

Dear Parents and JPS Choir Supporters,



By far, my most favorite time of the year is the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season! November 1, to the dismay of my children, finds me listening to Christmas music and watching Christmas movies.

One of my most favorite places to hang out in November is in the choir room so I can hear the beautiful Christmas music the Choirs are preparing!! And, my favorite concert of the year is by far the combined Orchestra/Choir Christmas concert.

At Jenison, we have SO MUCH to be proud of—great kids and parents, great teachers, and the community in general.

This year, the Choir Boosters is proud of and excited for the different fundraisers that we are instituting. Our goal this year was to provide new and useful products and activities as well as to capitalize on the fundraiser programs out there that are no-brainers.

The Choir Boosters raises money to help support the many extras that benefit all of

our students. We assist the directors in some of the non-music details so that the directors can focus more fully on what they do best—teaching music skills to our children.

The Choir Boosters offers two music scholarships. The **Nancy Corbin Bray Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating senior who majors or minors in music. The **Paul McDowell Scholarship** is awarded to a non-senior student for voice lessons. Students wishing to be considered for these scholarships apply through a written request in March or April. Scholarship winners are determined by a panel of parent volunteers.

I'd like to take a moment and invite you to be a part of the Jenison Choir Booster organization. It was wonderful to see some new faces at our meeting in November! The

last few meetings for the 2010-2011 school year will be on January 10, March 7, and May 9 at 7pm in the High School Choir Room. Please join us, let your voice be heard, and be a part of your child's choir experience.

At the end of this year there will be an open position that is crucial and will need to be filled: **female uniform co-chairperson** to shadow the current chair next year and then take over.

If you are interested in this position, please see a member of the Executive Board or the Directors for more information.

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Happy holidays to everyone!

Kim Wadsworth
Choir Booster President

Jenison Choirs Thanks Mr. VanAllsburg!!

This fall, the students have worked extensively with Mr. Rowsey's student teacher, Andy Van Allsburg. Mr. VanAllsburg joins us from Western Michigan University.

Mr. VanAllsburg has been part of Western's elite Gold Company for the past 3 years

and performed at Jenison High School last April with the ChamberSingers and Advance Women's Choir.

Mr. VanAllsburg graduated from West Ottawa High School where he participated in band as a percussionist, theatre, and choir.

He loves to write arrange-

ments and has collaborated with Mr. Rowsey on a few musical pieces.

Mr. VanAllsburg has fit right in here at Jenison and has become affectionately known as "Mr. VanAwesome"! The kids love working with him.



Seasons Greetings

December 2010

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www.jenisonchoirs.org

The Jenison Choirs are now online. There you will find information about ALL of the Jenison Choirs –Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High. PLUS, you will also find information about upcoming concerts, Choir Boosters info, SCRIP, fundraising, and much more. Check us out today!

Scrapbooking Weekend—January 21 and 22, 2011

Want to do some scrapbooking but can't ever find the time? Have Christmas pictures you need to scrap? Or, senior boards to get ready for June? Need to get out of the house in order to get your stuff done?

Join us for another weekend of scrapbooking! In November, we sponsored our first scrapbooking night and hosted over 20 people (including 3 students). They worked on their scrapbooking pages, Christmas gifts, Senior display boards, etc. We had SO much fun the first time, it's been requested that we do it again!

SO, PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Fri., Jan. 21, 2011 6 pm—11 pm

Sat., Jan. 22, 2010 9 am—5 pm

Cost: \$25 per person for the entire weekend (or \$15 if you can only come for one day)

Where: Jenison Jr. High Cafeteria
What: Reserved Seat
Pizza Friday night
Lunch on Saturday

FOOD! DOOR PRIZES! DRAWINGS!

Available for your use will be:

Cricut and Die Cutting Machines (If you'd like to share cartridges, bring your cartridges with your name CLEARLY marked!)



GARAGE SALE

Want to sell your craft and stamping items that you no longer use? Bring your items with your name and the price clearly indicated. One person's junk is another's treasure!!

Can't join us for scrapbooking? Feel free to stop in and shop the sale table!! Bring your friends!! Last time we had paper, rubber stamp sets, die cuts, Cricut cartridges, and SO MUCH more!

We'd LOVE to share the weekend with you making memories of our own while preserving those of our family and friends.

BRING A FRIEND and plan on joining us on January 21 and 22 for a fun-filled weekend!

Registration forms are on-line at www.jenisonchoirs.org! Fill yours out and send it in today!

Culver's Night

A HUGE thank you to everyone that came to the Culver's night on Thursday, December 2 and either had dinner with us or bought dessert. We had an awesome turnout raising \$336 which surpassed last year's sales. We had a full house from 4:50 pm until 7:30 pm. We apologize to those of you who found yourself without or waiting for a table. We'd like to thank everyone who came and supported the choir program.

Also, a HUGE thank you to our directors who were there to help conduct and to meet and greet people.

AND to the students who gave of their time and talents. Junior High students did a superb job serving food; Senior High students sounded wonderful singing Christmas carols!

SOUP and SUB Sale

Begins February 14

Subs from Bob's Butcher Block

Soup from the Onion Crock

More details will come home with students and be posted on our website.

Student Accounts

Did you know your student earns money for their student account on every fundraiser? Students can use their accounts for many things such as voice lessons, trips, uniforms, and many other things that are related to choir!

Did your student drop choir, orchestra, or band and join another musical organization? We work closely with the other organizations and any funds in your student's account is transferable. You should contact your organization's treasurer to find out how

to transfer funds.

To use funds for payments, simply fill out the Account Credit Request form available in the downloads section of the jenisonchoirs.org website and give it to Mr. Rowsey or mail it to Carole Lindeman at 8778 Chevelle Court, Jenison MI 49428.

Student account information is now

on our website. You will need to ask your student for their student ID number to view account balances.



If you have questions about your student's account, you can contact our treasurer, Carole Lindeman:

Phone: 667-2486
Email: calindeman@comcast.net

\$CRIP—Make \$ for your student without spending additional cash!

Sound too good to be true? **IT IS TRUE!!**

WHAT IS SCRIP? SCRIP is a program administered by the Jenison Band Boosters. They allow choir, orchestra, and theatre families to participate with them. It's a simple process:

- On Monday evenings between 6-8 pm in the High School pool lobby, you can place an order for gifts cards from **businesses you already frequent!**
- The following Monday, you pick up your gift cards and earn a percentage of the cost of the cards. Band deducts a small handling fee from the proceeds

and then cuts a check to the Choir Boosters who then in turns deposits 75% of the funds directly into your student's account. The other 25% is used to help the Choir Boosters provide the choir program with other program needs.

For those who prefer shopping online, go to www.shopwithscrip.com. In order to register, you will need a registration code from band first. Contact jpsbandinfo@yahoo.com for your code. Once you have your code, register and begin shopping today. You still have to go to the High School on

Monday evening to pick up your order.

Check out the SCRIP enrollment and order form on the jenisonchoirs.org website for participating businesses and the percentages that your student can earn.

Many parents have used funds earned through SCRIP to fund voice lessons, uniforms, trips, etc. The key is to develop the habit. It's a no-brainer and a painless fundraiser for you and your student!

This is a great program! All it costs you is a little time!



SAVE THE DATE!

May 6 and 7

ChamberSingers will be putting on their 5th annual Club Night at The Rock (at Fair Haven). It's an evening you will not want to miss!

Jenison Fine Arts Series

The Jenison Fine Arts department is hosting a series of three events this year. A **Collage Concert on February 10** featuring the Jenison elementary, junior high, and senior high choral and instrumental and art departments.

On April 15 and 16, the **Starz on Stage** will showcase the talents of elementary, junior high, senior high, and alumni.

And, on April 19 the **Magic of Music** will be a side-by-side concert featuring the Grand Rapids Symphony, Jenison ChamberSingers, Symphony Orchestra, and Wind Symphony.

Tickets will be sold at the Community Education office. Call for reservations and ticket pricing. All funds from these concerts support Jenison Education.

COMING SOON!

Flower Sale in April!!!

Get flowers for your yard or for Mother's Day!



Announcing 8th Grade Choir Accounts!!!!

Beginning this year, we are offering the 8th graders an opportunity to earn money in preparation for choir at the Senior High level.

GIRLS—At the end of your 8th grade year, you will be fitted with your 9th grade choir dress and shoes. These dresses and shoes are purchased outright by you and will be used for your

entire choir career at the Senior High. The dresses and shoes will cost \$100. Any funds accumulated by you at the end of this year can be applied towards the purchase of your uniform for 9th grade. Any deficits (up to the \$100) will need to be paid for in cash.

BOYS—You will be renting tuxes and purchasing shirts, shoes, and cuff links.

These items will cost approximately \$60.

So start earning cash for next year! Do fundraisers and purchase SCRIP (outlined above). It's not too early to start planning and saving for 9th grade!



Please feel free to contact the directors at any time for whatever your choir needs are:

Steven Waters—swaters@jpsonline.org
616-667-3254

Les Rowsey—lrowsey@jpsonline.org
616-667-3397

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 7 @ 6:30pm—Treble Choir/Male Chorus/Concert Orchestra at Fair Haven
- 7 @ 8pm—Adv. Women's Chorus/Symphony Orchestra/Chorale/Sinfonia/ and ChamberSingers at Fair Haven
- 8 AWC and ChamberSingers perform at Meijer Heart Center/Kobe
- 9 @ 8:15pm—Junior High Christmas Concerts at Fair Haven
- 14/15 @ 5-9pm—Nut Sale pick-up @ High School Choir Room
- 15 @ 7pm—Bel Canto/Male Chorus perform in Junior High gym
- 16 @ **7am**—Rehearsal for Junior High Choirs in gym IN UNIFORM
- 16 @ 8am Concert for Junior High student body
- 16—Bel Canto/Male Chorus perform for selected Elementary schools
- 16 @ 7pm—ChamberSingers perform with Embellish Hand Bell Choir at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

JANUARY

- 10 @ 7pm—Choir Booster Mtg. in High School Choir Room
- 21-22—Scrapbook Night (see flier and registration form on-line)

FEBRUARY

- 14—Soup and Sub Sale begins



This year's entertainment book sale was a HUGE success. The kids sold over 480 books. We made over \$4,000 and put over \$2,000 in student accounts! Congratulations on a job well done!

Who's Who in the Choir Boosters

Hospitality Chair (Senior High)—Karen Melinn
Hospitality Chair (Junior High) - Jeanna Waters

Uniform Co-Chairperson (guys) - Kris Halpern
Uniform Co-Chairperson (girls) - Kim Wadsworth/Nancy Puffer/Kiersten VanderWest
Uniforms (girls) (Junior High) - Jeanna Waters/Mindy Rentfrow

Publicity—Nancy Puffer

Fundraising Contacts—

- Entertainment Books—Open Position
- Scrapbook Night—Kim Wadsworth
- Restaurant Fundraisers—Margaret McKinnon/Roberta Viau
- Nut/Coffee Sale—Nancy Lounds/Paula DeYoung
- Soup/Sub Sale—Nancy Lounds/Paula DeYoung
- Flower Sale—Kris Halpern

Volunteer Coordinators—

- Senior High—Jan Shelner
- Junior High—Andrea Pholer

Contact information available at jenisonchoirs.org



GORDON FOOD SERVICE

Get a Fun Foods card and have it scanned every time you make a GFS purchase. A percentage of your purchase is credited to our choir each time you make a purchase and scan your card. TO APPLY, GO TO: WWW.GFS.COM/FUNFUNDS/HOME.PAGE?ORGNUMBER=2392456.

These types of fundraisers make a huge difference to the bottom line for our students and conductors!!

