



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



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Dear ABRHS Chorus Students & Parents,

Greetings! Please read this letter thoroughly - It includes a great deal of information that all ABRHS chorus students will need for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year.

Our first big event of the season is **Chorus Camp** – Monday, August 24th from 8:30am-1:30pm! Chorus Camp will be held in the HS music rooms, and it is a casual, one-day event that gives us the opportunity to get a head start on the year. You will learn about the HS Choral Program and *Cabaret Night 2015* (the 20th annual!!!), and it will give you a chance to get to know and reconnect with your fellow singers through games created by your student chorus leaders. A pizza lunch will be provided by our parent organization, ABFOM (AB Friends of Music). You do not need to pre-register for camp – just show up on that Monday, and we will see you there!

MOSS MUSIC NEWS WEBSITE & AB CHORUSES FACEBOOK:

Please bookmark my web site, and check back often for up-to-date information regarding performances, rehearsals, auditions & all chorus related activities: <http://mossmusicnews.weebly.com/> And don't forget to "Like" our AB Choruses Facebook page where we post live happenings going on in the department. Click here to subscribe today: <https://www.facebook.com/ABChoruses>



CARWASH:

Our fall car wash will take place on the Saturday before Chours Camp on Sat. Aug. 22nd at the Administration building (across from the JHS & next to the Parker Damon Bldg) from 9:00am-3:00pm. With so many members in chorus and band washing cars these events are very lucrative for our department, and every dollar goes right towards our programs. PARENTS – please consider volunteering to help supervise, and STUDENTS – please pick one time slot: 8:30-10:30am, 10am-Noon, 11:30am-1:30pm, or 1-3pm. SEE YOU THERE!

FORMS:

Please read through, complete, and return all of the appropriate forms to me at the above school address. A pdf titled, "Chorus Summer Packet" is also available for download on my website, and the ABFOM website. **Forms should be returned NO LATER than August 24.** (Students may also bring completed forms with them to Chorus Camp).

CHORUS PACKET FORMS:

1. Welcome Letter
2. Chaperone Volunteer Form Online Link
3. Contact Permission & Fundraising Contract Form
4. Extracurricular Agreement (only the signature page needs to be returned)
5. ABFOM Membership Form
6. 2015-2016 Performance Calendar – **please put these dates in your home calendars/schedules now**

I can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures when we return to school. Please feel free to email me with any questions between now and the fall, and enjoy the rest of your summer vacation!

Ms. Moss
Choral Director

Parent Chaperone & Volunteer Form

Whether you have a lot of time or just a few hours, like to work with students or work from home, have specific skills or just want to help out as needed, **we can use your help!** Please respond to the following online survey (link below), so we may match your interests with our needs. You are not yet committing; someone will contact you to confirm availability.

Please click this link to fill out the chaperone form online:

<https://docs.google.com/a/abschools.org/forms/d/1Ev1LCdtrtSWw-MfjvNUeamFmfjT-B6nylWztnxVoEw8/viewform>

CORI Check: *If you have not had a CORI check recently done (**after February of 2015**), you need to do so in order to perform any volunteer work that involves chaperoning.*

How to get a CORI Check: *Stop by the main office at ABRHS or any other school in the district, and fill out a form. Bring an ID (drivers license or passport), and your CORI check will then be good until June 30, 2018.*

Many, many thanks!

ABRHS Chorus Permission & Contract Form

Student Name: _____ **Yr. of Grad:** _____

Email is used almost exclusively to communicate important information about chorus as well as other music department events. It is recommended that all students and at least one parent receive music department emails. Please list those email addresses at which you would like to receive messages:

Student ABSchools email _____

Parent #1 Name & email _____

Parent #2 Name & email _____

Student Name: _____

Fundraising Contract

Fundraising programs are organized and provided for the students of the music department throughout the year. Most of the programs are designed to support the individual efforts of the participating students. The large percentage of the profits are deposited into student accounts held by ABFOM. Students may use these accounts to support their music department needs such as the cost of trips, uniform items and banquet tickets.

I pledge personal responsibility for the fundraising materials which have been entrusted to me. I will safeguard both the merchandise and the money I have accepted until they can be properly credited by the Friends of Music treasurer or event organizer. In the event of loss or theft, a debit will be applied to the student's account until either the merchandise or the money is returned.

Signed,

student's signature

parent/guardian's signature

APPENDIX 2

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRACURRICULAR AGREEMENT - Senior High To be Used For Any School-Sponsored Activity *

TO THE STUDENT:

This agreement between you, your parent(s)/guardian(s), and the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools is designed to serve several purposes. It is intended to influence students to make wise and legally sound decisions. It is designed:

- To help ensure the physical and mental health of students;
- To enable participating students and student leaders to set an example of responsible behavior;
- To promote zero-tolerance of under-age (21 years) drinking, as well as the use of illegal and harmful chemical substances among our youth;
- To bind the community together in support of its students' health.

RULE

During the school year, or from the first meeting of an extra-curricular activity, a student involved in this activity shall not, regardless of quantity, use or consume, possess, buy, sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol, **marijuana, steroids or any controlled substance as defined under Mass. General Laws, Ch. 90D, or inhale the vapors of any intoxicating substance such as glue, nitrous oxide and the like, sometimes referred to as "huffing". Students using tobacco products within 100 feet of the school property (as described by Mass. General Laws, Ch. 71 Section 2A and 37H) will be subject to penalties of this agreement. Smoking or any use of tobacco products is also prohibited during all school activities off school property.

* Students involved in athletics should see "Extracurricular Agreement – Athletics."

** The use of wine or alcoholic beverages for religious observances does not violate this agreement.

CONSEQUENCES

FIRST VIOLATION

When the extra-curricular activity's advisor or director and the school administration find that a student has violated the above rule, the student shall lose eligibility to participate in any and all activities for a period of two weeks. Activity advisors, parent(s)/guardians(s), counselors and the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Student Assistance Team will be notified of such finding and the resulting action as soon as possible

EXTRACURRICULAR AGREEMENT - Senior High

OFFICER'S RULE:

If a student officer of a class or school sponsored organization is found to have violated the above rule, the student will be no longer eligible for that position and any other leadership role for one calendar year (12 months) from the date of the violation.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS:

When the advisor or director and school administration confirm that a second or subsequent violation has occurred, and following an opportunity for the student to be heard, the student shall lose eligibility to participate in all extra-curricular activities for the next twelve (12) weeks. Parent(s)/guardian(s), counselor and the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Student Assistance Team will be notified as soon as possible.

If the student, on her/his own volition, becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in her/his extra-curricular activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such a program must be recommended and approved and the subsequent certification confirmed by the Student Assistance Team.

Consequences shall be cumulative only during one academic year. A period of consequences will extend into the next academic year if the consequences are not met during the current school year.

It is recommended that a student involved in Proscenium Circus, Band, and Academic Teams be allowed to attend rehearsals or practices in a non-participatory fashion while he/she is meeting the consequences of his/her violation.

The first time a student signs this agreement, he/she is considered to be bound by the agreement for the rest of his/her involvement in the extra-curricular activities offered in the Acton-Boxborough Regional School system. However, each year the student, parent, and activity advisor must sign the agreement as reaffirmation of acceptance of the terms of the agreement.

This agreement is reviewed yearly by the Local Alcohol and Drug Abuse Task Force of the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools. A copy of the agreement can be obtained from the principal's office of the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School.

RETURN THIS PAGE of the agreement

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SENIOR HIGH EXTRA CURRICULAR AGREEMENT

NAME (Please Print) _____

SIGNATURES

I have read the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS' EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - and I understand its provisions, terms and consequences for my failure to comply with them. By signing my name below I indicate that I agree to be bound by the provisions, terms and consequences of the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Date

Student's Signature

I have read the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL- and I understand its provisions, terms and consequences for my child's failure to comply with them. By signing my name below I indicate that I agree to be bound by the provisions, terms and consequences of the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. I further certify that I am legal guardian of the above-named student and that I am a legal resident of the Town of

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

I have read the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL- and I understand its provisions, terms and consequences. By signing my name below I agree to support this student in her/his effort to understand and comply with this agreement.

Date

Faculty Advisor/Director

Reviewed by School Committee June 6, 1996. March 24, 1997; February. 1999; February 2000.



Please Join Acton Boxborough Friends of Music!!!

BECOME A MEMBER of the Acton Boxborough Friends of Music! As a non-profit organization, we are staffed completely by volunteers, and 100% of donations support the music programs in the school district. ABFOM funds help pay for:

- musical events, special guest conductors and instruction
- equipment, uniforms, costumes, props, and supplies
- music scholarships for graduating seniors and students in grades 7-11
- event transportation... and much more

Membership does not obligate you to volunteer, but your help is always welcome! Fill out the Volunteer Interest Survey at www.abfom.org to let us know how you would like to help!

One membership donation each year covers all siblings who are participating in band, color guard, or chorus.

To join *Friends of Music*, complete the information below and return this form with your check for \$25 made payable to ABFOM. You can mail the form to ABFOM, PO Box 2334, Acton, MA 01720. Or you can return it with your other band forms to Mark Hickey or with any chorus forms to Jennifer Moss, ABRHS, 36 Charter Rd., Acton, MA 01720. Thank you for your support!

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Check here if you'd like a free AB Music Department decal _____
(Please provide the mailing address if it is not on your check.)

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email _____

Oldest Student Currently in the ABRHS Music Program:

- Name: _____
- Grade: _____
- Participating in? Band _____ Chorus _____ Color Guard _____

Basic 2015 - 2016 Dues	\$25.00
Additional AB Music Decals: Number _____ x\$2.00	\$ _____
Optional additional contribution (any amount is appreciated)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

~ ABRHS 2015-2016 Chorus Calendar ~

Please write these dates in both your home & school calendars

(Students must attend all required performances listed in **BOLD** on the schedule.)

August

- Sat. Aug. 22: ABFOM Car Wash @ Administration building 9:00am-3:00pm
- Mon. Aug. 24: Chorus Camp @ ABRHS 8:30am-1:30pm

September

- **Tues. Sept. 15: ABFOM General Mtg. - Band & Chorus Performances 6:00pm @ ABRHS**

October

- M-W Oct. 19-21: Cabaret Auditions in HS Chorus Room 2:40-5:00pm
- Tues. Oct. 27: Band & Chorus Halloween Party @ ABRHS 6:00-8:00pm

November

- **M-W Nov. 16-18: Cabaret Dress Rehearsals @ ABRHS 6:00-9:00pm**
- **Fri & Sat. Nov. 20 & 21: Cabaret Performances @ ABRHS 7:00pm**
- Sat. Nov. 21: Eastern Senior District Auditions Time TBA

December

- **Tues. Dec. 15: Winter Concert @ ABRHS 7:00pm**

January

- Fri. & Sat. Jan. 8 & 9: Eastern Senior District Music Festival
- Sat. Jan. 23: Massachusetts All-State Music Festival Auditions Time TBA
- Sat. Jan. 30: Eastern Junior District Auditions Time TBA

February

- **Mon. & Tues. Feb. 8 & 9: Pan Choral Concerts @ ABRHS 7:00pm**
- Date TBD: Singing Valentines @ ABRHS - delivered during English classes

March

- Fri. & Sat. Mar. 4 & 5: Eastern Junior District Music Festival
- Th. Mar. 10 - Sat. Mar. 12: Massachusetts All-State Music Festival in Boston

April

- Fri. Apr. 8: AB Music Dept. "Swing Night" @ ABRHS 7:00pm

May

- **Tues. May 3: Spring Concert @ ABRHS 7:00pm**
- Fri. May 13: Spring Jam A cappella Night @ ABRHS 7:30pm
- Wed. May 11: Music Dept. Banquet 6:00-10:00pm @ Boxborough Holiday Inn
- Fri. & Sat. May 27 & 28: Madrigal Dinners 6:30pm @ Indian Hill Music Center

~ Attendance Policy ~

We are very lucky to have so many opportunities to share our music with the public. This schedule is also posted on Ms. Moss' website, as well as the ABFOM website - please put these dates in your calendars now. Occasionally, due to circumstances beyond our control, performance dates may change. Ms. Moss will notify students of any changes in advance. Also, additional performances may be added to the schedule as the year goes on. Always listen carefully to announcements in class and check Ms. Moss' website, as well as the ABFOM website for updates.

Students must attend all required performances listed in **BOLD** on the schedule. Failure to attend a performance without an excused absence from Ms. Moss will result in a grade drop of one letter. For example, if you begin with an A-, missing a performance without permission from Ms. Moss would cause your term grade to drop down to a B-. Speak with Ms. Moss ASAP if you have a conflict with any performance date. A note from parents/guardians is required for absences.

Please note: Homework, other performances, work, and vacations are **not** excused absences for scheduled concerts. All students have busy schedules and responsibilities - time management and planning ahead are important aspects of any performers' life, and being part of an AB Chorus.

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ABFOM: <http://www.abfom.org>

Here's to another great year!!!