

lafayette choir

B O O S T E R S



August 25, 2016

Welcome, Introductions- PJ Danhires, LCB President

Chorus Boosters purpose is to provide for the program in resources both monetary and volunteer support. Many hands make light work. If everyone participates a little, no one has to participate a lot.
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters>

Payment Agreement - Ryan Marsh

Choir Payment Agreement Form:

Includes all Choir Payment Fees, attire rental, etc. Complete this and turn in along with your check.

Online Payment: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/payments.html>

OR

Paper Packet Download:

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22213688/feesandfundraising.pdf>

Choir payments are of utmost importance in providing the quality experiences that our students, parents and community expect. We have tried very hard to communicate our needs and purposes of fees. Example: Any time we take a yellow FCPS school bus to an event, we must pay for it. Sometimes availability and cost makes it more advantageous to charter a private carrier for our trips. That is how significant an issue it is.

Payments are handled by the following protocol:

- All payments are to be turned in to the choir office.

**Lafayette Chorus Boosters • 401 Reed Lane • Lexington, KY 40503
859-381-3492 Choir Office**

Students on free and reduced lunch are exempt from payment agreement.

Complete Fee Waiver Notification Form - <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/payments.html>

Checks will be logged by Shari Jackson, choir office assistant. Copies of checks, and purpose will be forwarded to the accounts receivable chair, (charms@lafayettechoir.org) Charms administrator and accounts receivable clerk to log monies into student accounts for fundraising, fees and trips. Checks will, at the same time, be forwarded to the Booster Treasurer for deposit.

Booster Membership Dues:

All vocal music families are invited and encouraged to join the Lafayette Chorus Booster Association whose work is to support the Lafayette Choral Department, its Directors, and the Vocal Music students. Membership entitles you to be a voting member of the organization and is only \$15.00 per year per family. For joining, receive your choice of car magnet.

Accounts Receivable – Beth Cesario

Beth Cesario will be managing student accounts for credits, fees and trip ledgers. Please contact her with any questions that are not answered in your CHARMS account.

(See below for CHARMS info) charms@lafayettechoir.org

CHARMS Office assistant is the accounts receivable database software used by the Chorus Boosters. This system allows us to communicate with you via email. It also has a student account and credit management module which students and parents can log in to track trip payments, choir payments, and other fees or credits. Charms also tracks our Choral library, uniform inventory, financial statements, student practice logs, trip ledgers, and more.

Parents can help by logging in to their student's account to keep contact info and t-shirt size current.

To log in, parents need the Lafayette Code:

- LafayetteHSC
- And the Students Infinite campus number

Please contact us if there are any problems, we can reset passwords and help with logins.

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/parents.asp?username=LafayetteHSC>

Fundraising - PJ Danhires

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/payments-and-fundraisers.html>

Fundraising Dates:

<u>Sponsorship Campaign</u>	August -1 – Sept 3 - http://www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship
<u>Cookie Dough</u>	Sept 15-Sept 27
<u>Raffle</u>	Nov 10-Dec 1

OPT-OUT

This year, the booster board will again offer an “In-lieu-of” fundraising possibility for those who may be overburdened with several organizations to fund raise for or for those who would simply prefer not to sell items. The “In- lieu-of” program is intended to allow folks to still contribute to the organization allowing us to meet our fund-raising goals, but perhaps avoid selling items.

If this sounds like the right choice for you, Lafayette Chorus Boosters are suggesting a yearly In-lieu-of contribution of **\$100**. This in-lieu-of takes the place of your student participating in three major fund-raising sales initiatives for the choir. These three sales include: **Cookie Dough** and **Raffle**. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

AMAZON SMILE

Use this URL to shop Amazon and contribute to Lafayette Choir at the same time.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1313534>

KROGER CARDS

Kroger Plus Cards are an ongoing fundraiser for us. Kroger offers a 4% donation to the Lafayette choir for money spent at Kroger. Connect your existing Kroger Plus Card to Lafayette Choir. No more recharging gift cards.

This connection must be renewed each year in August!

1. Sign in or register - <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
 2. Click "my account" in top right corner
 3. Click "community rewards"
 4. Select "enroll now"
 5. Enter or search our NPO 12404
- Follow instructions to complete!

You can link your Kroger plus cards
www.kroger.com/communityrewards

You can also call 1-800-KROGERS, Select option #3. Organization #12404

Sponsorship Campaign – PJ Danhires

This campaign is designed to take the place of Bingo. Our participation in Bingo was waning, and we needed something to replace that revenue. This campaign is designed to be quick and relatively easy. We need all parent support to make this a success. Packets were provided to parents. See the choir website to download a packet. We are asking all students to sell 2 ads of any type/amount. All ads are due by Sept 3. Contact Cindy Bennett or Ryan Marsh if you have a lead for a corporate sponsor.

Please visit the choir website sponsorship campaign page for details.
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship>

The Sponsorship packet can be downloaded via this link:
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22213688/sponsorpacket.pdf>

Attire - Tammy Copeland

As part of chorus payments concert attire is provided to all choir students. The choir payment is very reasonable compared to purchasing a tuxedo or dress. All after school fittings dates are over and most students have been fitted during class. Students are issued their attire before the first concert either to take home or Men's and Women's choir will change at school before and after their concerts. The attire committee will need help in collecting attire at the end of the year. The attire contract has been sent home and is due to be returned with signatures.

Spirit Wear - Cindy Bennett

For a limited time, we are taking orders for Choir spirit wear. Check out the online order form.
All orders are due by Sept 16! <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/custom-orders.html>

Volunteer and Info Forms - Cindy Bennett

The Lafayette Choir relies on our many parent volunteers to help us offer great opportunities to our students. In order to help the choir in any capacity including ushers, chaperones, volunteers at school, and volunteers at our off-campus events, you must be a registered Chaperone with Fayette County Schools. Volunteers must renew every four years. It is important that you complete this early in the year to or you may be ineligible to help.

www.lafayettechoir.org/volunteer

Volunteers were solicited for a number of areas of need. See below if you are interested in being contacted for future event help.

Event Chaperone – Cindy Bennett, chair - (various throughout the year)

Attire Crew – Tammy Copeland, chair (help with hemming, minor repair, collection)

Raffle (organize and distribute)

Cookie Dough (collate, tabulate orders, work distribution day)

Cup Cake concert

Media Team

Cindy Bennett will serve as volunteer coordinator. She will be soliciting volunteers for our various events through email. If you would like to volunteer, please contact her at: cvbennettinfo@aol.com

Gala Info - Jaci Norman

A major performance and fundraising event for our department is the upcoming chorus gala and silent auction. **** Note Date Change** *Tuesday September 20, 2016 – Quest Community Church***

We need help from you for various aspects of the event.: Food donation, serving, setup, take-down, silent auction help, etc. Participating Choirs: Chorale, Madrigals, Singers, Advanced Women, SCAPA Voice Majors. - Please contact: jacqueline.norman@uky.edu

Director Comments – Ryan Marsh, Laura Howard

Thanks for a tremendous start to the school year. We had a great turnout for the parent meeting. This will be an outstanding year with everyone's help. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Ryan Marsh ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us

Laura Howard laura.howard@fayette.kyschools.us

Choir Office Phone: 381-3492

Handouts:

You can download the handouts that were made available for the evening via the following links.

Sponsorship Packet <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22213688/sponsorpacket.pdf>

Schedule <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22213688/schedule.pdf>

Fall Forms Packet <https://www.dropbox.com/s/izlxbvyoinrhilm/FormsPacket16-17.pdf?dl=0>

Returning Student Newsletter <http://lafayettechoirweeklynews.weebly.com/august-newsletter>

New Student Newsletter <http://lafayettechoirweeklynews.weebly.com/new-member-newsletter>

Payment Worksheets <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22213688/feesandfundraising.pdf>

Online Payment Information: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/payments.html>

Handbooks <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/handbook>