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From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

It has been a very exciting beginning to the new year. I am always excited to begin working with the choirs and hear what our choirs will be like each year. This year promises to be a great year. As always, we have very strong choirs this year.

Secondly, We are well into the beginning of our school year with lots of activities for students and great performances planned. We continue to need parental support in all of our activities. Parental involvement is critical to our success – and also has been shown to be important to student achievement in school.

I also want to mention of some other items of interest: The Choir Gala and Silent Auction is the kickoff to our concert season featuring Singers, Madrigals, Chorale, Advanced Women's Choir, and the SCAPA Voice majors. We are asking for auction items, as well as food donations, and help with the event.

Be sure to mark your calendars for all the important events this semester.

Lastly, please complete the volunteer survey so that we may be able to contact you to help. This is very important to us. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/parents/volunteer>

I hope to see all parents at LHS PTSA Open House – Sept 16.

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Important Dates

- **LHS PTSA Open House – Thursday, September 16, 6:30 pm**
- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass - Tue, Sept 21, 3:30-5:00**
(Required for SCAPA Voice majors – open to all choir students.) Dr. Noemi Lugo, UK Voice Faculty
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/students/scapavoice>
- **Choir Gala - Thursday September 23, 7:00 pm. Immanuel Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall**
Join us for a great evening of song and great deals. Tickets: \$5/students and \$7/adults. Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Road. We encourage all choir students, families, and friends to attend this evening of great vocal performances, a silent auction, food and fun.
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/gala>
- **In-House All-State Choir Auditions – Tuesday September 28 – Choir Room**
Lafayette always has many qualified students interested in audition for All-State Choir, unfortunately, we are only allowed to bring 15% of our choir enrollment to audition. The fairest way to choose is to hold preliminary auditions. This is good practice for the audition.
- **SCAPA Voice Audition Applications DUE – October 15.**
www.lafayette.fcps.net/departments/scapa.htm
- **Performing and Visual Arts College Night – Lexington Catholic - Thursday, Oct 21**
Contact Mrs. Howard for more details. Registration Due Oct 9. <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>
- **All-State Auditions - October 18 – Lexington Catholic High School**
Lafayette Choir students in grades 10-12 are eligible to audition for the KMEA All-State choirs. Students must pass the LHS in-house audition in order to participate.
- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass – Attend Schmidt Vocal Competition at UK - Sat, Oct 23, Time TBA**
(Required for SCAPA Voice majors – open to all choir students.) <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>
- **Freshmen All-State – Friday and Sat Nov 5 & 6** Interested students previously auditioned.
- **Choir pancake breakfast at Applebee's – Sat Nov 6 7:30-9:30 am.**
- **SCAPA Voice Auditions for 2011-12 – Saturday November 20 (Applications Due October 15.)**

Upcoming Performances

- **Choir Gala - Thursday September 23, 7:00 pm. Immanuel Baptist Church**
- **Fall Informance - Monday October 4, 7:00 pm - Beeler Auditorium (Men, Women's Choir)**
- **Winter Concert: - Thursday December 2, 7:00 pm – Beeler Auditorium (Men, Women)**
- **SCAPA Voice Informance: - Friday December 3, 7:00 pm – LHS Choir Room**
- **Winter Concert: - Thursday December 9, 7:30 pm – Calvary Baptist Church (Advanced Choirs)**
- **SCAPA Voice Winter Recital: - Friday December 10, 7:00 pm**

Download the Fall Schedule:

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/forms/schedule.pdf>





Fundraising

Upcoming Fundraisers

Chorus Gala and Silent Auction

Thursday September 23, 7:00 pm – Immanuel Baptist
3100 Tates Creek Rd.

Coupon Books

October 1- Oct 31

Cookie Dough Sales

November 9-30

www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/fundraisers

FUNDRAISING OPT-OUT CONTRIBUTIONS

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 \$75 (\$25 for each major sales fundraiser). This in-lieu-of takes the place of your student participating in three major fund-raising initiatives for the choir. These three sales include: **Coupon Books, Cookie Dough, and Candy Sales.** Those taking part in the In-Lieu-Of program will not qualify for fundraising credits. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

[It's not too late to make your contribution if you do not plan to participate in the fundraisers.](#)

All proceeds to
benefit
Lafayette Chorus

Tickets go on sale in
October.

Student servers needed.

Saturday November 6, 2010 • 7:30 – 9:30 am



Pancake Breakfast





& Silent Auction
Thursday September 23
7:00 PM,
Immanuel Baptist Church

Starring:
SCAPA Voice Majors
Advanced Women's Choir
Lafayette Singers, Chorale and Madrigals

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Gala Help needed!!!

All chorus students and families are encouraged to solicit donations for the silent auction. We would like a wide variety of items, from handmade crafts to professional services, music-related items, gift certificates, jewelry and art. Groups of parents or students may like to combine smaller items to make a theme basket.

Silent Auction items: These may also be dropped off in the chorus room. Please include the name and address of the donor, and the approximate value of the item donated. Forms are available at: www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/gala
Items must be delivered by Sept 17th in order to be listed in the program.

Note the venue change

Immanuel Baptist Church - 3100 Tates Creek Rd

Donations & Workers needed!

Gala: Harriet Wilson: 264-9004 dedousis@juno.com

Kim Goode: 552-9542 kg3@cardinalhill.org

CHORUS BOOSTER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

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 \$10.00 per year per family.



Important Announcements

Private Lesson Opportunity

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Choir Parent T-Shirts

Show your Lafayette Choir Pride by wearing a choir t-shirt. The Lafayette Chorus Boosters are selling Choir Parent T-Shirts for parents. Order yours for \$12.00

Contact Shari Jackson to order
381-3492
sjackson@lafayettechoir.org



From Mrs. Howard

SCAPA Lafayette vocal majors have much to be excited about at the beginning of the school year. Ellie Todd represented vocal majors at the annual SCAPA Back-to-School open house in August. Katherine Bennett and Andrew Miller performed for the first FCPS board meeting of the school year. Nearly 30 freshmen have auditioned for Jr. High All-State choir, sponsored by the Kentucky chapter of the American Choral Director's Association. Results should be in near the end of September.

Our first master class of the year will take place on September 21st, in the choir room from 3:30 until 5:00. Beth Arnold from UK will be the clinician for this event. All voice majors are required to attend. I will also be asking several majors to perform for the class.

The first major performance event for both SCAPA majors and the choirs is the annual Choir Gala, taking place on Thursday, September 23rd. Upperclassman vocal majors are in the process of auditioning to perform at the Gala. New SCAPA students have been working hard to prepare their ensemble piece with Mrs. Fields. This is always an exciting night and a great opportunity for our students to showcase their talents.

On September 28th, 10th-12th grade students are required to audition in-house for KMEA sr. high all-state. Students selected by the judges at these auditions will proceed to the district auditions in October.

Future Dates: **Bluegrass Choral Music Festival** – 10/15-16 REQUIRED; PVA College Fair – 10/21; **Attend Schmidt Competition** at UK (NATS participants excused)– 10/23 REQUIRED; **Juries** - 11/19, 22, 23.

Laura Howard



www.lafayettechoir.org/students/scapavoice

Important SCAPA dates

- **Masterclass**
Tuesday, Sept 21, 3:30-5:00
Beth Arnold
- **Gala**
Thursday, September 23, 7:00
Immanuel Baptist Church
- **Masterclass**
Attend Schmidt Competition @ UK
Saturday, Oct 23, Time TBA

Practice Logs



Don't forget to submit your SCAPA Voice practice logs each week!

<http://www.charmsoffice.com>





By Laura Howard

On Tuesday, September 2nd , approximately 50 new students participated in a new student workshop.

Often our new singers have trouble understanding the importance of a positive attitude, communication, listening skills, and teamwork in an ensemble setting. Therefore we wanted an opportunity to introduce them to and develop these skills.

To encourage teamwork, we really want the students to get to know each other better and make new connections, so we divided them into random groups. Throughout the evening students rotated through four mini-sessions on **Leadership, Choral Rehearsal, Problem Solving** and **Vocal Health**. There was insightful discussion; skits, LOTS of team-building games and activities and of course pizza! The energy level was high and the students had a great time. We believe we will see evidence of these efforts in our choir rehearsals.

We had many upperclassmen students leading sessions and working with these younger students. These students made the event a great success. Thank you to Kevyn Allen, Andra Boland, Amber Cason, Emma Centers, Carl Chapman, Katherine Dressman, Kayla Edwards, Raven Lockwood, Kailey Marshall, Alix McIntosh, AJ Sandoval, Christina Villaflor, Jaleen Watson, and Jessica Wilson for setting the example of leadership for these students.

There were also several parents working behind the scenes to make this event run smoothly. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to serve dinner to the students.

The New Student Workshop is now an annual event and we look forward to seeing this year's participants develop the skills necessary to become the leaders of the future.

Congratulations to the Lafayette Choir Officers for 2010-2011

The Students in each choir have elected their officers.

	CHORALE	SINGERS	WOMEN'S	MEN	ADV WOMEN
President:	Andrew Miller	Virginia Newsome	Kala S Brown	Carl Chapman	Natalie Trammell
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Historian	Meredith Burns	Eva Cortes	Stephanie Maldonado		Kailey Marshall
Historian	Kailey Marshall	Sarah Rodrigue	Gabby Flores	Gus Anderson	Taylor Shepherd

The choir officers will fill various leadership roles, including introducing the choirs, recording attendance, helping organize music, and recording the year in pictures. Congrats!





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