

ROHS Combined Choirs February 2009 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

♪ Spectrum Concert Thursday February 12, 2009 7:00 PM

♪ February 16 – 20, 2009 Winter Break

Notes from the Director

Well, I am so excited to write to you all about the good news and the wonderful results of Solo and Ensemble Festival this weekend. I thought I'd list the names and their results so we can all congratulate these wonderful singers.

You all make me very proud to have been a part of your musical education.

Chamber Singers - I (First Division) Advanced Men's Ensemble - I
Advanced Women's Ensemble - Sterling Silver - I Advanced Women's Ensemble - Royal Blue - I
Collin C. - I Catherine H. & Maddie M. - II (Second Division) Steve R. - I
Bill L. - I Maddie O. & Emily S. - I Anna M., Rayna R., Alex D. & Paige P. - II Elena Y. - II Ben K. - II
Meta S. - I Jenna P. - I Jacqueline V. - I Rebecca H. - II Gina S. - II Emily T. - I Dylan W. - II
Julie G. - I Myah J. - I Samantha F. - II

Our 19 events gave us 14 First Division ratings. These events will now be preparing themselves for the State Level of Solo and Ensemble Festival. The State Festival is Friday and Saturday, March 27th and 28th. All performers going must pay the following fee schedule: \$25 - solos, \$27 small ensembles and \$50 for large ensembles. The school will be taking care of the fees for the Chamber Singers and the Advanced Men and Women groups. All performers must now drop one of their songs, and choose a NEW SONG, opposite in nature of the song that they plan on keeping. All new song titles and fees must be given to Mrs. Buffa by Tuesday, February 10th. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS DUE DATE. Please make all checks out to Royal Oak High School. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PERFORMERS. I WAS VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND YOUR HARD WORK!!

On another note, the Spectrum Concert is approximately one week away.

Please see the attached form for your tickets. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Please order your tickets by using the attached ticket form. All auditioned performers have been given their rehearsal schedules for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 9 & 10. Please adhere to this rehearsal schedule. There will be no other practice time available. All performers are required to a 7 minute rehearsal time on stage in their "performance site" on Monday, Feb. 9 and they must stay for one-half of their concert rehearsal on Tuesday. The first half of Tuesday's rehearsal consists of the time frame 6 - 7/715 p.m. and second half consists of the time frame 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. THIS IS AN AWESOME CONCERT. Don't miss this one. There is no applause between performers and the concert really flows fast. We will have 13 performances before intermission and 13 after intermission. This year the only large ensembles that will be performing will be the A Cappella Choir, The Jazz Band and the Chamber Singers with the Jazz Band. I had approximately 40 auditions and we will have 26 performances at our concert. See you all on Thursday, February 12th at 7 p.m. This is also a great concert for underclassmen to critique. Their second critique paper is due the Wednesday, just before spring break.

Now that January is over, all students have been given a detailed assessment of their music reading ability by taking a mid-term exam. Students that received an A or B on this exam may now audition for A Cappella 2009-2010. The audition sign up list is on the choir bulletin board outside of the vocal music room. The time slots available are Thursday, Feb. 5 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Friday Feb 6

from 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. Additional time slots will be added on Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 9th or 10th, if needed.

When we return from February break, we will be deep into choral festival work. I would love to have a lot of parents ease up their work schedule to see their students perform. The choral Festival this year will be held at Howell High School. The dates that I signed up for will be Thursday, March 19th for A Cappella Choir and Concert Choir and Friday, March 20th for Royal Oak Singers. All students will be bussed to Howell, but I would need parent chaperones to meet us at Howell to help chaperone us in our "walk through the festival process." We sing on stage, then move to a clinic room and work with a clinician, and then we sight-read in our required voicing of parts. This year A Cappella choir will sing and sight-read in the Advanced SATB level, Concert Choir will sing and sight-read in primary SATB level, and Royal Oak Singers will sing and sight-read in the primary SAB level. **THINK ABOUT BEING A PARENT CHAPERONE THAT DAY.** We need 1 adult per 10 students; therefore, we need 5 chaperones for A Cappella Choir, 6 chaperones for Concert Choir, and 5 chaperones for Royal Oak Singers. Also, one week before this festival, I have asked Dr. Gil Jackson to be our in school clinician for our Pre-Festival Concert, which will be Thursday, March 12. Stay tuned for more information about that concert. Tickets will be \$5 per seat.

I hope everyone has a wonderful February and an even more wonderful February break.
Mrs. Buffa

President's Notes

February will be a month of many changes. We're switching gears from Solo & Ensemble to Spectrum and throwing in a winter break so we all can hopefully enjoy the last of the snow and winter. Thanks to everyone who sold pizza kits; every bit helps. Mark your calendar for Feb 10 delivery and contact me if you can give us a hand. We also have some other fundraising down the road that we think will perk everyone up. More on that later. Remember to order your Spectrum tickets with the form in this issue. See your students shine whenever you can; time goes by fast.

Stay warm – Barb Tuohey

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.

You may also contact Beth Harris at 248.543.6606 - mbscreen@wowway.com
or Lauri Peltonen at 248-435-3102 - lapeltonen@yahoo.com to arrange certificate purchases.

Regarding the Spectrum Concert

The unique thing about this concert is that there is NO APPLAUSE AT ALL UNTIL INTERMISSION AND AT THE END.

Also please remember flash photography and video cameras are not permitted. All communication equipment (cell phones, blackberrys, etc.) must be shut off (not just silenced) during concerts. Please share this information with guests who may not receive these newsletters (grandparents, friends, etc.) so the concert can be enjoyed by all in attendance.

TEMPO will be selling flowers before the concert and at intermission. Show your support of your student with a nice bouquet! They really enjoy receiving them and proceeds benefit the general choir fund.

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

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