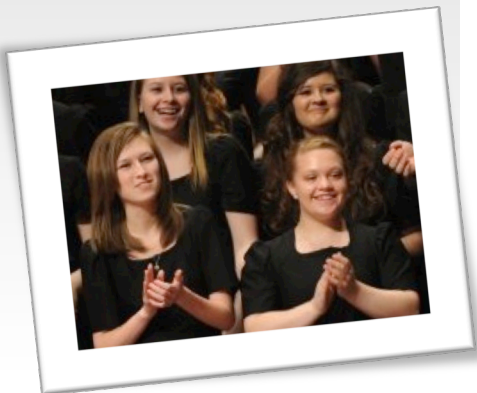


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From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome back to another exciting year in the Lafayette Choir. We are excited about seeing everyone back and making great music after the summer off. We have some exciting concerts planned and great music to sing.



This year we will celebrate 75 years of singing! The Lafayette Choir has been in existence for 75 years. We have some exciting events planned to help commemorate the year.

Some new initiatives this year will be the use of SmartMusic software in use with the choirs and SCAPA III and AP Theory classes. If you want to improve your sight reading, SmartMusic can help. (Not required) The SCAPA voice majors will also be using Edmodo to develop performance portfolios including jury and recital videos, adjudication sheets and other records of your work.

Also of interest is the Choir Gala and Silent Auction which will be the kickoff to our concert season featuring Singers, Madrigals, Chorale, and the SCAPA Voice majors. If you are interested in lending a hand with the gala, contact: Krista Giancarlo: 335-9586 krista.giancarlo@gmail.com or Judy England (silent auction) jgeng08@yahoo.com

See you at our concerts!

Ryan Marsh ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us



Important Dates

Attire Fittings	August 6-8 Tues Aug 6 1 - 4 pm Wed Aug 7 12 - 2 pm Thurs Aug 8 1 - 3 pm
Sponsorship Campaign	August 1 - Sept 3
First Day of Classes	August 14 th - 8:25
LHS Open House	Thursday, August 22
Parent Meeting – All Grades	August 26 th 6:30 pm Choir Room
Participation Form Due	August 26 @ Parent Mtg
Fixed Payment Agreement Due	Aug 26 @ Parent Mtg
Chorus Gala and Silent Auction	Thursday September 26 (Singers, Chorale, Adv Treble Choir, SCAPA Voice Majors)
In-House All-State Auditions	(Gr. 10-12) Wed. October 2 (Required for SCAPA Voice majors, recommended for all others)
UK Bluegrass Choral Music Fest	Fri & Sat Oct 4 & 5 (Required for SCAPA Voice majors, recommended for all others)
LHS Chorale with ECU Choirs	Tuesday October 8
Fall Concert (Men/Women choir)	Tuesday October 3
Fall Break	October 10-11

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Important Parent Meeting **Monday, August 26th – 6:30 pm**

There will be a parent meeting in the Choir Room for all choir parents. We will cover concert attire, fundraising, and other important items for the year. There will also be an opportunity to meet and talk with our Directors, Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Howard, and Ms. Tubbesing, as well as members from the Chorus Booster Association.

Please make plans to attend.



Important Announcements

Concert Attire Fittings

Tues Aug 6 1 pm - 4 pm

Wed Aug 7 12 pm - 2 pm

Thurs Aug 8 1 - 3 pm



All students need to be fitted for a dress or tux.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact: Kathy Anderson, ander65@aol.com

SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN



Each year the Lafayette Choir seeks sponsors. This campaign is by far, our most successful fundraiser. We ask every student to sell 2 ads.

The Campaign runs August 1 - Sept 3.

Think creatively! We are also willing to do In-kind sponsorships of goods or services. Such ideas include audio equipment, t-shirts, etc. Contact Mr. Marsh for question about in-kind donations! Info, forms and request letters can be found online.

www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/sponsorship



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please complete our online volunteer survey. We need to know what areas you are willing to help.

Volunteer
Survey

www.lafayettechoir.org/forms/VolunteerSurvey



& Silent Auction Thursday September 26

Immanuel Baptist

Donations & Workers needed!

Contact:

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Mastering Musicianship

VOICE

The Choral Department will again be offering M2 lessons. The program offers students the opportunity to take individual voice 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 approx. \$15 per half-hour lesson or more. The M2 program at Lafayette is only **\$110** for the 10-week session, and the majority of the private instruction takes place in the practice rooms of the Lafayette music department, under the direction of highly qualified music consultants. Enrollment spots are limited.

Stay tuned for info coming soon.
www.lafayettechoir.org/students/m2



OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL EVENTS

Stay tuned for more information about all of these events.

Gala and Silent Auction: September 25 - This is the opening concert event for the concert season! All are welcome. Performers include: Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, & selected SCAPA Voice Majors.

Fall Informance: October 3 - The Men's and Women's choirs informance.

Winter Concerts: The Swing Choir, and Men and Women's Choirs perform their winter concert in Beeler auditorium on Lafayette's Campus. Singers, Madrigals and Chorale hold their concert at an area church or Singletary center.

Lafayette Choral Invitational: This event takes place in January. 7th and 8th grades from Lafayette's feeder schools are invited to work with the choirs at Lafayette. All Lafayette Choir Students are required to attend.

Women's Choir Festival: Lafayette invites other Central Kentucky high school women's choirs to join together for a festival concert in March. This promises to be a fun day of singing and performing with a guest conductor.

UK Male Chorus Day: This is open to all Men in the LHS Choirs. (It is **required** for the LHS Men's Choir). It takes place in January at the UK Singletary Center.

Solo and Ensemble Contest: This contest is typically held at Dunbar High School (in Late February or March) for soloists and small ensembles. These are usually prepared with Mrs. Howard or Mr. Marsh outside of the school day. The student sings their solo or ensemble piece for an adjudicator. Sign-ups are in December.

KMEA Festival Assessment: All choirs perform at Festival Assessment in March for comments and rating.

Spring Chorus Banquet: Celebrate the successes of the year at our annual choral banquet.

Ice-Cream Concert: All choirs will perform at the Ice-Cream concert in the spring.

Spring Concerts: The advanced choirs will perform usually at the Singletary Center.

A Full Schedule for Fall Semester will be distributed during the first week of classes.

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CONCERT SEASON

Check out our upcoming concert season and invite your friends and family!

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/info/concerts>



Fundraising Details

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a necessary part of any school music organization. Operating expenses for groups such as ours far exceed the dollars supplied by FCPS to the choral program. In order for the department to remain vital and offering quality experiences to our students, fundraiser participation is a necessity for each student. Money raised through fund-raising and fees are used for many purposes (seen and unseen) over the course of a school year. (See sidebar)

The Choral Department and Boosters work hard to keep student fees low and offset those low fees with fundraising efforts. Please keep in mind all of the often “unseen, behind the scenes” expenses when considering your level of commitment to fundraising. Your help is a necessity to continue this outstanding program, therefore, **EACH STUDENT IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS THAT THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT SPONSORS EACH YEAR or give an In-lieu-of Donation.**

IN-LIEU-OF or 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 \$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, Raffle Fundraiser, and Candy Sales.** In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

This year’s planned fundraisers include the following:

Sponsorship and Patron Program ads. (September)

Gala and Silent Auction (October)

*Cookie Dough (October)

*Raffle (November)

*Special Event Fundraiser TBA (2nd Semester)

*indicates fundraisers that are included in the “in-lieu-of” donation program.

FUNDRAISING CREDITS

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

Fundraising provides:

Chorus T-shirts
Folders
Pencils
Sheet Music
Student consumables
Attire repair, cleaning,
and replacement
Classroom supplies
Classroom equipment
Risers, and maintenance
Posture Chairs
Acoustical Shell
Music stands
Audio/video equipment
Folder cabinets
Performance space rental
Program printing
Festival/Contest Fees
KMEA registration fees
All-State Expenses
Transportation costs to
contests and festivals
Instructional software
Instructional materials
Instructional videos and
audio recordings
Music Library Equipment
Office support
Office equipment
Accompanist fees
Guest clinician expenses
Supplemental instruction
All-State adjudicators
Postage
Student incentives
Awards
Electronic Consumables
(CD’s, Tapes, DVD’s)
Piano Tunings
Musical instruments
Substitute teachers for
when directors are
chaperoning choir tours.
DVD and CD Recordings
of concerts.
AND MUCH MORE.....

LAFAYETTE 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.

FIXED PAYMENT AGREEMENT

Choir payments are vital to providing quality experiences to our students. Chorus Boosters work hard to keep costs low for families. These costs are extremely inexpensive as compared to the costs associated with many other school-related extra-curricular activities your student might choose. This payment includes: Concert Attire Rental, choir T-shirt (for performances), folder, music, pencil, transportation, participation fees in area-wide contests and festivals, etc.

Students make only one payment regardless of number of ensembles in which they are enrolled.

BEGINNING CHORUS AGREEMENT

Women's Chorus • Men's Chorus

- Yearly Beginning Vocal Music Agreement** (includes yearly attire rental) • **\$60.00**
 We will be paying in two \$30.00 installments

ADVANCED CHORUS AGREEMENT

Advanced Women's Choir • Singers • Chorale • Madrigals • SCAPA Voice

- Yearly Advanced Vocal Music Agreement** (includes yearly attire rental) • **\$80.00**
 We will be paying in two \$40.00 installments

FUNDRAISING OPT-OUT DONATION

Fundraising not for you? Opt out of the 3 major sales fundraisers and still contribute. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

- Fundraising Opt-Out Donation** • **\$100.00**

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

All vocal families are invited and encouraged to join the LHS Chorus Booster Association.

- Booster Membership** • **\$10.00**

(Make checks payable to **Lafayette Chorus Boosters**)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ **Student Name:** _____

Email Contact: _____

Please indicate Student Name and purpose of the check in the memo blank.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH CHECK(S) BY AUGUST 26th TO
 Lafayette Chorus Department • Lafayette HS • 401 Reed Lane • Lexington, KY 40503**

Lafayette choir

*****If Possible, please complete this form online:*****

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/selfregister.asp?s=LafayetteHSC>

Please select "Returning Students" and login to the Charms system using your 8-digit IC student number to update your contact information.

If you need login information, please email Mr. Marsh.

Student Information

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	T-SHIRT Size
HOME ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP CODE	HOME PHONE	
E-MAIL		GRADE	DATE OF BIRTH	CELL PHONE	
(if applicable) PRIVATE VOICE TEACHER				***CELL PHONE Provider	

Parent-Guardian Information (Mother)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		HOME PHONE
HOME ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP CODE	WORK PHONE
E-MAIL				CELL PHONE
OCCUPATION/SKILLS				***CELL PHONE Provider

Parent-Guardian Information (Father)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		HOME PHONE
HOME ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP CODE	WORK PHONE
E-MAIL				CELL PHONE
OCCUPATION/SKILLS				***CELL PHONE Provider

***By indicating your cell phone provider, you are opting in to occasional text message notices about LHS Choir activities. We can only send text messages if you have indicated your provider. Otherwise, you will not receive text messages.

IF UNABLE TO COMPLETE ONLINE, PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM AND TURN IN AT THE PARENT MEETING ON AUGUST 26th TO:

Lafayette Choral Department
401 Reed Lane
Lexington, KY 40503

Information submitted on this form will **only** be used by the Directors and staff of the Lafayette Choral Department and members of the Lafayette Chorus Booster Association in support of the Vocal Music program at Lafayette High School.