

## Choral Parent Night Topics 2011-2012

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    - eScrip - Santa Susana High School - Choir, 500002696
    - Ventura County Coupon Books sells @ \$20---earns \$10;
    - Maredy Sales 50% profit
    - Butterbraid frozen pastry
    - Little Caesars Fundraiser presale pizza kits, cookie dough, pie kits Earn \$5/ kit sold, a lot of people asking to repeat this fundraiser
    - CD sales of concerts
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- Costumes- Alterations, Etc.
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Santa Susana High School Vocal Department  
Fall 2011  
www.santasusanachoir.org

To receive an **A** grade in choir you must:

1. Be at all rehearsals and concerts on time, perform in them and “check out” at the end. Please check the calendar online to verify dates.
2. Complete a Creative Project Due by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Presentations of Creative Projects will be the 15th-17th.
3. Complete a concert critique. Requirements for the concert critique can be found on the choir website. Due Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Look under “Concert Review”
4. Prepare and perform a solo song for the class. Songs must be picked no later than Oct. 15<sup>st</sup>. You need to have your music and accompaniment by October 15<sup>th</sup>. These finals will be performed beginning Jan 10th.
5. You must video yourself performing your solo and answer the “Video Reflection” questions. The video and reflection is due Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.
6. Write a one page written reflection of the preparation process, and performance of your solo. Due Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.
7. Have no more than five excused absences. Each subsequent **excused** absence will result in a drop of 20 points from your over all grade.
8. Complete and pass all quizzes and take home assignments.
9. EXTRA CREDIT: Extra credit is available to students who are missing points. Options for extra credit can be found on the choir website under **Resources**.

Music Final Assesment

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Song \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

10=Exceptional work 8=Above average 6=Acceptable; some improvement needed

4=Much improvement needed 2=Not acceptable 0=Not completed

Recording # \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Performance Assesment Rubric</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Student performed the repertoire to the expected caliber							
Facial expression and body language conveys the meaning of the song							
Breathing is controlled and even							
Words are clearly annunciated according to the style of the song							
Proper dynamics							
Applying technique discussed (i.e. staccato, legato, marcato, etc.)							
Student Ready on Time							
Student staying in tune throughout the song							
Overall effect							
<b>Subtotal</b>							

**Total**

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTERING IN THE VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Requirements for earning a "LETTER" at Santa Susana High School in the Vocal Music Department are as follows:

- Students must perform at all concerts and "special rehearsals". The Director may excuse a missed performance/rehearsal, based on an emergency in the family.
- Each student must maintain an "A" both semesters during the year.
- A minimum of "S" in Citizenship and Effort must be maintained throughout the year.
- Students must have earned 100 points during a single school year (with the exception of an added 10 point previous year experience allowance for students who performed in the Vocal Music Department at SSSH) in order to qualify for a Letter. (See chart below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID Number

METHOD FOR EARNING POINTS	POINT ALLOTMENTS	Points earned
Jazz Choir: Participation for one year.	15	
Madrigal Choir: Participation for one year.	15	
Chamber Choir: Participation for one year.	15	
Show Choir: Participation for one year.	15	
Musical Theatre: Participation for one year.	20	
Community Choir: ex: Sr. Center, Church /Synagogue, Moorpark Choir (One point per choir)	5	
Music Theory, Piano class (5 pts per class during the current year)	10 max (Must be approved by Director)	
Participation in On-Campus Instrumental Music Group (current yr)	5 per class, per year	
Private Lessons: Participation for one year	15	
Previous experience in the Vocal Music Department at SSSH. (10 Points per year)	10	
Help at Vocal Music events ex. Equipment Crew, signing-in, turning pages, etc.	5 points per concert series (15 points max)	
Festival Participation Points are awarded for each festival attended and for each choir you participated in.	Rating in competition	<b>Points awarded</b>
	Superior (Gold)	10
	Excellent (Silver)	7
	Good (Bronze)	4
	Non-competitive	10
Esprit D' Coeur	10	
Officer for 1 year (cumulative), TA for Mrs. Abbe for 1 semester, Section leader for one year.	5 points per event, 20 max (Must be approved by Director)	
Outside performances: Caroling, Senior Center, Dick Van Dyke, Senior Projects, Etc.	5 points per event, per choir	
Updated 4-16-2009	<b>Total</b>	

BEVIN ABBE, DIRECTOR

Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 1st sem. \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship 1st sem. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2nd sem. \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship 2nd sem. \_\_\_\_\_

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Graduation Certification Requirements  
SSHS – SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
Academy of Performing Arts: Emphasis in VOCAL MUSIC

	GPA in Vocal Music
<i>HIGH HONORS</i>	4.0 <i>*see guidelines below</i>
<i>HONORS</i>	3.5 <i>*see guidelines below</i>
<i>RECOGNITION</i>	3.0 <i>*see guidelines below</i>

*To be eligible to receive any certificate in VOCAL MUSIC, students must:*

- 1) Minimum 4 semesters participation in vocal music courses
- 2) Earn a 2.0 overall GPA

*To be eligible for Honors or High Honors, students must also:*

- 1) Complete a Senior Project with a VOCAL MUSIC focus
- 2) Minimum 6 semesters participation in vocal music courses
- 3) Letter in Vocal Music and perform in two major festivals

*To be eligible for High Honors, students must also:*

- 1) Participate in a minimum of three different vocal ensembles

## Portfolio for Certification requirements for Vocal Music

In order to certify in the Vocal Music department you must have the following in your portfolio:

1. Sheet music of all of your final songs
2. Karaoke tracks for all of your final songs
3. Sheet music for your final songs (at least for the aria)
4. Video of you performing at least one of your finals
5. Audio recording of you singing at least one of your finals
6. Festival results for all festivals you attend (competitive results only)
7. SSHS concert programs for each concert you performed in

### Additional Items for the Portfolio

- Resume
- Head shot
- Letters of recommendation from teachers, adults, and peers
- DVDs of school performances
- Copy of Lettering validation if attained
- Certificate for Vocal Music
- Creative project, if applicable

Portfolio must be presented in a standard 3-Ring binder with dividers for each category. All of the Karaoke songs can be put on to one CD. All of the Videos can either be put on the same CD as data or (preferably) put onto a DVD. Your table of contents should be as follows:

1. Table of Contents
2. Resume
3. Head Shot
4. Sheet music of finals
5. CDs/DVDs of finals, Karaoke, your final performance, and videos of you practicing
6. SSHS concert programs
7. Festival Results
8. Lettering
9. Letters of Recommendation
10. Certification
11. Any other materials you feel would benefit you

In order to have the required repertoire and musical knowledge for college auditions you must sing a variety of songs during your time here. During your time in the Vocal Music department you must sing a song from each of the following categories. The songs are listed in the order that you should learn them in.

1. Italian Aria
2. Musical Theatre Piece- Upbeat
3. Musical Theatre Piece- Dramatic/Slow
4. Jazz Standard
5. Art Song in English
6. Song of your choice in order to further your career in music
7. After you have completed the above 6 you may choose from any of the above again.

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# Important Dates for 2010-2011

Event	Date	Time	Involved
Choir Parent Night	September 6th, 2011	7pm	All
Back to School Night	September 21st, 2011	Evening	Parents
Boosters Variety Benefit Concert	October 8th, 2011	5pm	Audition
<b>Have song picked for final with karaoke</b>	October 15th, 2011	During Class	All
Tech Rehearsal for Fall Concert	October 25th - 27th, 2011	3-6:30pm	All
Fall Concert	October 28th and 29th, 2011	5:30 call 7pm show	All
Jazz Choir Trip to SLO	November 3rd - 5th, 2011	All Day	Jazz
<b>Creative Project Due</b>	November 15th, 2011	During Class	All
Redlands High School Women's Festival	November 17th, 2011	All Day	Women's
Tree Lighting at Regal (Potentially)	November	Evening	All
Candlelight Ceremony (Possibly)	December 3rd or 4th, 2011	All Day	Jazz
Alumni Concert	December 17th, 2011	7:30pm	
<b>Video Reflection Due</b>	December 29th, 2011	During Class	All
<b>Concert Critique</b>	January 10th, 2011	During Class	All
<b>Begin performing finals</b>	January 10th, 2011	During Class	All
PACT Benefit Concert	January 14th, 2011	7:30pm	Audition
<b>Final Reflection Due</b>	January 19th, 2011	During Class	All
Road Show	Week of Jan 30th-Feb 3rd	During School	Jazz and Show (?)
Choir Benenfit Concert	February 11th, 2012	Evening	TBD
All State Jazz Choir	February 16th - 18th, 2012	TBD	Audition
Orlando Heritage Festival (Audition Only)	March 22nd - 25th, 2012	All Day(s)	Audition
Disneyland Music in the Parks	April 28th, 2012	All day	All
Dick Van Dyke?	May 13th, 2012 (Mother's Day)	All Day	All
Tech Rehearsal for Café Troubadour	May 22nd - 24th, 2012	3-6:30 pm	All
Café Troubabdour	May 24th and 25th, 2012	5:30 call 7pm show	All
Graduation	June 12th, 2012	Evening	All

## Dates still needing dates

\*The Art of Music- Student Choral Showcase

\*Sing-A-Thon/Pizza Preview

\*Junior/Senior Recital

## Choir Potential Costs and dates for Choir 2011-2012

<b>Jazz Choir</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Cuesta College Jazz Festival (Not required)	11/3-6	\$100.00
Disneyland Competition (Not required)	4/28	\$120.00
UCLA A Cappella Festival (Not required)	1/28	\$40.00
	Total	\$260.00
<b>Chamber/Vocal Ensemble Choirs</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Disneyland Competition (Not Required)	4/28	\$120.00
Costume Costs (Approximate)	Paid by 10/1	\$100.00
	Total	\$220.00
<b>Show Choir</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Disneyland Competition (Not Required)	4/28	\$120.00
Costume Costs (approximate)	Paid by 10/1	\$100.00
		\$220.00
<b>Orlando Choir (by Audition)</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Orlando Competition (by Audition)	3/22-25	Up to \$1300.00

This spreadsheet outlines the potential costs for a student in the choir department for this year.

- The only actual cost that they will face is their costume cost.
- All trips that cost money are optional and not part of the course curriculum. Trip money will be due in increments and if those due dates are not met then the trip may be cancelled. If a student pays money out of pocket and the trip is cancelled the money will be refundable (with exception of the non-refundable deposit). If a student fundraises money and then does not use it towards their costume or a trip, that money is non-refundable and will go to the general choir club account.
- There will be festivals and opportunities for students to perform outside of school that will have no cost.
- Information for each of these trips will be given shortly.
- If a student signs up for a trip and we are within 55 days of the trip and they have to cancel the money they have paid is non-refundable because we will not be able to get that money back from the company.
- Chaperones are needed for each trip. Chaperone costs will vary based on trip.

## Donations to the Vocal Music Department

The Simi Valley Unified School District provides for us, the SSHS Vocal Music Department, by paying for our facilities, teacher, part of our walk-on coaches, and occasionally some music. While these are all necessary, they only scratch the surface of what is needed in order to have an award winning choral program. This year we have 135 students in the program and they are all very excited to be here!

If you are able to make a donation to the choral program we can support your students through:

- the purchase of music- \$1.50-\$5.00 a copy per piece per student
- have an amazing accompanist- \$3,000 per year
- have an amazing choreographer- \$1500 per year
- go to more local festivals- \$200+ per festival per choir
- provide for students who are not able to afford costumes- \$100 per costume per student

If you would like to make a donation please fill out the lower portion of this form and return it, with your donation to Ms. P in the student store or to Mrs. Abbe. As a thank you for your donation, we will be giving each family who donates a 2011-2012 choir keychain along with their receipt.

Donations are tax deductible. The tax ID number will included on your receipt.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Abbe  
[www.santasusana.org](http://www.santasusana.org)

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_



# ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITY

## Santa Susana High School Choir

### Prices:

\$500 Full Page

\$250 Half Page

\$150 Quarter Page

\$100 Business Card

When you purchase an ad sale, your advertisement will be printed in every program for the following departments:  
Dance, Theatre, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Your advertisement will be projected on our high definition television before each show and at intermission.

For any additional information on corporate sponsorships, please email Mrs. Abbe at:  
[babbe@simi.k12.ca.us](mailto:babbe@simi.k12.ca.us)

A "thank you for your support" will appear on each Performing Arts Program's website and on the Performing Arts Booster's website as well.

\*Make all checks payable to SSHS\*  
Federal Tax ID : 95-600-4692-00

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Retail	\$24
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Total	\$170
<b>Over \$150 annually!</b>	

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# Santa Susana High School

## 2011-2012 Performing Arts Patrons

### Membership Form

Please Print:

Name (to appear in program) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (where to send receipt) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My tax deductible check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to "SSPAB" (Santa Susana Performing Arts Boosters) is enclosed, with "Performing Arts Patron" on the memo line.

You will receive a receipt for you donation to the program for tax purposes.

### Donation Levels

\_\_\_\_ Bronze Patron ~ \$1.00 - \$50.00

\_\_\_\_ Silver Patron ~ \$51.00 - \$75.00

\_\_\_\_ Gold Patron ~ \$76.00 - \$100.00

\_\_\_\_ Platinum Patron ~ \$101.00 - \$200.00

\_\_\_\_ Diamond Patron ~ \$200.00 - \$500.00

\_\_\_\_ Legacy Patron ~ \$500.00 +

Please remit this form and your check to:

Santa Susana High School

C/O Boosters

3570 E Cochran St.

Simi Valley, CA 93063

The Patron Page will be featured in all of the programs for the 2011-2012 year and on the SSPAB and Vocal Music websites

[www.sspab.org](http://www.sspab.org) and [www.santasusanachoir.org](http://www.santasusanachoir.org)

The goals of the Performing Arts Patrons are to enhance the PA offerings at Santa Susana High School and to provide support to our part time faculty. We are losing stipends for our walk-on coaches, including our choreographers, accompanists, set, sound and lighting designers, production assistants, and assistant directors. The Performing Arts Patrons donations will help to maintain a quality of excellence in our programs at Santa Susana.