23 at 10:40 a.m. the J.W. Marriott Ballroom, in Grand Rapids. They are almost ready.

A Cappella Information

The last payment for the New York trip is due Jan. 15th. Please adhere to this schedule.

A Cappella - MMC Information

All chaperones and students, please pack light. Students, you need to bring the following: Gowns & diamond necklaces and fake diamond stud earrings/tux outfit and patent shoes. Also, bring your music if you need to, and pack your A Cappella hoodie and khaki pants with walking shoes. There's a lot of walking in this complex. Chaperones, dress comfortably with good walking shoes. Everyone, bring approx. \$25 for two meals - lunch and dinner. Bring any items needed (toiletries, etc.) for one over-night stay. All students have been given an itinerary. Chaperones - please ask for your copy.

Chaperones will help by distributing our personal program at the door. This needs to be done when directors start coming in, at approx. 9:30 a.m. at the J.W. Marriott Ballroom. Our rehearsal is in that ballroom, which is scheduled from 9-9:30 a.m.

Hope to see some of you in Grand Rapids and many of you at the Spectrum Concert. Also, please don't forget about our wonderful fundraiser for our auditorium seats. The Broadway show, "Forever Plaid" will be two nights held in our auditorium. The dates are Friday, Jan. 29 and Sat. Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$20 and Student tickets are \$12. ANY OF MY STUDENTS, ATTENDING THIS EVENT, CAN GET

12 EXTRA CREDIT POINTS FOR SUPPORTING THIS WONDERFUL EVENT. IT WOULD REFLECT THIS SECOND CARD-MARKING. Half of the proceeds will go to the homeless and half of the proceeds to the auditorium seats. If you have any further questions about it, call our school number (248-435-8500) and special extension, 1177, and listen to the information.

Mrs. Buffa

Notes From TEMPO President

Greetings everyone!

Time sure flies. Once again you will shortly be receiving emails/calls from your parents reps. Thank you so much for all the help at the Winter Concert. Unfortunately, like the parents we are, your work is never done. Please sign up to assist in any way that you can. We need your help to make the music program successful. For those of you new to the choir program our next concert (Spectrum) is very different from our standard format. The bulk of the concert consists of solos, duos etc. with the students singing from all over the auditorium. This concert really showcases the talent of the students in the choir program. Please remember that tickets go fast, so buy early so that you can get the closest seats available.

Don't forget to try and come to the "Forever Plaid" play on January 28th and 29th in the auditorium. A portion of those proceeds will go towards buying new seats in the auditorium. It's guaranteed a great night out.

Bored, tired of staying home, love music and want to get involved? We need individuals to fill our board vacancies for next year. Interested or just thinking about it, give me a call to discuss how you can help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time,

Rose Pomroy
President of TEMPO

Fundraising Activities

Grocery Certificates – Earn money for your student's account while grocery shopping. Purchase certificates for Hollywood Market and/or Oakridge Market. Grocery certificates will be sold before all choir concerts and at intermissions or contact your grocery certificate representative below.

Newsletters, order forms, etc. can be accessed on the PTSA website.
Go to www.rohspts.org and click on Choir Programs.

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