



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



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Dear ABRHS Chorus Students & Parents,

Greetings!! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer vacation. Please read this letter thoroughly - it includes a great deal of information that all ABRHS chorus students and parents will need for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

Our first big event of the season is **Chorus Camp** – Monday, August 28th from 8:30am-1pm! Held in the HS music rooms, Chorus Camp is a casual, one-day event that gives us the opportunity to get a head start on the year. You will learn all about the ABRHS Choral Programs including our first performance of the year, **Cabaret Night 2017** (*the 23rd annual!*), and we will spend a good portion of the morning singing together and learning music for our ABFOM General Mtg performance on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. You'll also get a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new fellow singers through games created by your Chorus Officers. You do not need to pre-register for camp – just show up that Monday and we will see you there! A pizza lunch will be provided by our parent organization, ABFOM (AB Friends of Music) - Please email Ms. Moss ASAP if you have any dietary restrictions.

MOSS MUSIC NEWS WEBSITE & AB CHORUSES FACEBOOK:

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



PARENT VOLUNTEER & CHAPERONING:

Whether you have a lot of time or just a few hours, like to work with students or behind the scenes, 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. ***Click this link to access the chaperone form online:***

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0VZsHTm3qdYAi-7sNx8TmyvHJUUViIdauLe_l0LB813E51vA/viewform

CARWASH:

Our fall car wash will take place the Saturday before Chorus Camp on **Sat. Aug. 26th** at the Administration building (across from the JHS & next to the Parker Damon Bldg) from 9am-3pm. With so many members in our choral and instrumental ensembles washing cars, these events are very lucrative for our department, and every dollar goes right back to our music students and programs. PARENTS – please consider volunteering to help supervise; STUDENTS – please pick one time slot: 8:30-10:30am, 10am-Noon, 11:30am-1:30pm, or 1-3pm. Simply email Ms. Moss with the time you would like to help out or just show up day of. Parents should email Flemming Christensen if you can help supervise for a shift: flemmc@gmail.com. *SEE YOU THERE!*

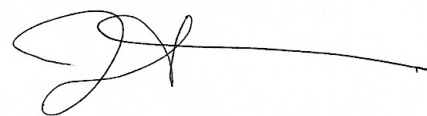
FORMS:

Please read through, complete, and return the appropriate forms to Ms. Moss at the above school address. A pdf entitled, “Chorus Summer Packet” is also available for download on my website, and the ABFOM website. **Forms should be returned NO LATER than August 28.** (Students may also bring completed forms with them to Chorus Camp).

CHORUS PACKET FORMS:

1. **Welcome Letter**
2. **Contact Permission & Fundraising Contract Form**
3. **Extracurricular Agreement (only the signature page needs to be returned)**
4. **ABFOM Membership Form**
5. **2017-2018 Performance Calendar – please put these dates in your home calendars/schedules now**
6. **Parent Volunteer & CORI Checks Information**

I look forward to hearing 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!



Jennifer E. Moss
Director of Choral Activities

ABRHS Chorus Email Permission & Contract Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

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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 E.C. 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 welcome! Please fill out the Volunteer Interest Survey at www.abfom.org to let us know how you would be interested in volunteering.

Only one membership donation per family is requested per school year, regardless of the number of siblings participating in band, color guard, or chorus.

To join *Friends of Music*, complete the information below and return this form with your check for \$30 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!

Check here if you'd like a free AB Music Department decal _____
(Please provide us 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__ String Ensemble__

Basic 2017-2018 Dues	\$30.00
AB Music Magnets: Number ____ x\$5.00	\$ ____
Additional AB Music Decals: Number ____ x\$2.00	\$ ____
Optional additional contribution (any amount is appreciated)	\$ ____
TOTAL	\$ ____

• ABRHS 2017-2018 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

- M August 28: Chorus Camp 8:30am-1:00pm HS Chorus & Band Rooms

September

- T Sept 19: ABFOM Gen. Mtg Band, Strings, & Chorus Performances 6pm @ **RJGrey JHS Aud**

October

- M-W Oct. 16-18: Cabaret Night Individual Act Auditions 2:30-4:45pm HS Chorus Room

November

- M-W Nov. 13-15: Cabaret Night Dress Rehearsals *5:45-9pm ABRHS Auditorium
* = *students not involved in an individual number are only called only from 5:45-6:45pm*
- F Nov. 17 & Sat Nov. 18: Cabaret Night Performances 7pm ABRHS Auditorium
- Sat Nov. 18: Eastern Senior District Auditions Time TBA

December

- F Dec. 8: Tunes & Tapas @ Boxborough Holiday Inn 6-9pm *A Cappella groups perform
- T Dec. 12: **Winter Concert** 7:00pm ABRHS Auditorium

January

- F Jan. 5 & Sat Jan. 7: Eastern Senior District Music Festival @ Boston Latin High School
- Sat Jan. 20: Massachusetts All-State Music Festival Auditions Time TBA
- Sat Jan. 27: Eastern Junior District Auditions Time TBA

February

- T Feb. 13 & W Feb. 14: **Pan Choral Concerts** 7:00pm ABRHS Auditorium
- Date TBD: Singing Valentines - delivered during HS English classes

March

- Th Mar. 1-Sat Mar. 3: Massachusetts All-State Music Festival in Boston
- F Mar. 9 & Sat Mar. 10: Eastern Junior District Music Festival at Lincoln-Sudbury HS

April

- Fri. Apr. 6: AB Music Dept. "Swing Night" 7pm ABRHS Lower Gym

May

- **T May 8: Spring Concert @ ABRHS 7:00pm**
- Sat May 12: Spring Jam A cappella Night 7:30pm ABRHS Auditorium
- Wed. May 16: Music Dept. Banquet 6-9:30pm Location TBA
- F May 25 & Sat May 27: 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. The above performance 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 and 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 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, work, other performances, and vacations are **not** excused absences for scheduled concerts. We all have busy schedules and responsibilities - time management and planning ahead are important aspects of any performers' life, and being part of the AB Choruses.

Moss Music News: mossmusicnews.weebly.com

ABFOM: www.abfom.org

Here's to another great year!!!

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MANDATORY CORI CHECKS

If you have not had a CORI Check you need to do so in order to perform any volunteer or chaperone work with students.

If you applied for a CORI after January 2015, you're all set.

How to get a CORI Check: Stop by the main office at ABRHS during the weekdays between the hours of 9am-1pm. Bring an ID (a drivers license or passport), and your CORI check will then be good until June 2020.

Many, many thanks!

Chorus Form Checklist 2017

Please return all forms by Monday, August 28 to:

Jennifer Moss

ABRHS Music Dept.

36 Charter Road

Acton, MA 01720

- Extracurricular Agreement (signature page only)
- Email Contact & Fundraising Form

Optional Forms

- ABFOM Membership with...

- Check made out to ABFOM

- Online Parent Volunteer Survey:

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Bring to Chorus Camp on August 28

- Any forms listed above that have not been returned by mail

First Week of School – Sept. 5th:

- Final Deadline for all forms