



**Children's Chorus of Carroll County
December '08 Newsletter
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Getting to Know You...

Beginning December 2, on the 1st Tuesday of every month, from 6:00 until 8:00pm, there will be hot beverages and cookies for Chorus parents in the area just outside of Grace Hall. Plan to come in from the cold and warm up with conversation and something sweet to eat. This is a great opportunity to get to know other parents, get any questions answered by Connie Carbaugh, General Manager and pick-up a hardcopy of the newsletter.

This month, Tammy Serafin will be providing home-baked cookies. Thank you, Tammy! On Tuesday night, there will be a sign-up sheet to volunteer to provide cookies in following months. Please sign-up! The Chorus will take care of the beverages and paper goods.

Winter Celebration Reminders: Formal Uniform:

- LPV's: white monogrammed oxford Chorus shirt; red vest; black Chorus skirt (girls) or black dress pants with belt (boys); white opaque tights (girls) or black socks (boys); black dress shoes; black ties.
- DB's: white monogrammed oxford Chorus shirt; red vest; black Chorus skirt (girls) or black dress pants with belt (boys); white opaque tights (girls) or black socks (boys); black dress shoes; black ties.
- BC's: Girls: white concert blouse; long black Chorus skirt, black nylons; black flat dress shoes; red scarf. Boys: White monogrammed oxford; black dress pants with belt; black socks and black dress shoes; red bow tie/cummerbund.
- **Please be sure to press all uniform pieces.**

Rehearsal Schedule on Dec. 13: (just wear street clothes)

LPV 9:00-10:00am	BC 11:00-12:00noon
DB 10:00-11:00am	VV 12:00-12:30pm

All members must be present at the rehearsal in order to sing in the Concert.

ATTN BC Parents: Heritage Festival Update: Mrs. Jones, Connie and Terri will personally meet with the chorus members to have them decide on room assignments. After these assignments are made, we will meet with parents and confirm your room assignments. The Parent Meeting on January 6th will be to organize fundraising. This is an important meeting and we strongly urge all parents whose child is going to New York to attend. If you were unable to attend the previous parent meeting, please see Connie or Terri so that we can give you the information that was discussed.

Congratulations, Mrs. Hollenberg

Hearty congratulations are to be extended to Mrs. Hollenberg, Director of the DB's, who just received word that she passed the very rigorous exam to become a National Board Certified Teacher. Not only were her scores really good, she passed the first time! *Way to go!*

Dec 4 Ladies of the Elks Club: LPV/DB's 6:15pm call; 7:00pm performance; formal uniform

Dec 9 Music Maker Party AND Processional rehearsal for all performing groups: 6:45pm (Note that DB rehearsal is extended until 7:00; BC rehearsal will begin 15 minutes early, at 6:45pm *This is the only time all groups will be together to practice this before the Dec. 14 performance.*

Dec 12 Taneytown Business Breakfast, Taneytown Bowling Alley 7:30am: Annual performance of traditional Christmas carols and songs. Breakfast served to all of the Chorus members; informal uniform

Dec 13 AM rehearsal (times listed above) for Winter Celebration @ Big Baker Chapel (wear street clothes)

Dec 14 Winter Celebration 3:00pm: Big Baker Chapel @ McDaniel College; formal uniform; Call times: LPV's: 2:30pm, DB's: 2:30pm, BC's: 2:15

No rehearsals on December 16, 23, 30

Jan 6 Rehearsals resume/Heritage Festival Parent Meeting 7:00pm in the Library to decide on fundraisers

General Announcement

The following is from the Handbook:

Rehearsal Procedures:

- **Arrive no more than 10 minutes before the designated rehearsal time**, and go directly to rehearsal room, sit quietly in assigned seat and make necessary preparations for practice.

If children arrive more than ten minutes early, there is no supervision.

Also, kindly be aware of the noise level outside of the rehearsal areas. Because singing involves focused listening, extra noise creates a significant distraction to all participants.

FROM THE BOARD

The following policy has been adopted by the Board and is hereafter in effect for all Chorus activities.

Department Policy for the Children's Chorus of Carroll County

The Children's Chorus of Carroll County believes that before anything of substance can be taught or learned, a safe, nurturing and ethical environment must be created. C4 welcomes children from all walks of life and we believe in the kind of personal freedom that is tempered by an understanding of the rights and sensibilities of others.

To that end, it must be clearly understood by Chorus members, parents and staff that no form of harassment, bullying or mean speech or action, including those posing as humor, based on race, creed, gender, disability, sexual orientation or nationality will be tolerated from any child or adult connected with the Chorus.

This is the Children's Chorus of Carroll County Community Standard and we expect all members of our community to live by it and to expect it from each other. Any infraction of this Standard shall be reported to the Director immediately and remedial action, up to and including dismissal from the Chorus will be taken.

***This policy is now included in the on-line Handbook, p. 6.**

FUNDRAISING Understanding that the need for fundraising may not be obvious, we hope you will take the time to look at this condensed version of the budget. Obviously, tuition cannot cover expenses, so we thank you in advance for supporting the Chorus through projects like the ad campaign, patron lines, etc.

Category Description	Budget 2009
INCOME	
Advertising Income	5,000.00
Donations	6,200.00
Fundraising	16,035.00
Grants	3,800.00
Interest Income	700.00
Tuition	32,675.00
TOTAL INCOME	64,410.00
EXPENSES	
Awards	300.00
Commissioned Work	2,000.00
Concert Programs	400.00
Dues	300.00
Endowment funding (5% of fundraising)	800.00
Events	1,200.00
Fees	65.00
Financial Aid	3,000.00
Fundraising Expense	7,000.00
Guest Fees	800.00
Insurance	1,800.00
Misc Expense	100.00
Music	3,100.00
Office Expenses	1,535.00
Professional Dues/Enrichment	1,000.00
Promotional Expense	1,250.00
Rent	5,660.00
Stipends	27,100.00
Transportation	2,000.00
Trips	4,000.00
Uniforms	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	64,410.00