

Acton-Boxborough Regional School District
Acton-Boxborough Regional High School - Performing Arts Department

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Dear ABRHS Chorus Students & Parents,

Allora... Here we are at the end of another school year, and what a great one it has been! I've been watching the DVD's of our Italy trip and reliving our wonderful experiences. Corale Puccini Camgliano sends their wishes to us and expressed the following: *"We have still in our hearts the love for music you transferred us last April! It was a pleasure to have some special guests in our country! So, give a kiss to all your students we knew and have so much nice days! Best regards, Corale Puccini."* The musical gifts you gave to our Italian audiences continue to resonate in their minds and hearts. What a joy you have been to work with this year.... Molto grazie!

As some of you may know, I have the fortunate opportunity to return to Italy this summer. (Yes, I am obsessed with this country). ☺ I will be in Florence for two weeks singing Renaissance and Baroque choral literature with a chamber choir based out of Westminster Choir College. From there, I return to Spoleto where I will stay for three weeks to perform as part of the resident Festival Chorus in the Festival dei Due Mondi. You can check out the festival at: <http://www.spoletofestival.it/> I have stayed in contact with our fabulous tour guide, Daniela, and I am hoping to reconnect with her while I'm there. (Maybe I can steal her away and bring her back to visit us at AB!) I leave for Italy June 19 and return July 25. While I'm away, any choral related questions can be directed to Mark Hickey, Music Dept. Chair.

We have many new members joining the choral program next year and we're happy to have you with us! This will be a great upcoming year both musically and socially, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone at **Chorus Camp on Tuesday, August 28th from 9am-2pm**. (See enclosed flyer for more information)

CARWASH

Our fall ABFOM carwash will be held from 9am-3pm in the JHS lower parking lot on **Saturday, August 25th**. Student shifts are every two hours, 9-11, 11-1, and 1-3. ABFOM provides free donuts, coffee, and juice. Please email me at: jmoss@mail.ab.mec.edu to let me know which shift you would like to work.

ABFOM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark the date in your calendars for this year's annual golf outing! We are currently accepting reservations for foursomes, BUT you don't need to be a golfer to participate... we are also looking for people to help with the catered dinner & silent auction that evening. Come join in on the fun! (Flyer enclosed)

CABARET 2008

Cabaret will be here before you know it so get those acts ready! *Cabaret* is the choral department's annual fall show where students in chorus perform individual and/or group acts in a "cabaret" setting. Typically, both shows sell out and it is one of the performance highlights for the year. This year's shows are scheduled for November 16 & 17 at 7:00pm in the Parker Damon School. Auditions will be held in early October - more detailed information will be available at Chorus Camp.

ABFOM

The Acton-Boxborough Friends of Music Organization (ABFOM) is one of, if not the strongest public school parent support groups in Massachusetts. We are extremely lucky to have such a committed group of parents to assist with various aspects of our music program at AB. For a minimal fee, you can become a member of ABFOM and have an infinite number of opportunities to positively affect the lives of our students. We are looking to increase the number of chorus parents involved in ABFOM and that can begin with you! Use the enclosed membership form or check the ABFOM website: www.abfom.org. *Please join today!*

MOSS MUSIC NEWS WEBSITE

Please bookmark this page and check back often for up-to-date information regarding concerts, rehearsals, auditions and other choral related activities. <http://mail.ab.mec.edu/~jmoss/>

FORMS

Enclosed are a number of forms necessary for this school year's choral activities. Please complete these forms & return them to me at the above address. All forms must be returned **NO LATER than August 1st.**

1. Student Contact Information
2. Extracurricular Agreement (only the 2nd sheet needs to be returned)
3. Fundraising Contract
4. AB Friends of Music Membership form
5. Music Department Volunteer form
6. Uniform Attire information
7. "Save the Date" for our annual ABFOM golf tournament
8. Chorus Camp Flyer

Buona l'estate!

Ciao mi amici,

Ms. Moss, Director of Choral Activities