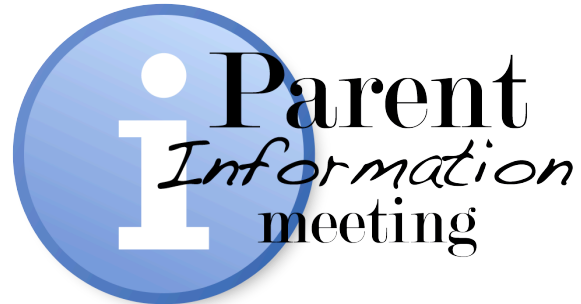


lafayette choir

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Welcome: Purpose of Boosters - Laura Newsome, 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/board_members

Laura Newsome – president@lafayettechoir.org

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.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/forms/paymentagreement.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.

Fees are handled by the following protocol.

- All fees/monies are to be turned in to the choir office.
- If mailing, send to:

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.

Checks will be logged by Shari Jackson, choir office assistant. Copies of checks, and purpose will be forwarded to Lisa Wilson, (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.

Accounts Receivable – Lisa Wilson

Lisa Wilson 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

Fundraising - Laura Newsome

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/fundraisers>

Fundraising Dates:

<u>Sponsorship Campaign</u>	August -20 – Sept 2
	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/sponsorship
<u>Coupon Books</u>	Sept 30-Oct 15
	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/cookie dough
<u>TBA</u>	Oct 25-Nov 5
<u>Candy Sales</u>	Jan 3-14
	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/candysales

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**, **Fall Fundraiser 2 TBA**, and **Candy Sales**. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

FUNDRAISING CREDITS

In accordance with IRS regulations for non-profit organizations, Lafayette Chorus Boosters, Inc does not offer student credits on fundraising.

Sponsorship Campaign – Kathy Ryan

This new 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.

The Sponsorship packet can be downloaded via this link:

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

Please visit the choir website sponsorship campaign page for details.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/sponsorship>

Attire - Kathy Lockwood

As part of chorus fees for Singers, Madrigals and Chorale, concert attire is provided to students. Fees are very reasonable compared to purchasing a tuxedo or dress. All afterschool fittings dates are over. Students remaining to be fitted will need to see Mrs. Jackson in the choir office. Students are issued their attire before the first concert. 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.

Website Demonstration - Ryan Marsh

The Lafayette Choir website contains many important resources for communicating with our parents and students. Please familiarize yourself with this resource and use it regularly. The site has upcoming events, articles of interest, photo galleries, and information pages about important events.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org>

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

Forms <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/parents/forms>

Fundraising <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/fundraisers>

Newsletters <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/newsletters>

Submit Info <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/parents/submitinfo>

Listening Lab <http://listeninglab.lafayettechoir.org> username: singers password: singers

Photo Gallery <http://gallery.lafayettechoir.org/>

CHARMS Demonstration - Ryan Marsh

CHARMS Office assistant is the accounts receivable and record 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, fee 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 information 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.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/parents/charms>

Volunteer and Info Forms - Ryan Marsh

Please complete volunteer and information sheets online:

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/parents/submitinfo>

We need all sorts of help from handy-man chores to ushering and passing out fundraising merchandise. If you can only help once this year – you will have made a difference! We appreciate all your help.

Gala Info - Harriet Wilson

A major performance and fundraising event for our department is the upcoming chorus gala and silent auction. ***Friday September 30, 2011 – Immanuel Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall***

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: Kim Goode (kg3@cardinalhill.org), Harriet Wilson (dedousis@juno.com)

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

Optional Activities:

M2 – Mastering Musicianship – Private Lesson Program

Statistics indicate that if a child participates in music, he or she is likely to earn higher grades and score better on standardized tests. Now there is powerful scientific evidence of a cause and effect link between music instruction and intelligence.

Lafayette's Mastering Musicianship Program, known as M2, provides for individual music lessons over a 10-week session each semester. The advantages to this program are cost and convenience. The rate for private lessons in Lexington is approximately \$15 per half-hour, or more. The M2 program at Lafayette is only \$100 for the 10-week session, and private instruction takes place in the practice rooms of the Lafayette Music department, under the direction of highly qualified music consultants.

Lessons are arranged to accommodate student needs. The majority of the lessons will occur between the hours of 3:30-7:30 pm, Monday thru Thursday. Lafayette Band students can participate too!

If you are interested – sign up online now. – Signups Due by 8/18/11

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/students/m2>

UK Bluegrass Choral Music Festival

Friday & Saturday, September 9 and 10, 2011

The University of Kentucky Choral Department (Dr. Jefferson Johnson, Director of Choral Activities) sponsors the Bluegrass Choral Festival. Last year there were nearly 400 singers from 29 schools participating. The students will perform in concert on Saturday! The students will also hear short performances by UK's a cappella pop ensembles--the Acoustikats and Paws and Listen! **Students must attend 3 preparatory rehearsals in order to attend the festival. (Schedule available online.)**

The cost for the Festival is \$15.00 per student.

Sign up online: www.lafayettechoir.org/students/bluegrassfestival

Signups Due by 8/18/11

Handouts:

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

Charms instruction Sheet	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charmsinfosheet.pdf
Booster Board	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/board_members
Sponsorship Packet	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/forms/sponsorpacket.pdf
Schedule	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/forms/schedule.pdf
August Newsletter	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/newsletters/newsletter_august_2011
New Student Newsletter	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/newsletters/new_student_welcome_newsletter_2011
Payment Worksheets	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/uploads/forms/paymentagreement.pdf
Submit/Update Contact Info	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/parents/submitinfo
Handbooks	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/students/handbook
M2 Private Lessons	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/students/m2
UK Bluegrass Festival	http://www.lafayettechoir.org/students/bluegrassfestival