

ROHS Combined Choirs May 2009 Newsletter

ROX Concert

The 2009 ROX Concerts are scheduled for Friday and Saturday May 8th & 9th at 7:30 each evening. Tickets are \$7 and it is reserved seating. Advanced ticket order form is attached. TEMPO will be selling flowers each evening and grocery certificates will be available both evenings as well.

Mr. Vier has agreed to do his usual fabulous job of recording the concert and pre order forms for the CD will be available the nights of the concerts.

Notes from the Director

I would like to recap this month briefly for you.

April 1 & 2 - We started our ROX auditions. I am sure you know who has a special singing part by now. Ticket request form is attached with this newsletter. All tickets are \$7. Please do not bring very small children. This is not a concert where they could sit for a good two hours. Tickets are for sale for Friday and Saturday only. (Thursday's concert is closed to the public!)

April 3 - End of the 3rd card-marking. Only one more to go!

ROX Band Practices - are being held on Mondays in the choir room from 3pm-5pm, except for April 27th. That rehearsal will be starting at 4 pm and ending by 8 pm I will provide pizza for the guys at 4 pm. Choir officers are also required to attend these rehearsals. They get all of their "officer work" done then.

April 16 - A Cappella sang at the Board of Ed. Meeting. There was also an intense discussion of the whole music department, K-12. The A Cappella students did a wonderful job and THANK YOU to those parents that attended.

Tuesday, April 28th - State Choral Festival. Two busses leave at 2 pm with A Cappella Choir and Concert Choir. We will be back by 7:00 - 7:30 pm. **I ONLY HAVE ONE CHAPERONE FOR CONCERT CHOIR AS OF THIS WRITING! PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU CAN CHAPERONE.**

Thursday, April 30- Auditions for next year's Chamber Singers. All students received a packet of information already. They must hand in a paper & resume by this Friday, April 24. Also, students must call in for a scheduled 10 minute time slot. Auditions start at 3 pm

Friday, May 1 - Speeches for next year's Choir Officers, starting right after school in the choir room. All A Cappella choir members for 2010 must attend to vote for their officers for next year.

Monday, May 4 - Choir Banquet/ROX Rehearsal. All students must attend! Banquet is for students and invited guests only. It starts at 4 pm. All ROS and Concert Choir, without solos, should be done by 8 pm. All soloists stay until 10 pm

Tuesday, May 5 - Continuation of ROX band Practice, starting at 5 pm on stage.

Thursday, May 7 - Dress Rehearsal, starting at 7 pm - Yes, this is earlier than Fri. and Sat. All students need to report by 6:30 pm, **NOT IN THEIR ROX SHIRT.**

Friday and Saturday, May 8 & 9 - ROX Concerts. All students need to report by 6:30 pm. Concert starts at 7:30 pm. All students wear their ROX Concert t-shirt with blue jeans.

All students must wear their ROX Concert t-shirt to school on Friday May 8th – this is for a grade!

A new piano has been purchased, it is beautiful and it will be used for the first time at the ROX Concerts!

Tuesday, May 12 -TEMPO meeting in the choir room starting at 7 pm.
8:00 pm or immediately following the TEMPO meeting – CHAMBER SINGERS AND PARENTS MANDATORY MEETING

Wednesday, May 13 - Chamber Singers to sing at NHS at 7 pm, call time 6:30 pm.
Chamber Singers are to wear khaki pants and their Chamber Singer polo.

Saturday, May 30 - Graduation. A Cappella choir will sing - call time at the park to be announced.
A Cappella choir will wear tuxes, evening gowns and graduation gowns.

Thursday, June 4 - Underclassmen Variety Shows - during the day during their class time.
Concert Choir - 7:30 -8:30 a.m. Royal Oak Singers - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
A Cappella Choir - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
PARENTS PLEASE COME OUT AND SEE YOUR CHILD PERFORM!

Tuesday, June 2 and June 9th - New Chamber Singers first and second rehearsals from 6-7:30 pm

Following is a list of upcoming fees and the due dates:

Senior Pins - \$10 due ASAP

A Cappella Hoodies - \$25 due by Memorial Day

Chamber Singer Polo - \$20 due by Memorial Day

A Cappella Men Tux Shirt - \$25 due by Memorial Day

ROX Concert T-shirts (\$8 - \$10) will be taken out student's accounts if they have money available.
Must be paid before the concert.

The only thing that has not been covered yet is the senior rehearsals (after school) for the senior ROX song. That has not been determined yet at the time of this writing.

Thank you all so much for such a supportive year. What a whirlwind year of performances, from Europe to State Festival. Wow, I can't wait until next year's talent!

Mrs. Buffa



President's Notes

April 28 is State Choral Festival for our students. Wish them luck, make sure their wardrobe is in good repair and make sure they are getting sleep and lots of water! And speaking of water, if April rain's falling, it means ROX is calling! Here comes May, everyone! We are capping off a great year with activities to please everyone. The ROX concert preparations are in full swing; Mrs. Buffa, the students and many helpful adults are working on another unforgettable ROX. Make sure you use the ticket form attached to this newsletter and order early. Tickets are available for Friday and Saturday - first come, first served. An afterglow in the cafeteria will follow both performances. You will be contacted by your choir parent rep for SAFE snack donations, and we'll also be looking for

help with tickets and set up, etc. We will need a lot of help on this; please be generous if you can.

There are many senior parents who have not sat through an entire concert all year. Consider volunteering if you haven't yet. You'll meet other nice parents and be doing everyone a big favor. The week of ROX starts with the choir banquet at 4:00 pm on Monday, May 4 in the cafeteria, and will be followed by a rehearsal that evening, Tuesday afternoon/evening and Thursday evening.

This week may try your patience but the results are always phenomenal - do your part by making sure sleep and good nutrition play a part in concert preparations. Flowers and Grocery certificates will be for sale on both evenings.

And speaking of nice parents - we're filling up the slate for the 2009-2010 TEMPO Board and we have some slots available for parents who want to step up and keep the choir program running smoothly.

Many hands will make light work. Think about lending your talents and showing your student you support their musical efforts. Contact me by phone - 248-514-5367 - or by e-mail - rtmom@mac.com - if I can clarify anything for you. These are volunteer positions but critical to the success of the choir program; there is a lot of flexibility for working and busy parents.

Nominations and voting for the TEMPO Board will be held on
Tuesday May 12 in the choir room at 7:00 pm.
Please make an effort to join us for one hour.
There will be a drawing for parents who attend.

Summer Scholarships Applications are due ASAP. For more information on Summer Scholarships, refer to page 11 in your Parent Handbook.

The Scholarship application form is attached to this newsletter.

Be sure to include the essay mentioned on the application!

Senior Parents – remember to clear out your student's choir account, unless there is a sibling that will be continuing in choir. The reimbursement form is attached. Funds can be used for choir related expenses – please see form for complete details.

Our Board is named TEMPO (The Evolved Music Parent Organization) for good reason; it is important for Mrs. Buffa and our students to have support that enables them to keep the rhythm of our goal of excellence all year. I want to thank my Board Members - Diane Flynn-Hahn, Janell Vier, Peggy Kline, Virginia Gibson, Sue Mutschler, Lauri Peltonen, Beth Harris, Joann Hubanks, Parent Reps Laura Ortiz, Christine Lechmann and Rose Pomroy for stepping up and keeping things going. I am grateful for their help, ideas, advice and energy. My hope is that our children see what we did and remember what it meant to them when they too, step up and support their own kids in any activity.

My dream is that underclassmen parents reading this will embrace that thought and volunteer often and with great heart next year.

Time really flies and I will miss so many of you. Thank you. Barb Tuohey

Fundraising Activities

Choir Tag Day is scheduled for Saturday May 16, 2009. Student participation is **mandatory**, with the exception of seniors. Details are still being worked out, but there will be a sign-up sheet in the choir room by next week. **WE WILL NEED A LOT OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS ON THIS ONE!**

PLEASE CONTACT LAURI PELTONEN IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP OUT.

lapeltonen@yahoo.com or 248-435-3102.

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.

Final Note

It has been my pleasure serving as the Corresponding Secretary these past two years. I would like to thank Mrs. Buffa, Mrs. Semivan, Barb Tuohey, the past & present TEMPO members I have had the opportunity to work with and all the parents who have lent a hand – it has been wonderful working with you all and I will miss everyone next year!

If anyone out there is still on the fence about volunteering, I would like to say this has been one of the most rewarding experiences. You will never meet more dedicated, creative, enthusiastic and caring people who share a common goal - the opportunity to make the vocal music program one students, parents and educators can all be proud of.

I wish continued success to the choirs of ROHS! – Peggy Kline

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