



August 2015

Message from the PAB Co-Presidents

Hello and Welcome to the Leesville Road High School Performing Arts Boosters (PAB)!

The sole purpose of our Booster Club is to support our choral students in their musical education under the direction of Ms. Tonya Dickens. There are no membership fees to participate in PAB. All parents of choral students are cordially invited to the regularly scheduled general meetings.

There will be an "informance" (informal short performances) and Parent's Meeting on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm** where you will learn more about the Performing Arts Boosters and each of the groups will have an opportunity to show what they have been working on in class.

PAB activities are carried out by a Board and Committees consisting of parents of students in the LRHS choral program. Members wishing to participate can volunteer for PAB committees including:

Hospitality * Uniforms * Singing Valentine's * Fundraising * Events/Concerts

We are always in need of new volunteers to help us make the program a success. *You will hear more about PAB and committees at the first PAB General Meeting on September 15.* Please sign up with the Volunteer box on the left hand side of the PAB website, <http://leesvillechorus.org>. You are not obligated by signing up, just emailed when there are needs. In addition to committees, the Board and members will work with Ms. Dickens as needs arise: chaperoning trips, driving to competitions, setting up for rehearsals and concerts, etc.

A list of board members and committee chairs is included in this packet and on the choral music program website, <http://leesvillechorus.org>.

We look forward to seeing you soon! *Performing Arts Boosters Board*

Performing Arts Boosters Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for 2015-2016

PAB Board of Directors			
Director	Tonya Dickens		tdickens@wcpss.net
Co-President	Lisa Bailey	919-946-7061	president@leesvillechorus.org
Co-President	Lisa Lawrence	919-844-5020	president@leesvillechorus.org
Vice President	Melissa Kennedy	919-601-1650	vicepresident@leesvillechorus.org
Secretary	Donna Ferrell	919-208-1045	secretary@leesvillechorus.org
Treasurer	Dawn D'Bella	919-414-0240	treasurer@leesvillechorus.org
Committee Chairpersons			
Student Accounts	Melissa Kennedy	919-601-1650	accounts@leesvillechorus.org
Fundraising	Stephanie Holloway-Baker	919-434-4331	fundraising@leesvillechorus.org
GoPlaySave	Beth Lucas	919-414-9200	goplaysave@leesvillechorus.org
SCRIP	Susan Gray	919-434-7531	scrip@leesvillechorus.org
Grocery Cards	Becky Gifford	919-271-1360	grocerycards@leesvillechorus.org
Events/Tickets	Candice Blevins	919-413-4844	events@leesvillechorus.org
Uniforms	Diana Callaghan	919-247-6615	uniforms@leesvillechorus.org
Hospitality	Jeanne Evans	919-345-8167	hospitality@leesvillechorus.org
Comm/Yahoo	Lisa Lawrence	919-844-5020	communications@leesvillechorus.org
Website	Doug Walker		webmaster@leesvillechorus.org
Singing Valentines	Caroline Rohs	919-280-4078	valentines@leesvillechorus.org

Check out our website for updated information www.leesvillechorus.org.

Activity Fee and Student Accounts

The Performing Arts Boosters (PAB) board members approve an annual budget for each school year based on the needs of our choral program. **“Activity Fee” is a contribution needed and expected from each choral student to help cover expenses incurred and not covered by Wake County Public School System funds.** The money is used to purchase music, equipment, maintenance or replacement of equipment, help sponsor field trips, etc. We would not have this wonderful program without family support of this concept. This year, Activity Fee is \$50 per student for *Intermediate Chorale*, and \$75 per student for *Capital Pride*. Fair Share may be paid for with monies earned through **specific fundraising opportunities** and does not need to be an out of pocket expense.

You may also contribute your student’s Fair Share by simply sending a check payable to PAB with your student to school. Please send it in an envelope labeled with your student’s name, chorus and “Fair Share.”

*If your student has an older sibling that was involved in Chorus and has graduated since 2012 or has an older sibling that was in the choral program in 2012, but is no longer in Chorus, the balance from the older sibling’s PAB Student Account can be transferred to your current student’s PAB Student Account. To request this, send a note to Melissa Kennedy with the current student's name and the older sibling's name and year of graduation or last year in chorus.

If you have any questions, please contact accounts@leesvillechorus.org or call Melissa Kennedy at **919-789-8598**.

Thank you for your continued support of the Performing Arts Boosters.

Fundraising for 2015-2016

- Fundraising will benefit each choral group as a whole, all members of each choir.
- Funds raised with GoPlaySave Coupon books, Pastry Puffins/Popcorn, Wreaths or other group fundraisers will not go into an individual’s PAB Student Account, but will be used to offset trip costs for the entire group. Profits from Intermediate Chorale sales will offset the total cost of Intermediate’s trip. Likewise, Capital Pride sales will directly offset the cost of the trip as a whole, so everyone benefits from money raised through fundraising. ***It means we all have to work together to help each other.***
- Families who currently have funds in a PAB Student Account will be able to utilize those funds for Fair Share and trip costs.
- ****Specific Fundraising Opportunities**** Additional money can be deposited into an individual PAB Student Account through grocery cards and scrip, as those are rebate programs, and are allowable under IRS guidelines.

Year-Long Fundraising (Rebate) Opportunities
Grocery/Goodberry's Cards * Great Lakes Scrip Cards
Two easy ways to put money in your PAB Student Account!

Grocery Cards

If you shop at Food Lion you can buy grocery cards through PAB and receive rebates of **5% from Food Lion** that will be deposited into your PAB Student Account. Food Lion cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200. It is so easy to build your PAB Student Account purchasing the items you would be buying anyway! For example: Buy a \$100 Food Lion card, use it to buy \$100 worth of groceries, and \$5.00 from Food Lion will go directly into your PAB Student Account!

PAB also sells Goodberry's cards, in \$12 and \$25 denominations. A **30% rebate (\$3.50/\$12 cards, \$7.50/\$25 cards)** will be deposited into your PAB Student Account.

Payment for Grocery/Goodberry's cards can be made by check or cash by parents of choral students. We are unable to accept checks from friends and neighbors - they will need to pay you, and you will purchase the cards from PAB. Checks should be made payable to PAB.

Food Lion and Goodberry's cards are sold at all PAB general meetings and from the home of Becky Gifford, who lives off of Leesville Road. Most orders can be filled the same day. Cards are NEVER sold to students at school.

If you have any questions, or if you wish to make a purchase, please contact grocerycards@leesvillechorus.org or call Becky Gifford at 526-2681 between 9am – 9pm.

Great Lakes Scrip Program

The Great Lakes Scrip program works very much like grocery cards. Through this clearinghouse, we have access to a multitude of gift cards - like gas stations and department stores, restaurants and entertainment venues, hotels and travel merchants, and a variety of other retailers. Go to www.glscrip.com to see all of the participating retailers. Each retailer offers an individual rebate amount ranging from 1.5 -14% that will go directly into your PAB Student Account. Each month different retailers offer incentives with increased rebate amounts. Last year Gap clothing stores ran a 14% rebate incentive for every \$75 gift card purchased. Shop at Kohl's? Going on a vacation? Got a home improvement project coming up? You can purchase Kohl's gift cards to pay your Kohl's credit card, purchase gift cards for hotels, restaurants and rental car companies to pay for your vacation, and pay for your project supplies with a Home Depot or Lowes Home Improvement gift card. ALL of those rebates will be deposited into your PAB Student Account and can be used for this year's Fair Share and trip costs.

Notification of order due dates and retailer incentives are sent monthly via the Yahoo e-mail system. A bulk scrip card order is placed once a month, and individual orders are distributed at PAB meetings and after school in the chorus room on a day specified on the monthly order form. Scrip cards must be paid for by check and should be made payable to PAB. Checks from friends and families are accepted. More information and order forms will be distributed to your students in class this week.

Questions, please contact Susan Gray at scrip@leesvillechorus.org.

Fall Group Fundraising

GoPlaySave (formerly Citipass) COUPON BOOKS

This limited time selling opportunity will start on Tuesday, September 8, and all orders are due back to school by Thursday, September 24. Delivery will be the following week. These popular books offer huge savings and provide a great opportunity to earn funds to offset the Intermediate and Capital Pride trip cost for the entire group. Each book sells for \$30.00 and your student's choir group will get 50% of their group's total sales. Additional information and order forms will be coming home with your student.

Pastry Puffins/PuffCrust Pizza/Gourmet Popcorn

Pastry Puffins and PuffCrust Pizza is our delicious new fundraiser. No thawing, no rising overnight, no prior preparation required. Each package contains 12 individual portions, simply break off the number you desire and pop them in the oven. They are flaky and come in several different flavors. PuffCrust Pizza comes in three great flavors including Pepperoni, Sausage and Mozzarella. Each box contains two pizzas. The Van Wyk Confections gourmet popcorn comes in eight varieties and are msg and GMO free. This fundraiser will kick off at the same time as the GoPlaySave coupon books.

FRESH EVERGREEN WREATHS

Once again we will partner with Shepherd's Way Farm, owned by a former LRHS Choral Family, and will offer fresh evergreen wreaths for sale in October. Wreaths will be delivered right after Thanksgiving. These Premium Floral Grade wreaths are made fresh the same week that they are delivered to us. Each wreath returns 50% back into your student's particular chorus group.

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Re-linking Grocery Cards to Harris Teeter to earn funds for PAB

It's easy! Use "3564 LRHS Performing Arts Booster" code to re-link online, visit www.harristeeter.com. Look for the re-link box on the home page or select Community > Together In Education > Link To Your School. New users will need to set up a free online account; registered users will need to log in. Add "3564 LRHS Performing Arts Booster" to your list of schools.

Volunteering for PAB is Rewarding and Fun

There are many ways you can help support your choir student, our choir program and have a blast meeting and working with other choir parents. Below are descriptions of different volunteer options. PAB will send out an online Google docs sign up link through Yahoo! Groups, and you can go to our website, www.leesvillechorus.org where you will find a link. You are not obligated when you sign up; you will receive an email from the committee chair later in the year to which you can then commit to different times or tasks. Feel free to contact the appropriate board member if you have questions.

- **Uniforms:** Help during uniform fittings, collecting money as needed.
- **Fundraising:** Assist with distribution of fundraising materials to classes, collection of orders, counting money, reviewing orders, distributing items sold.
- **Hospitality:** Help with coordinating meals for the students during the Winter and Spring Concerts, Teacher Recognition, and help plan the year-end picnic.
- **Events:** Assist with the Winter and Spring Concerts - coordinating ushers and ticket takers, supervision/monitoring of the dressing rooms, arts hall, and auditorium before during and after concerts; supervision/monitoring cafeteria during the dinner break.
- **Singing Valentines:** A general fundraiser held on February 13th that requires taking orders, preparing carnations, etc., coordinating valentine delivery.

***We work hard to make sure you receive all updates
from the Choral Program and PAB***

**Google Groups IS the way LRHS Choral Program Communicates –
you must sign up for email updates.**

Most chorus and booster group communications are sent via Google Groups email. We utilize this email program to keep all chorus families informed of important information and dates applicable to each individual chorus; Beginning, Intermediate and/or Capital Pride. Please fill out form below and return to Ms. Dickens ASAP so you will not be left out of important communications.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Student's Name _____

Circle Choir Class Beginning Choir Intermediate Chorale Capital Pride

Parent's Email Address _____

Uniforms

Welcome to the 2015-2016 LRHS Choral Program. As you are aware, each student in chorus is required to have a uniform that is worn for all formal performances. Returning students, **please check at this time to see that your uniform from last year still fits properly while you have the opportunity to order a new dress.** If alterations are needed, please have them made in time for the Winter Concert on December 11, 2015. If you have a used dress **to sell** please email the Uniform Coordinator, Diana Callaghan ASAP at uniforms@leesvillechorus.org.

Please direct any concerns you may have about the cost to Ms. Dickens or Diana Callaghan, PAB Uniform Coordinator.

Beginning and Intermediate Women's Uniforms

The uniforms for Beginning and Intermediate choral students are hunter green long dresses. You may purchase your student's uniform in one of two ways:

1. Attend the Used Dress Sale scheduled for September 1 from 6:30-8:00 in the LRHS Chorus Room. If your student can be fitted with a dress from our existing inventory you may purchase the used dress for **\$45** from the Performing Arts Boosters. Otherwise...
2. Your student will be measured for a new dress during her class period on September 10, 2015. Please bring your shoes for measuring day. The cost of a new dress is **\$85**. Payment in full is requested at the time of measurement. Please make your check payable to PAB. No dresses will leave school without payment. The dress will arrive at the school on or near the end of November in time for the winter performance season.

Dresses are machine wash and dry and touch up with iron. Alterations necessary beyond the initial fitting are the responsibility of the dress owner.

Capital Pride Women's Uniform

Capital Pride wears an eggplant color uniform. Capital Pride students needing an eggplant uniform will be fitted from our existing stock during class on August 26, 2015 at a cost of **\$45**. If there are no dresses available in our stock, the student will be measured at that time and a new dress will be ordered at a cost of **\$85**. Please make out checks to PAB.

Women's Footwear

Shoes for all women are black leather pumps. This style has been chosen for comfort and safety while walking on the risers. Pumps must be:

- Closed toe
- No straps or other adornments
- No shiny patent leather
- Heels no higher than 2"
- Purchased at your local store or online prior to the dress measuring.
- Sears has three styles that fit the shoe requirements. You can find them at sears.com and type the following style names in the search box:
- I Love Comfort Women's Low-heel pump---**Layla**. \$19.98 (Also available in wide widths)
- I Love Comfort Women's Comfort pump---**Legacy** \$19.98
- Basic Editions Women's dress shoe---**Renee** \$14.99
- If you shop elsewhere remember to look for black, low-heel, (not to exceed 2") closed-toed pumps without any other pattern or embellishment. Safety on the risers and a uniform look are our utmost concern.
- Worn with nude color stockings.

Men's Uniforms

If you purchased a uniform in a previous year, please check at this time to see that all pieces fit properly and that you have all pieces of the uniform. (See list below)*. Savvi Formalwear will make alterations to the pant and jacket sleeve lengths free of charge for life. They also offer a full line of replacement items. Please have your adjustments made and purchase any missing pieces in time for the Winter Concert on December 11, 2015.

Savvi will be at school to measure your student in Beginning or Intermediate Chorus during the class period on Friday, September 11 – so it is **essential** that he be in class on that date. A **\$20** deposit is required at the time of measuring. Please make your check payable to **Savvi Formalwear**. The balance is due when the uniform is picked up at the Savvi Formalwear store in September/October. The students in Capital Pride who need to be fitted should do so at the store. This needs to be completed by Friday, September 18.

Savvi Formalwear is located in the Pleasant Valley Promenade Shopping Center at 6212 Glenwood Ave. Store hours are Monday- Friday 10-7; Saturday 10-5. The phone number 783-8911. Denise Mayeart is the owner and PAB contact. Pick up dates will be announced in class and on Google communications.

*Below is a list of uniform pieces (plus shoes and socks) and a price list (tax to be added at time of pickup) for all items the men will need from Savvi: (These prices are the same as last year.)

Adjustable pleated black tuxedo pant	\$34.00 (price includes hemming).
Nonadjustable pleated black tuxedo pant	\$32.00 (price includes hemming.)
Either of the above styles is acceptable	
Wing collar white tuxedo shirt	\$19.00
Black bow tie	\$ 5.00
Black cummerbund	\$ 7.00
Cuff links and studs	\$ 5.00
Black Tuxedo Jacket (Capital Pride Only)	\$75.00

Men's Footwear

Men are to wear **solid black dress socks and solid black leather dress shoes (no shiny patent leather, no vans or tennis shoes)**. These can be purchased at any local store or online, if you do not have a pair already.

Thank you for your cooperation as we outfit our choral students.