



In-Choirer

February 2009

Featuring:

A Cappella Choir
Symphonic Chamber Choir
Symphonic Choir
Northview Women's Chorus
Harmony Road Show
Men's Quartets
Women's Quartets

Director: Dawn Gallehue

Accompanist: Teresa Blowers

Choir Boosters Executive Board

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Member-at-Large-John Hadley
Recording Secretary-John & Rinda
Holsboe

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Jan Pase, Lenise Romberger
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Clothier-Becky Engel
Kroger Cares-Colleen Howe
In-Choirer-Helene Szczerba

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From the Podium

February 2009

Dear Northview Choir Parents and Students,

Happy 2009! This winter has been a spectacular season for the Northview Choirs. I am extraordinarily pleased with the level of cooperation that we've seen during our holiday concerts and our 2008 Madrigal Dinner. Photographs from our concerts and Madrigal Dinner are now available to be purchased online, courtesy of Corey Gray at

http://cgrayphoto.exposuremanager.com/g/n_v_choir_08_madrigal

I would particularly like to thank the efforts of the following individuals for their service and contributions to our program: Becky Engel and Ellen Yerks for fitting uniforms and costumes for every single choir member, Linda Phillips for feeding the A Cappella Choir and volunteers between Madrigal Dinner performances, Colleen Howe for handling reservations and other treasury responsibilities during this busy season, Rick and Mark Wisniewski for equipment transportation, Mark Wisniewski and Corey Gray for chairing the Madrigal Dinner, John Holsboe for posters and postcards, Sue Federman for serving on the on the Madrigal committee and for being a fantastic booster president and organizer, Judy Melick for coordinating parent volunteers for the concerts and Madrigal Dinner, and Melanie Dickerson for publicizing all of the choral events this fall and winter. Additionally I would like to thank all of the parents and students who volunteered their time taking tickets, setting up the Little Theatre for concerts, setting up the banquet hall for the Madrigal Dinner, assembling the sound system (particularly sophomore Austin Flores), and helping to supervise choir members during concert and rehearsal down-time.

After the winter break, the choirs recorded highlights from their fall and winter repertoire which will be released on our compilation compact disc this spring. Our recording sessions were part of the students' overall final exam.

Our upcoming projects include learning new pieces for the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event being held at Perrysburg High School on Saturday, February 14th, preparing challenging music for OMEA District I Large Group competition being held on Saturday, March 7th, participating in District I Honor Choir, as well as beginning the audition process for the 2009-2010 Northview Choirs. Auditions will be held during class, free periods, and after school from February 16th-27th. Students will be asked to sing some simple vocalises and sightreading exercises. Students wishing to audition for the 2009-2010 Harmony Road Show will additionally be asked to sing "Happy Birthday to You" against dissonant harmonies. Sight-singing help can be found at <http://neilhawes.com/sstheory/practic1.htm>

Students and parents should approach the audition process with optimism, preparation, and an open mind. I *want* the students to do well and I will select the ensemble members based on audition, attitude, and work ethic.

Our next booster meeting is on Monday, February 9th at 7pm in the choir room. We will be discussing next year's A Cappella Choir New York City trip, fundraising opportunities for this spring, and contest season preparations. Come one, come all!

Sincerely,
Dawn Gallehue, Director

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 9

Choir Booster Meeting
(Choir Room)
7:00 PM

Friday, February 13

Solo and Ensemble Recital
(McCord Road Christian Church)
7:00 PM

Saturday, February 14

District I Solo and Ensemble Competition – select students
(Perrysburg High School)
Morning/Afternoon

Saturday, March 7

BUS CHAPERONES NEEDED!

District I Large Group Contest – all choirs
(Archbold High School)
Morning/Afternoon

Monday, March 9

Choir Booster Meeting
(Choir Room)
7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 10

Launch Spring Fundraiser
(Choir Room)
During School

Friday, April 17

Tiffin Jazz Summit - HRS
(Tiffin University)
All Day

Monday, April 20

Choir Booster Meeting
(Choir Room)
7:00 PM

Thursday, April 23

State Contest Preview Clinic
(NV Little Theatre)
Time TBA

Friday, May 1/Saturday, May 2

District I State Contest
(Location TBA)
Time TBA

Wednesday, May 6

Choir Awards Banquet
(NV Cafeteria)
5:30 PM



The Website is now up and running! Go to www.nvchoir.org for updates, learning tracks, special announcements and more!

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Congratulations to top selling choir students in Northview Choir's fall cookie dough fundraiser sale:

1. Matt Pierson
2. Andrew Szczerba
3. Amanda Schmidt

These students received cash for their efforts.



L to R: Amanda Schmidt, Andrew Szczerba and Matt Pierson were recognized for their sales efforts. (photo by Noelle Romberger)

*A special thank you
to Linda Phillips
for
generously donating food
for hungry performers and
volunteers during the
Madrigal Dinner.*

BRAVO MRS. PHILLIPS!



And the Kroger CARES Fundraiser...

Making beautiful music together!

Purchase a Kroger gift card through the Northview Choirs (pre-loaded with \$5), and 5% of your purchases will be returned directly to the choirs. You may use cash, check or credit card to load your card at the register prior to the cashier ringing up your purchase (yes, you'll still earn your miles, cash back bonus, etc.), and then simply use your gift card to pay. Cards can be loaded with any amount up to \$500, and can be used at Kroger fuel stations as well. Gift cards make great gifts for college students and others; you can pre-load them and send to family and friends out of state too. To purchase a card, please contact Colleen Howe, 419-882-2007 or choweb@bex.net, or see Ms. Gallehue in the Choir Room.

It's fast, it's easy, and best of all... it's a free way to help the choirs!



Madrigal 2008

This year's Madrigal Feaste was a great success. All of the students found it to be a fun and rewarding experience. Since we had been rehearsing our music, lines, and dances for quite some time, it was good to see all of our hard work pay off. Reactions from the audience were positive. As one choir parent put it, "It was great to start the Christmas season with a family event that provided excellent entertainment and food."

As students, we enjoyed performing in different ensembles. The A Cap men and women split into separate ensembles. There were also performances by several quartets and a dance ensemble. Overall, the Madrigal Feaste was a great deal of hard work, but all of the students and adults stepped up to the plate and made it a huge success.

By: Patrick Richardson-A Cap
President

