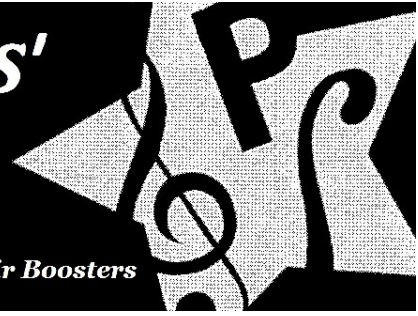


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Dear Boosters and fellow choir parents,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend and have recuperated from our busy Booster week. It was wonderful to see so many new faces at "**Munchies, Meeting and Music**" on Tuesday, and it was exciting to be the first group to use the new Commons area for an event. I hope many of you had the chance to follow Ellen on her tour of the new MPR, and to visit the different information tables in the hallway before our presentation. The choir demonstration was just a taste of what you'll see at "**Fall Follies**", so be sure to purchase your tickets! They are available on line at gpsouthchoir.org or at Posterity in the Village. It took many volunteers to make "M3" a successful and enjoyable evening, but most of the credit goes to Booster Sue Griffen for organizing the entire event. Thank you, Sue, for a wonderful evening!

OKTOBERFEST was on Friday, and it truly was a success in many ways! In an effort to keep our overhead as low as possible, it was "catered" by the Oktoberfest committee, and Tim Kelch and his band "Whack the Mole" donated their talents to keep the place rockin'! The food and the music were great. Even Ellen got out on the dance floor! We don't have a financial breakdown yet, but we were very happy with the final ticket sales. And after all the things the Boosters do all year for our students, it was a real treat to socialize with so many of the parents! Thank you to the entire Oktoberfest committee-- Kathy Marowske, Debbie Gough, Cindy Aboukasm, Diana Croce, Andy Sullivan, Lisa Kelch, and Dona Johnson-Beach.

Coming up this week:

Monday, Oct. 12 & Tuesday, Oct. 13 -- Sally Foster shipments should be picked up in the choir room! 3:30 -5:30 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 13 -- Solo auditions for "Fall Follies" are at 3:30 PM..

Thursday, Oct. 15 -- Application deadline for Tri-M Musical Honor Society.

Friday, Oct. 16 -- Pointe Singers sing National Anthem at South's Homecoming Game at 6:30 PM.

And don't forget the following week; Andy Haines will be here Monday through Wednesday for choreography!

GREECE UPDATE:

We currently have 61 choir students and 25 chaperones signed up to go to Greece from February 12 - 20, 2010. We still have room for a few more, but we must hear from you as soon as possible. Please contact Trip Coordinators Kathy Manos (ckmanos@comcast.net), Bernadette Dennehy (bdennehy@dickinsonwright.com), or Joel Alam with any questions. If you are signed up to go, please verify that your passport will not expire before May 20, 2010! There will be a mandatory Greece meeting for all travelers on November 5 at 7:30 in Cleminson Hall, and you must bring your passport with you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Drivers for Caroling- On Friday, December 11, every choir student will be required to participate in our annual Community Caroling from 4:45-9:00 PM. Ellen will be dividing all the choirs into caroling groups, and they will be sent out into the community to pre-arranged homes, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants, etc. We need many parent drivers to do this! (I did this for the past two years, and it was a highlight of the season! I highly recommend volunteering for this!) Contact Amy Argo to volunteer. (882-1431) The students will have their annual Holiday party immediately after caroling at the Parker home on Balfour.

Spirit Wear Chairperson - This committee is in need of a chairperson! This is not a big job so it's a good way for new parents to get their feet wet and help out the choir. Please email us if you are able to help!

ALUMNI UPDATE:

Trip Kennedy ('08) played the organ and led the Grosse Pointe Memorial church choir in Fred DeHaven's absence on Oct. 4.

Ben Maters ('08) has the lead in Western Michigan's "Carousel" on Nov. 12-14 and 19-21.

Carrie Fisk ('08) is in the Tribe in U of M's "Hair" on Nov.20-22.

(We always love to hear about choir alumni who are continuing in the performing arts! Send us your updates, and we will pass them along!)

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP:

The Fall is when we have our annual Booster membership drive. This is our most important fundraiser of the year! It is through your membership that you can show your support for the choirs of Grosse Pointe South and for the arts in our community. It is only with your support that these choirs can continue to excel year after year! If you have not joined the Boosters yet this year, please consider doing so now. As a Booster, your name will be listed in every performance program this year. And everyone that joins the Boosters at the "Gala" level and above is invited to our annual members Appreciation Gala on November 14, which will be held this year at the historic Dossin Museum on Belle Isle. This is always a memorable evening that you will not want to miss! There will be a strolling supper and music by the jazzy "HOT4". The membership forms are available on the choir web site, gpsouthchoir.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or any of the Booster committee chairs with any concern. If you would like to volunteer your time on one of the committees, that is always welcome, too! (As our own Andy Sullivan often says, "many hands make light work".) I have attached the updated Booster Committee Chair list that you may want to keep for reference.

With warmest regards,
Ann and Rudy