

# ROHS Combined Choirs Newsletter

*April 2010*

## **Mark Your Calendar**

April 13 & 15 / ROX Auditions  
April 27 / State Choral Festival  
May 3 / Choir Banquet  
May 4 / Special Group Rehearsal  
May 6 / ROX Dress Rehearsal  
May 7 & 8 / ROX Concert Nights

## **Notes from the Director**

Dear Choir Parents,

First of all, thank you all for the good wishes, cards and beautiful bouquet of fresh fruit, during my husband's difficult time. He did have a quadruple by-pass and is recovering slowly. He does NOT like the "good food" that I am cooking, but we both know, it is necessary and for the best.

The whole time I was gone, students, under the directions of our two different subs and our wonderful Mrs. Semivan, kept the music flowing. We all achieved new heights of musical ability at district choral festival two weeks ago. A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir & Women's Ensemble are all planning on going to state choral festival. This year, again, it is at Rochester High School, just a 20 minute drive north on Main St./Livernois. It is Tuesday, April 27th, our times are undetermined at this writing, but again, we will need drivers. (Please see the attached sheet for that list.)

Thank you all drivers that helped out for the district festival. We couldn't have done this without you! I hope you developed an understanding of the intense learning that does happen in your child's choir class. All groups were amazing and our freshman class, Royal Oak Singers, missed going to the state level by one point. That's a fabulous job for first year high school students. I explained to my freshman that they have to change three levels of growth, going from middle school-singing primary to high school-primary level. Great job Royal Oak Singers!

I have attached a list of drivers for State Choral Festival. This was compiled by asking your child in class, to forego all the e-mails back and forth. Please check the list to see if your name is on it. Your son or daughter told me that you were available. E-mail me if there are any mistakes. Regrets only!  
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Please be aware of the following DATE CHANGES:

ROX AUDITIONS CHANGED TO: TUES., APRIL 13 FOR 10th AND 11th GRADERS AND THURSDAY; APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS. Auditions start at 3:30 and go approx. 3hrs.

CHOIR BANQUET/ROX DRESS REHEARSAL CHANGED TO: MONDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, STARTING AT 4 P.M. The banquet is for students only, and some invited guests. Food will be provided by TEMPO and students dress in typical school clothes - not fancy. We move to the stage around 6 p.m. to rehearse our large group songs for the ROX concert. All freshman will be done by 8 p.m. and need to be picked up at that time. The order of practice is Opener, Closer, Royal Oak Freshman (then they are excused), Concert Choir (then they are excused), Women's Ensemble (then they are excused) Senior Number, A Cappella Choir (then they are excused). Only students in special groups remain. We will rehearse until 10/10:30 p.m. and finish the special group rehearsal after school on Tuesday, May 4th. (There is no fee for students for the choir banquet.)

Tickets for ROX will not be available until after Spring break. They are all reserved and \$5 for Dress Rehearsal night (Thursday, May 6, starting at 7 p.m.) and \$7 for Concert Nights (Friday & Saturday, May 7 & 8, starting at 7:30 p.m.). All students wear blue jeans and their purchased ROX concert t-shirt -

\$10(Checks made out to ROHS). Students are to wear comfortable, safe walking shoes - no flip flops allowed. All students in special numbers may dress creatively. Parents, please critique their creative outfit before I do!

ROHS students were outstanding this weekend, at State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Here are their ratings in order of Performance, Sight-reading, and Overall rating:

Chamber Singers: I, I, I (intermediate level)  
C. Cromwell: I, II, I (intermediate level)  
J. Peltonen: I, I, I (intermediate level)  
J. Vier: I, I, I (intermediate level)  
A. Bateman: I, I, I (intermediate level)  
B. LeAnnais: I, I, I (intermediate level)  
V. Spicer: I, II, I (intermediate level)  
N. Snay: II, I, II (primary level)  
S. Floen: II, II,II (primary level)

### **CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB!!!**

Deborah Buffa

P.S. Hopefully, I will see many of you on April 27th. If not, see you at one of our ROX concerts!

### **Notes from the President**

Hello Music Lovers -

In an effort to not duplicate Ms. Buffa's notes (which I wholeheartedly agree with) I am going to be short and sweet (I am only 5'4" after all and on a rare occasion have been known to be sweet). WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact me if you are interested in helping out with the TEMPO board next year. No matter how small the amount of time you have to give, we can use your help. Help shape your child's choir experience.

I can't wait to hear from you!

Rose Pomroy, TEMPO President (248) 632-4210 r\_pomroy@hotmail.com

### **Detroit Public Television Presents Celebrate America**

For a free download of Detroit Public Television's Celebrate America featuring our A Cappella choir go to:

<http://www.timjanis.com/pledge/>

Password is: Pledge 2010

### **Spectrum DVD/CD**

ROHS Choirs DVDs and CDs of Spectrum 2010 are now available. Only \$10 each, all proceeds benefit ROHS choirs. Have your child return the attached order form and money to Mrs. Buffa to purchase.

## **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.

**Tag Day** - This is a reminder of the upcoming TAG DAY for the choir. TAG DAY is the biggest fundraising event for the ROHS choir program, the money will go to support the fall 2010 choir. We need parent volunteers on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> to help pick up the donations that the student volunteers have received. Many of the local businesses have agreed to let the students ask for donations at their business.

We are working out the details for the student participation. Students are going to be asked to sign up for volunteer times, in Mrs. Buffa's class, starting next week. This activity is a requirement for all underclassmen. Sign up shifts will be in 2 hour increments on Friday and 1 ½ hour shifts on Saturday. The days listed next to the business below may to be adjusted, so we are trying to fill time slots at this time.

Time slots are: Friday 5 pm – 7 pm and 7 pm – 9 pm \ Saturday 9 – 10:30 am, 10:30 – Noon, Noon to 1:30 pm, 1:30 – 4:00 pm (long shift)

Holiday Market (**Saturday**), National Coney Island (**Friday**), Walgreens (**Friday & Saturday**), Oakridge (**Friday & Saturday**), Blockbuster (**Friday**), Hollywood (**Saturday**), Farmers Market (**Saturday**), Frenz Hardware (**Saturday**), Brueggers Bagels (**Saturday**), Leo's Coney Island (**Friday**), Lilly Seafood (**Friday**), Café Muse (**Saturday**), Kroger (**Friday & Saturday**).

Depending on the number of students we get to sign up, we will adjust the coverage locations accordingly. Please encourage your son / daughter to sign up; the choir program needs the help. Even though we are really trying to encourage underclass parent participation, senior parents are welcome to help out, this is your last time. Please email me at [mbscreen@wowway.com](mailto:mbscreen@wowway.com) or call me at (H) 248-543-6606 (Cell) 248-765-6512 or Lauri Peltonen at (H) 248-435-3102 or (Cell) 248-890-0747 to let us know of your availability. These events are a lot of work and we sure could use your help.

Thank you, Beth Harris, TEMPO Fundraising

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Go to [www.rohsptsa.org](http://www.rohsptsa.org) and click on Choir Programs.**

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