

ROHS Combined Choirs Newsletter

February 2011

Mark Your Calendar

February 4 / All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner

February 15 / Nashville Meeting

March 2-6 / Memphis Trip

March 11 / Pre-Festival Concert

Notes from the Director

Dear Vocal Music Parents,

A BELATED Happy New Year to everyone. January has been a whirlwind month. Exams are now behind us and on to Choral Festival, Pre-Festival Concert, Nashville, and A Cappella auditions.

District Solo and Ensemble Festival

First of all, I would like to congratulate all Solo and Ensemble Festival participants. We went with 18 events, and came back with 14 events getting Superior/Excellent ratings and 4 events getting Good/Fair ratings, and zero events getting Poor ratings. Superior/Excellent ratings - move on to State Festival, which will be Saturday, April 16th, at Walled Lake Central High School.

Superior/Excellent Ratings were:

Faddol, K.

Fairchild, C.

LeAnnais, B.

Marck, A.

Snay, N.

Spicer, V.

Trombley, E.

Wielgat, H.

Yarmy, E.

Women's Ensemble - Sterling Silver

Women's Ensemble - Royal Blue

Women of A Cappella Choir

Men of A Cappella

Chamber Singers

Good/Fair Ratings were:

B. Harper

P. Pomroy

J. Stevenson

D. Walker

The Superior/Excellent category must now drop one song and choose another contrasting song, by February 11th. The students were given a new detailed form to fill out in school. Their check for \$27 (cost of a solo event) with their new form, must be given to me by Friday, Feb. 11th. Remember, State Solo and Ensemble Festival will be Saturday, April 16th. It will be held at Walled Lake Central High School. *Remember, no students are allowed to drive themselves.* Many times in the past, and this time also, some students have missed their performance time, due to traffic problems, and getting lost. It takes an adult, (a skilled driver), to get around those stressful problems. If a student missed their performance and they chose to disregard the rules, and drive themselves, their grade will be affected.

Choral Festival

Choral Festival is right around the corner. I depend heavily on parent drivers, especially since there are no

busses available. I have registered the following choirs for the specific days: A Cappella Choir and Women's Ensemble for Thursday, March 24th, 2011, Concert Choir for Friday, March 25th, 2011.

I do not know individual times yet, but the festivals will be at South Lyon High School, in South Lyon. It is about a 45 minute ride from Royal Oak. If you are interested, please e-mail ASAP, that you could be available for your son or daughter's choir class. **PLEASE BE AVAILABLE FOR THE WHOLE DAY.** I need to know the number of seats your vehicle has with seat belts, for students. These high school years go by so fast, and I do not regret getting involved as a chaperone when my children were in band and choir in their high school. My e-mail again is: buffad@royaloakschools.com. Hope to hear from many of you soon.

Pre-Festival Concert

This concert features all of our three choirs this year, Chamber Singers, and ROMS's eighth grade choir. Our clinician is Cathy Brodie. She has a huge list of accomplishments, including being a State Honor's Choir Director! Since our school did so well at Solo & Ensemble Festival, I asked Cathy Brodie if she could do a pre-festival adjudication for 4 of my 5 ensembles & any soloists wishing to be critiqued. So, she plans on starting her adjudication at 5:30 p.m. Then, we will break, to get the audience seated for the large choirs to enter. Tickets will be available soon, at \$5 a seat. Seating will be at approx. 6:45 p.m. Concert starts at 7 p.m.

Nashville Trip

There will be a required parent meeting of all travelers. This is the time to ask any questions and meet all of the chaperones. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15th at 6 p.m. Immediately, afterwards, there will be a TEMPO board meeting.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

This Friday - all you can eat fundraiser to support our Nashville travelers.

Adults: \$8

Students & Senior Citizens: \$6

Children under 5: free

Date again: Friday, February 4, 2011

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Place: ROHS Cafeteria

Students attending the Nashville trip, will be the workers. They will be earning 1 point per hour. All points will be equally divided into the profits, for the student's account. Hopefully, this will help with that last payment. E-mail Kathie Grant for get an assigned shift for the Pasta Dinner. Kathie's e-mail is: kathiegrantrn@yahoo.com. There will also be a few surprises in the way of entertainment. Please join us on FRIDAY!!

Closing Remarks

I would like to close my very long notes, by thanking all of you for being such a supportive community of parents. A good vocal music program depends on the assistance of the parents of its student body. Without it, all would fail. Get involved. You will treasure those times together, seeing your son or daughter grow into a talented, musician! I know I did.

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Explanation of Student Expense Accounts

Choir expenses that are covered for reimbursement from private student accounts are as follows:

Choir Clothing, Choir Clothing Alterations, Choir Clothing Rental Fees,
Choir Field Trip Tickets/Workshops, Purchase of Music for Choir Competitive Activities,
Choir Trips and/or Reimbursement of Private Voice Lessons

Expenses must be paid in advance. Please remember that while student accounts carry over from one year to the next, monies are forfeited if the student does not continue next year or graduates.

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Fundraising Activities

Discount Cards are still available, the cards are \$10 each, if you are not interested in selling them, just buy one for yourself and \$6 will go into your student's account for Choir! If you have any questions about the cards, please email Jill Gibson at mrsjgibster@comcast.net

- **Pasta Dinner** - Friday, February 4, 2011 from 5-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria
- **Gordon Foods Service** - Enroll in Fun Funds to benefit Royal Oak Choirs
- **Grocery Certificates** - Earn money for your student's account while grocery shopping. Purchase certificates for Hollywood Market (\$50) and/or Oakridge Market (\$25). Grocery certificates will be sold before all choir concerts and at intermissions or contact your fundraising representative below.

Grocery Certificates are available for Oakridge and Hollywood, they are \$25 each and are good at all locations. If you don't spend the entire \$25, they will give you cash back. Both the Cards and the Grocery Certificates will be available to purchase at the Pasta Dinner on Friday night!

Thanks,

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

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