

April 2011

VOICES

A newsletter from DGS Choral Boosters



Our Mission:

Providing Support and Encouragement for Musical Opportunities

A Note from the President

It is hard to believe there are less than two months left of the school year! We are in the midst of one of the busiest times of year for our choral students. The Spring Musical "Crazy for You" April 14 – 17, our choir show on May 19 & 20, the choir banquet May 23 along with end of the year performances for some of the select choirs.

Being part of the music program is an important part of our student's school experience. It gives them an outlet to express themselves, and an opportunity to make lifelong friends. Congratulations to the graduating seniors; you have many memories to take with you into your next phase of life. The music program is successful because of the efforts of many people. Our teachers who provide leadership and opportunities for our kids to learn, parents who give their time to help support our programs in so many ways, and our students, who have a passion about their work.

Looking forward to next year, Choral Boosters has opportunities for you to be a part of this awesome music department. We are looking to fill a few positions for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Graduating

seniors are leaving, and along with them, their volunteer parents. There are opportunities in the areas of volunteer coordinators, newsletter / communications, FOFA representative and more. No experience necessary, all you need is a desire to be a part of the experience. A few hours of your time has a large impact on the lives of our students.

Choral Boosters, like any other booster group, is here to assist faculty and to enhance our students experience in the music program. I invite you to check us out and learn more about the music department here at Downers Grove South. It takes the efforts of a great many people to make our parent group successful, and we welcome new members to share the experience. The time invested is valuable and rewarding.

For additional information on Choral Boosters, please contact me at jgracey60@aol.com or via phone at 312.446.0403.

Jim Gracey,
DGS Choral Boosters President

South High School's Spring Musical

"Crazy for You"

Downers Grove South High School Fine Arts Department proudly presents their spring musical "Crazy for You" in the South high school auditorium on Thursday April 14th, 7pm, Friday and Saturday April 15th and 16th at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 17th at 3pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens are complimentary. To reserve your tickets, please call the Student Activities office at 630-795-8518.

"Crazy for You" tells the story of a banker from New York, Bobby Child (Bill Chengary), who dreams of being on Broadway. He is sent to Deadrock Nevada to repossess the towns Theatre from Polly Baker (Erin C. Walsh) and her father Everett Baker (John Junk). When Bobby is there to repossess the Theatre, he falls in love with Polly. Polly despises the man who is there to take her Theater. In an act of desperation, Bobby pretends to be Bela Zangler, a well established New York producer, to draw back Polly's affections. Yet, when the real Bela Zangler (Alex Bahaveolos) arrives in Deadrock, Polly falls for him.



"Polly Baker" played by Erin Christine Walsh and "Bobby Childs" played by Billy Chengary

Other main leads are: Subhan Suhail, Claire Drews, Erin M. Walsh, Nick Garvey, Michelle McCarthy, Colleen DeRosa, Becca Zeman, Caitlin Olewinski, Kelly Worazek, and Marta Popelka. Bobby follies include: Amanda Strolia, Sarah Gross, Taylor Lane, Stephanie Hiquiana, Malorie Masek, Mariah Pulice, Robin Chang, Elise Floss, Olivia Abrant, Alyssa Frewen. Zangler follies include: Bridget Albright, Shannon Madden, Caitlin Grudzinski, Chante Gordon, Rebecca Wolniakowski, Kelly Tischler, Tori Franklin, Barb Beecroft, Kelly Sullivan, Nicole O'Toole, Debbie Mends, Meredith Richard, Amanda Cervantes, Aleisha Bozek, Megan Wanezek, Sarina Pica, Chrisstine Mendoza, Christina Vorreyer, Eva Rzeszutko, MacKenzie O'Connor.

Cowboys include: Sean Birth, Michael Cho, Kyle Crawford, David Dahowski, Ken Deem, Sonny Del Rosario, Lars Feste, Max Gordon, Austin Houar, Joe Hughes, Adam Kohls, Justin Marquez, Paris McFall, Liam Merrick, Dan Pennino, Joe Perchatsch, Peter Schmid, Maher Syed, Michael Szubinski, Matt Walker, Cory Wilson and Kyle Wulf. Cowgirls include: Audrey Giron, Mary McIlvain, Kelsey Ruggiero, Heather Thom.

The pit orchestra includes Belford Hernandez, Mike Ruth, Megan Schreck, Lexi Osborn, Zach Plata, Suzanne Segredo, Billy Moroney, Shannon Patula, Callie Sorce, Rachel Wydra, Will O'Dell, Carly Charles, Michelle Spiewak, Elliot Bild, Josh Baade, Peter Zlotnicki, Josiah Williams, Marcus Vanderjack, Carmy Calabria, Natalie Ackerman, Mike Worek, Michael Witek, Ian Williams, Melissa Voss, Lisa Salazar, Andrada Pteanc, Brooke Schlichtman, Ryan Chan, Nikki Mihelic, and Sean Hux.

Chris Blum is the drama director assisted by Julie Gansberg. Music is directed by Joy Belt-Roselieb and the pit orchestra is directed by Craig Roselieb. The show is choreographed by Shelly Crawford. The technical director is Hunter Evans and the costume designer is Holley McKee. The student assistants to the music director are Lily Space, Sam Worlton and Dan Leahy.



Choral Volunteer Opportunities

It takes a lot of coordination and teamwork to run the fantastic programs that we enjoy in our choir department. Please consider volunteering your time for one of these year end events!

Choir Show – May 19-20

Volunteers are needed to help create a PowerPoint presentation, back stage choir supervision, ushering, and photography.

Choir Banquet – Monday, May 23

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up.

Final Choral Booster Meeting for 2011

May 9th, 7:00 PM

2011-2012 Available Choir Board Positions

Positions include
Newsletter Editor
Volunteer Co-coordinators
Liaison to FOFA (Friends of Fine Arts)

Please contact the Choral Booster Volunteer Coordinators via phone or email to let us know if you can volunteer for one of these open positions or at one of these events:

Diane Richard at 960-1766 or at dianegr07@aol.com

Cathy Beecroft at 852-6118 or at rjbcmb@flash.net

DGS Vocal Festival

Over 80 soloists and ensembles performed at the DGS Vocal Festival during the school day on Thursday, March 3rd. After school, selected students competed for the District 99 Honors Recital.

All participating students take private voice lessons and had the opportunity to perform for a clinician during the school day. Our clinicians are professional singers from the Chicago area who have expertise in the adolescent voice and solo literature, including art songs and arias. Each soloist and ensemble had the opportunity to work with their clinician after they performed to improve their skills.

All students in the choral program enjoyed the opportunity to learn from these master teachers. Students reflected that they learned new ideas about breathing, stage presence, text interpretation, and how to create a better more focused sound.

If your student is interested in this performance opportunity for the next school year, private voice teachers are available. Please see your chorus teacher to ask for an application to study. Teachers are available this summer to take new students.

Music is one of the greatest gifts God has given us....

~ Martin Luther ~

German theologian

“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”

Ella Fitzgerald

U.S. jazz singer

District 99 Honors Recital

The District 99 Honors Recital was at Gloria Dei church in Tuesday, March 8th. Vocalists were selected from DGS and DGN based on their performance at their school’s Vocal Festival. Congratulations to these students for their excellent performances at the recital!

Alex Bahaveolos

Caitlin Carr

Chamber Singers

Kyle Crawford

Alyssa Frewen

Dan Leahy

Madrigal Singers

Overtones

Treble Ensemble

Erin C. Walsh

The 2011 Choir Show Update

The choirs are busy preparing for the 2011 Choir Show: Rock Hits of the 50's and 60's. The show will feature the DGS Freshman, Concert, and Treble Choirs singing and dancing with a rock-combo band and our very own Mr. Hernandez. The Overtones and select ensembles will also perform along with many solos and narrations to take you back to the good 'ole days of early Rock and Roll. **Be sure to save May 19th and 20th at 7:00 PM** so you can support your student at the performance!

*Please Note: The **dress rehearsal** for the choir show is on **Monday May 16th from 6-9 PM**. All curricular choirs (no A Cappella) are expected to attend this important rehearsal as a part of the 4th quarter grade.

*Volunteer opportunities are available for parents to help with PowerPoint pictures, back stage assistance, costumes, and photography. Contact Cathy Beecroft at rjbcmb@flash.net if you are interested.

“Making music, in fact, is the best way of learning about music.”

Richard Baker
English author



Third Annual Choir Banquet

Please join us to celebrate the end of another great year of achievement by our very talented Choirs.

As a parent, I can attest to the dedication of everyone involved in the Choir Program. The beautiful music that flows through the halls and is presented in the auditorium is such a joy. Hearing the growth and improvement in each student as they progress from year to year speaks volumes for everyone involved.

The Choir Banquet is an opportunity for students and families to gather to share a meal and celebrate the accomplishments of another great year. Help us recognize the commitment and success of our kids and their teachers in the Choir Program.

Please join us for an evening of food, fun and well deserved appreciation for your child's participation in the Choir Program. Please complete the RSVP Form that follows

The Banquet will be held on Monday, May 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the School cafeteria.

If you should have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Kathy Schreck at 630-963-3073.

Third Annual DGS Choir Banquet RSVP Form

Monday, May 23, 2011

6:30 - 8:30

DGS Cafeteria

All DGS choir students and families are invited to attend to celebrate and recognize their achievements

Catered by Gatto's

Menu: Chicken Vesuvio, Pasta with Marinara,
Sausage and Peppers,
Salad, & Drinks.
Cost: \$12.00 per person

Please RSVP with this form and your check to the mailbox in the choir room or mail to Eileen Sejnost at D.G.S. Choir Department by Friday April 29, 2011.

This event is organized by The Choral Boosters

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please call Kathy Schreck 630-963-3073

Make check payable to D.G.S. Choral Boosters
1436 Norfolk, Downers Grove, IL 60516-2600

Student Name:

Choir Class:

Number Attending X \$ 12.00 = \$

For office use: Date received ____ Cash ____ Check Number _____

Receipt



Ultra Foods

5% Cash Back to Choir Boosters

We had such a **great** response to this **EASY** fundraiser that we're doing it again!

Shop at a participating **Ultra Foods** store now through May 31st and save your register receipts.

In June, we will total all the receipts collected and **Ultra Foods** will give us 5% of the total receipts! (Alcohol and tobacco products are specifically excluded from the totals.)

\$10,000 in receipts will earn \$500 for the Choir Program.
We almost reached this goal last year!

Write **Ultra Foods** on an envelope and start saving your receipts. Your student can drop the envelope in the big Choir Mailbox located in the Choir Room.

Ultra Foods will honor all register receipts dated **January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011!**

Ask your friends & family to support our Choir Program by giving you their **Ultra Foods** receipts, too.

Participating Stores:

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Joliet
Lombard

Chicago Heights
Wheaton

Kankakee
Hanover Park

Lansing
Merrillville IN

Highland IN

Contact Jan Kremer at the-kremers@comcast.net or 630-202-2963 with any questions.

Thanks in advance for your support!

“I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.”

*~ Billy Joel ~
U.S. singer/songwriter*

You've Got Mail

The Choral Boosters and Directors rely on email to circulate a lot of important information. Please help us keep our database up to date by providing us with your e-mail address. It is simple to do just send your name, your students name, the choir(s) they are in and the e-mail address where you would like information to go to Beth Werner at reswerner@aol.com.

To join the facebook group go to www.facebook.com, go to groups and look for DGS Choral Boosters. This is an open invitation group.

Also, please check out our website ---- www.dgschoir.com

2010-2011 Choral Booster

Executive Board

“Providing Support and Encouragement For Musical Opportunities”

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Support your choir student by joining the Choral Boosters. Membership forms are available in this Newsletter, so please fill it out and send it back to Debbie Drews per instructions on the form.



Come Join the Downers Grove South Choral Boosters 2010-2011

What we do:

- **Annual DGS Musical**

This is the annual highlight for our students and for the DGS Choral Staff. The Choral Boosters assist staff with coordination of costumes, choreographers, clinicians, equipment, copyrighted musical scores, ushers and other needed resources.

- **Communications with Parents**

Periodic email updates & announcements on upcoming events; help coordinate communications with school staff and parents.

"VOICES" Newsletter – great informational resource for staff & parents!

Website (www.dgschoir.org)

- **Annual Vocal Fest**

Talented students experience and learn how to perform in an audition. Choral Boosters assist staff with logistics and monitoring.

- **Promote Opportunities** to students pursuing higher education and careers in vocal music.

- **Choir Concerts**

Choral Boosters assist staff and students by providing chaperones, coordination assistance and complimentary snacks to parents and guests.

- **Annual Middle School Choir Festival**

Choral Boosters assist staff in hosting this after school event for middle school students at DGS – introducing students to the DGS Choral Program.

- **Special Events and Field Trips**

Choral Boosters assist staff with various events.

In February, 2010 a group of students had the opportunity for an educational and performing field trip to New York City.

Additionally, each select choir group performs at a variety of events throughout the year. Choral Booster's involvement is invaluable to each event's success.

- **Annual Music Awards Banquet**

Choral Boosters purchase awards and organize this event to honor our students' efforts and successes.

By joining the DGS Choral Boosters, you remain connected with your student's interests and activities, help enhance your student's high school experience, and be a positive influence on their future. With your family membership you will receive a **"Proud Member" window decal**. Display it PROUDLY on your automobile, home or office!

Won't you join us? The annual DGS Choral Boosters membership dues are only **\$20 per family**.



Detach and Send with Membership

Simply fill out the form below and either have your student drop it in the mailbox in the Choir Room, or mail to:

DGS Choral Boosters, Attn: Debbie Drews, (VP of Membership) 6316 Powell, Downers Grove, IL 60516

Parents Name(s): _____

Student Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent email: _____

2010-2011 Annual Family Membership Dues: \$20

Other donation (thank you!): \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **DGS Choral Boosters**.

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♪ Save the Dates ♪

2011 South High School Choir Calendar

"Igniting a passion for the arts in every learner."

Date ***Event*** ***Time*** ***Place*** ***Ensemble***

2011 Calendar

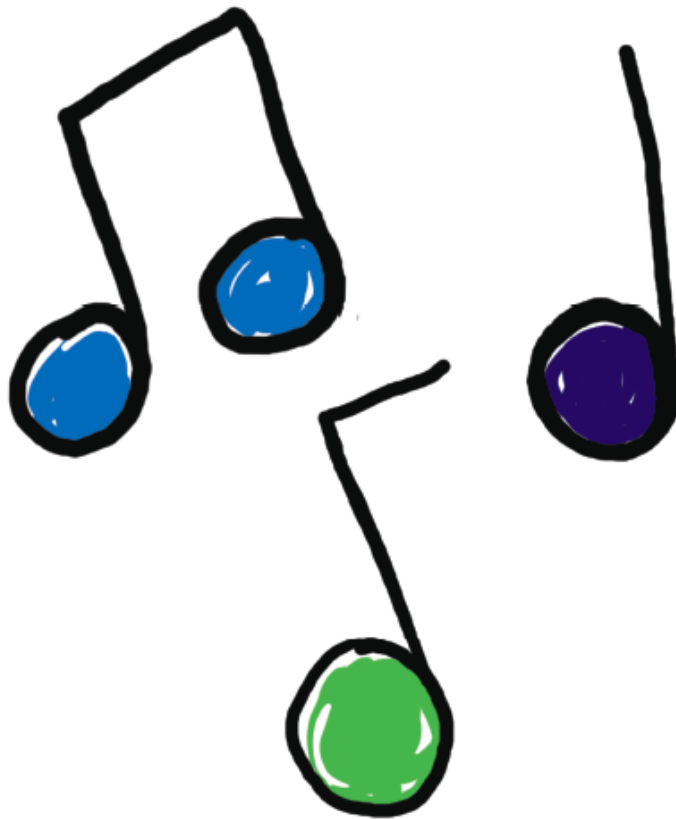
Month	Day	Event	Time	Place	Ensemble
April	14th-17	Musical: CRAZY FOR YOU	TBA	Auditorium	A Cappella Choir
May	9	Choral Boosters	7:00 PM	B124	Parents
	16	Choir Show Dress Rehearsal	6-9:00 PM	Auditorium	DGS Choirs
	19-20	Choir Show	7:00 PM	Auditorium	DGS Choirs
	23	D99 Honor Program Recital	4:00 PM	B126/LT	Honors Credit Students
	23	DGS Choir Banquet	6:00 PM	Cafeteria	DGS Choirs
	24-6/3	Select Ensemble Auditions	TBA	B126	Select Students
	26	A Cappella Choir Graduation Concert	7:00 PM	Auditorium	A Cappella Choir/WE
	31	Madrigals Singers Concert	7:00 PM	Auditorium	Madrigal Singers
June	3	Blending Auditions Ensembles	Make-Up Exam	B126	Select Students
	3	Graduation	5:00 PM	Stadium	A Cappella, Madrigal Singers

AC = A Cappella Choir; TC= Treble Choir; CC= Concert Choir; CS = Chamber Singers; FB = Freshmen Boys Chorus; FG= Freshmen Girls Chorus; M = Madrigals; TE = Treble Ensemble; FS= Freshman Select; CS= Chamber Singers, PO = Pit Orchestra; SB = Symphonic Band; SS = Select Students; WE = Wind Ensemble

♪ Membership is where it all begins ♪
It's still not too late to join!



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DGS CHORAL BOOSTERS BENEFIT

Wednesday, June 1st

11 am - 9 pm

25% of sales will assist this organization in our community

Dine In or To Go

Funds raised will help support DGS Choir Activities.











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Please bring in flyer or mention our fundraiser



DGS Choral Boosters Spirit Wear Order Form

Payment is due at time of order. Make checks payable to DGS Choral Boosters.
Order form and payment can be deposited in the Choir Mailbox in the choir room.

	Item	Color (Circle One)	Size (Circle One)	Qty	Price	Total
	Flannel PJ Bottoms with DGS Choir on left leg	Blue/Black/White Plaid	Adult Sizing S M L XL XXL		\$25	\$
	Crewneck Sweatshirt with Embroidered Logo	Navy or White	Adult Sizing S M L XL XXL		\$22	\$
	Hoodie with full front silk screen logo	Navy or Grey	Adult Sizing S M L XL XXL		\$25	\$
	Short or Long Sleeve T-Shirt with silk-screen logo	Navy or Heather Grey	Adult Sizing S M L XL XXL		Short Sleeve \$15 Long Sleeve \$20	\$
	Mustang Choir Plushie	Blue	No size		\$10	\$
	Nylon Drawstring Sports Bag with silk-screen logo	Blue	No size		\$15	\$
	Canvas Tote Bag with silk-screen logo	Navy	No size		\$15	\$
	Knit Beanie with embroidered logo	Blue	One size		\$20	\$
					Total	\$

Student Name: _____ Phone _____ Choir Class Time _____

Contact Jan Kremer with any Questions

(630) 202-2963 or the-kremers@comcast.net

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CHOIRS!