

# **ROHS Combined Choirs Newsletter**

***December 2009***

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Dec. 3 / All City Concert  
Dec. 5 / Regional Honors Choir Concert  
Dec. 16 & 17 / Winter Concert  
January 22-23 / Michigan Music Conference  
January 29 / Solo & Ensemble Festival

## **Notes from the Director**

The Winter Concert is almost here. Please order your tickets in advance to avoid the long lines. This concert is held two nights and students are required to perform in both concerts. The ticket order form is attached to this newsletter. Please submit checks to ROHS with the online ticket order form. Your child will be bringing your tickets home, unless you check the will-call box. We will be glad to hold them for you. No tickets can be held unless prepaid. All seats are reserved and \$7 each.

Royal Oak Singer Parents:

Your son/daughter should have brought home their performance clothing with a letter explaining the alterations needed. Deadline for getting your clothes to the cleaners was Dec. 1st, as stated in the letter. Your child was given instructions to wear their correct shoes while being measured for alterations at the cleaners. That is the end of your responsibility. The cleaners will deliver all of the altered clothes to the school. If your child did not bring home a letter and their performance clothing, then we found something for them not requiring any alterations.

A Cappella and Women's Ensemble Fieldtrips:

All fieldtrips have been approved for the month of December. If you signed up to drive/walk/chaperone, please be at the choir room door 15 minutes before departure, as per our chart already given out.

A Cappella Parents:

This is a friendly reminder of the \$50 fee due before our winter break for the January Grand Rapids trip. Please make checks out to ROHS. Due date will be Friday, December 11th. Also, the following men have volunteered to chaperone: Mr. Cromwell, Mr. Peltonen, Mr. Hahn, and Mr. Walker. Thank you and also thank you women chaperones: Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Stange, and Mrs. Vaphiadis. Just a reminder about the fingerprinting task: you need to contact the school board and ask for Cheryl Goodgine's office, which is 248-435-8400.

All Solo and Ensemble Participants:

I will be applying for the Friday date, which is January 29th, from 5-9 p.m. Please plan accordingly. It will be at Howell High School this year.

All Choir Students:

Your 1 page written critique is due no later than Friday, Dec. 18th. A Cappella is excluded from this responsibility, due to the extra Grand Rapids performance. Your paper should have 1 inch margins, and no larger than 14 font. All text information should be single-spaced and double spaced between paragraphs. Your child was given a sheet covering these details. Please attach a program and/or ticket stub to your critique.

Hope to see you all at one of the winter concerts. Don't forget we also have a very nice afterglow. Invite your friends and family. They will be thoroughly entertained. The students are doing well on their music and even have some surprises! Also, Please pick up your pizza kits this Wed., Dec. 2 after school. All must be refrigerated and **MUST BE PICKED UP!**

Mrs. Buffa

## **Notes From TEMPO President**

Hello Choir Parents,

I'm sure everyone is now in the throes of the holiday season. On our home front, we cleaned the house for Thanksgiving, went shopping on black Friday and attended four soccer games, all this last weekend. Now before Christmas, we have to finish crocheting an afghan, make three fleece throws, decorate the house, bake cookies and finish shopping for presents. We must not forget the highlight of the Pomroy Christmas - **go to the Holiday Christmas programs at ROHS on December 16th and 17th**. This is our first concert that will have an afterglow and so we will need parents to bring in cookies, pop, etc. Our parent reps will be in contact with you for help, so please do so if you can. Be sure to buy your tickets early, so you don't have to stand in line or possibly not see the concert if it is sold out. Oh, I almost forgot - don't forget to buy your poinsettias and help decorate for the concerts. If I don't see you, have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy the time with your families.

Rose Pomroy  
President of TEMPO

### **Fundraising Activities**

**Little Caesars Fundraiser** –I need volunteers for distributing orders on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Helpers arrive at 2:00 to organize items. Volunteers should respond to me ASAP. Please make arrangements to pick up your orders between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. that day. Lauri Peltonen, 248.435.3102 or [lapeltonen@yahoo.com](mailto:lapeltonen@yahoo.com)

**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.

### **A Note From Wardrobe**

Barb Harris and myself are looking for assistance with the wardrobe for the choirs. This would require meeting with the choirs during class time, assigning and recording their choir wardrobe pieces.

Our girls will graduate in 2011, and this position will need new volunteers at that time. Please consider joining us **this** year for guidance before we vacate the **wardrobe position**. Thank you, Kathie Grant @ 248-435-3314.

**Newsletters, order forms, etc. can be accessed on the PTSA website.  
Go to [www.rohsptsa.org](http://www.rohsptsa.org) and click on Choir Programs.**

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