



September, 2017

Message from the PAB President

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 announced throughout the school year.

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 and even begin "shadowing" current Board members. We would like to invite more parents to learn board positions from current board members for upcoming years, as we have many parents of juniors and seniors that are involved this school year. We are always in need of new volunteers to help us make the program a success. You are not obligated to do anything yet by signing up, you will just get emails from committee chairs or board members when there are events throughout the year. In addition to committees, the PAB board and members will work with Ms. Dickens as needs arise: chaperoning trips, driving to competitions, setting up for rehearsals and concerts, etc.

Our first meeting is coming up on **Wednesday, September 20th** in the auditorium. There will be an "informance" (informal short performance) and Parent's Meeting at 7pm, where you will learn more about the Performing Arts Boosters; and each of the choral groups will have an opportunity to show what they have been working on in class. ***We invite you to join us from 6:00-7:00 pm at the "informance fair" in the lobby of the auditorium, as you drop off your students at 6 to practice. At this time, you can meet the PAB Board and Committee leaders, pay for your student's uniforms and activity fees, link your Harris Teeter VIC cards to support our choral department, and sign up to help with committees and activities throughout the year. The students will be practicing in the chorus room at 6 and will perform just after our 7pm meeting. At this time, we will have our first General membership meeting for PAB, discuss our fall fundraisers, hear from our PAB Board, and answer questions about our program.***

This is a great opportunity to meet other chorus families and get involved in our award-winning choral program at Leesville Road High School!

Visit our website, <http://leesvillechorus.weebly.com> for information and upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you on **September 20th!**

~Jennifer Bateman, PAB President and Your 2017-18 Performing Arts Boosters Board

Performing Arts Boosters Board of Directors and Committees for 2017-2018

PAB Board of Directors	
Director	Tonya Dickens
President	Jennifer Bateman
Vice President	Jody Robson
Secretary *	Marcia Brauns
Treasurer *	Greg Brauns
Committees	
Fundraising *	Marguerite LeBlanc
Events/Tickets	OPEN (Will work with VP on events and concerts)
Uniforms	Kelly Cipriani Ashley Elmore Yoki Feliz
Student Accounts Coordinator	OPEN (Will work with Treasurer and Fundraising Chair)
Hospitality	Patty Marino Suzanne Tornvall-Sager
Website	Vicki Reter
Singing Valentines	OPEN (Will work with Fundraising Chair)

* Open positions next year, currently held by parents of seniors

We work hard to make sure you receive all updates from the Choral Program and PAB. Chorus and booster group communications are updated on our website and sent through parent email. We utilize this email to keep all chorus families informed of important information and dates applicable to each individual chorus; Beginning, Intermediate and/or Capital Pride.

Volunteering for PAB is Rewarding and Fun

There are many ways you can help support your student, our chorus program and have fun meeting and working with other choir parents. Below are descriptions of different volunteer options. Please go to our website, www.leesvillechorus.weebly.com, where you will find more information. You are not obligated when you sign up; you will receive an email from the committee chair later in the year and 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 with other various events.
- **Events:** Assist with the Winter and Spring Concerts – Supervise/monitor the dressing rooms, arts hall, and auditorium before during and after concerts; supervise/monitor cafeteria during the dinner break.
- **Singing Valentines:** A general fundraiser held on/near February 14th that requires taking orders, preparing carnations, organizing and coordinating valentine delivery.

PAB Finances

Overview:

PAB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and complies with IRS by following its PAB policies. The PAB Board of Directors approve an annual budget based on the needs of our choral program, which includes expenses for sheet music, equipment, piano maintenance, trips, etc., not covered by Wake County Public School System funds. PAB policy requires that these expenses be equitably shared by all choir students. Income sources include Activity Fees, donations, fundraising, and parent/guardian contributions. We would not have this wonderful choral program without family support of the PAB mission. Direct questions to the treasurer at LRHSPAB@gmail.com.

Student Accounts:

Each student has a Student Account that is owned and managed by PAB. Proceeds allocated from a student's contribution to fundraising activities is held here and can be used to offset/pay for your choral expenses including Activity Fee and trips, reducing your out-of-pocket expense. **Although Beginning Chorus does not take trips, start fundraising early since your earnings rollover each year.** Per PAB Policy in compliance with IRS, funds in the account after graduation become PAB property but can be transferred to siblings that enter the program within two years.

Required Activity Fees:

"Activity Fee" is a contribution needed and expected from each choral student to help cover a portion of expenses incurred. **This year, we have waived the Activity Fee for Beginning Choir. The fee for Intermediate Chorale is \$25 and Capital Pride is \$50 per student.**

Fundraising Opportunities:

Active fundraising provides income for your Student Account and PAB expenses. Your student will hear about fundraising opportunities in class throughout the year. Look for information to come home with your student or through email announcements. Our fall fundraisers will be presented at our first **PAB General Meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 7pm in the LRHS auditorium.** We will have samples and information at the 6pm "Informance Fair."

Passive fundraising provides free money with **absolutely no cost to participate.** Companies donate a portion of sale proceeds to non-profits. Invite your relatives, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and even strangers to participate. Passive income is applied directly to PAB expenses. Link your VIC card (code 3564, LRHS Performing Arts Booster) <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms> or at the register. Shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0465402>.

Student Portal:

PAB is introducing the CHARMS online system this year to facilitate the administration of fees, PayPal payments, and Student Accounts. Students and parents can access the system at www.charmsoffice.com/charms/login.asp. The School Code is **LeesvilleChoir**. Students have entered this system and have been given password information in class this week.

Payment Methods:

PAB accepts cash, check, and credit cards (a nominal fee applies using PayPal via CHARMS).

The chorus room has a money safe with a drop slot for students to insert payments to PAB. It is crucial that payments indicate the student's full name and the reason for the payment. If paying by cash, place the money in a sealed envelope with the name & reason info. If paying by check, complete the information as follows (an envelope is not necessary):

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telephone # _____ DATE _____

PAY TO THE ORDER OF PAB \$ _____

DOLLARS

Student's first & last name,
FOR Payment Reason _____

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Uniforms

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 your first performance. (This will vary depending on chorus schedules.) Please direct any concerns you may have about the cost to Ms. Dickens.

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. 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 **Wednesday, September 13.** Students, please bring your black pump shoes for measuring day. *The cost of a new dress is \$85.* No dresses will leave school without payment. The new dress orders will arrive at the school on or near the end of November in time for the winter performance season.

Capital Pride Women's Uniform

Capital Pride women wear long dresses in an eggplant color. Capital Pride students needing an eggplant uniform will be fitted from our existing stock during class on **Wednesday, September 13.** If a dress is currently in stock that fits correctly, they will purchase that dress 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.**

*Please have your student bring their black pump shoes to the dress fitting day on September 13.

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

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. Shoes should be worn with nude color stockings.

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.

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 first chorus event.

Savvi will be at school to measure your student in Beginning or Intermediate Chorus during the class period on **Thursday, September 14**— 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 by our October 5 deadline.

**The students in Capital Pride who need to be fitted should do so at the store if they are not measured in class on September 14 or 15. This needs to be completed by September 27, at the latest, if not measured in class.

Savvi Formalwear is located in the Pleasant Valley Promenade Shopping Center at 6220 Glenwood Ave. Store hours are Monday- Friday 10-7; Saturday 10-5. The phone number is (919) 783-8911. Denise Mayeart is the owner and PAB contact. Pick up dates will be announced in class and on the website. **Men's Uniforms will be ready for pick up within 3 weeks of measuring, and must be picked up at Savvi and the remaining balance will be due at that time.**

*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.