



ROHS Combined Choirs September 2008 Newsletter

This newsletter is designed to keep you updated on choir activities throughout the year. It will also be posted on the PTSA website. Go to <http://rohspotsa.org/> and click on Choir Programs.

otes From the Director

Welcome to a wonderful year of music making. Your son or daughter will have wonderful opportunities this year, vocally. I am very excited about my 150 plus singers this year. They seem to be very eager to learn and develop their music reading abilities as well as their performance abilities. We've started out strong and already have 11 students going to the honor's choir auditions this Oct. 11th. Those 11 students are from all three choirs! I hope to meet many of you at our annual fall meeting, this Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7:30 p.m. At the end of the meeting, I would like to cover some information for our Vienna travelers. So, if your child is traveling internationally with me this November, please make it a point to come to our meeting for some additional information.

My schedule is very hectic this year, so the best way to communicate with me is through e-mail. My address is: buffad@royaloakschools.com

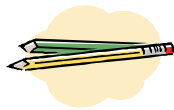
The choir officers have put together a bonding activity for all choirs. The sign up sheet is outside the choir room door. It is an opportunity to do laser tag at Laser Quest, on John R. south of 14 mile road. The cost is \$10 (CASH, please) and is due no later than next week Tuesday, Sept. 16th. \$10 will cover two games and pizza, pop, and other goodies. Students must pay before signing up. The activity will be Thursday Sept. 18 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The choir officers plan on mixing up all of the lists so we can get a good mix of choir students per game - and also so we can meet new faces.

Another activity for A Cappella Choir only is the annual Hayride/Bonfire, which will be Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bus will be in the Normandy parking lot, leaving at 5 p.m. All A Cappella students must be there dressed for the weather, with any donation food items, and ready for a great time. The bus will be returning at approximately 11 p.m.

Our first concert, the Autumn Concert; will be Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 7 p.m. All seats are reserved and tickets will be \$5. Tickets are not available yet. Look for order forms attached to our e-mails for ticket update information. Also, all Concert Choir and A Cappella students, in the concert, will also be required to be in a Monday night rehearsal, Oct. 13th, with the orchestra, from 6 -7:30 p.m., for a grade. Royal Oak Singers can receive extra credit by purchasing a ticket to this concert, and attending it. They may also come on stage and sing with us the honor's choir song, "O Vos Omnes", if they know it well enough, by the time of the concert. If they choose to join us on stage, all they have to do is wear all black for that one song performance.

I am also going to be the Vocal Music Director for the Drama Club's fall production, "Little Shop of Horrors." So, you see that it is going to be a jam-packed year of activities and we are off to a great start.

See you all, hopefully, on the 16th.
Mrs. Buffa



Mark Your Calendar

- Tuesday September 16 7:30 PM – TEMPO General Meeting
- Thursday September 18 5:30 PM Laser Quest
- Saturday September 27 5:00 PM A Cappella Hayride
- Tuesday October 14, 7:00 PM – Autumn Concert



President's Notes

Welcome and welcome back, everyone: we have a bumper crop of talented young people ready for another productive year in the Vocal Music Program at Royal Oak High School!

Please mark your calendar for our September TEMPO meeting this Tuesday the 16th at 7:30 pm in the choir room at the High School - this is an open meeting and we are eager to meet parents and share our plans with you. Mrs. Buffa will fill you in on Choir activities and TEMPO will be there to tell you about fundraising and other ways you can help the choir program. Also we will be having a drawing for two tickets to the Winter Concert compliments of Mrs. Buffa. Make sure to be there and get your name in for the drawing.

Participation in a Fine Arts activity will provide some of your child's fondest high school memories. Please consider joining us as a volunteer when you can. Every extra pair of hands is welcome and appreciated.

Be sure to review your Parent Handbook (which will be distributed at the meeting on September 16) for detailed information on choir activities, and feel free to contact me at 248-514-5367 with any questions or concerns.

About those Allergies...

Parents have all received letters regarding peanut allergies in the school; this is of particular interest to us since members of our music program are affected by this allergy. Even the light residue left by your hand on a desk can trigger a reaction. The Tuesday meeting will be held at school, so please do not bring any food or beverages except water.

Barb Tuohey – TEMPO President



TEMPO is in need of a parent representative for Concert Choir. If you are interested, please contact Peggy Kline at 248.545.5229 or pikline@wowway.com for information.



Fundraising Activities

Grocery Certificates – See attached for explanation and order form. 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 or mbscreen@wowway.com or Lauri Peltonen at 248-435-3102 or lapeltonen@yahoo.com to arrange certificate purchases.

We have other fundraising activities planned throughout the year and will keep everyone updated as details become available.



Autumn Concert



Tuesday October 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$5 each and it is reserved seating. Advance ticket order form will be attached with October's newsletter.

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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