

# *Lambert Chorus Boosters*

August 3, 2023

Dear Chorus Parents,

We would like to welcome all our returning and new students and their families to the new 2023/24 school year and hope everyone is doing well. We are excited to welcome everyone back for another incredible year of music making.

We have attached Mr. Wason's detailed outline of expectations/protocols for chorus participation this year. Please know that these are the most up to date guidelines but even so, things may change quickly given situations as they arise. We intend to be as transparent as possible and keep you posted on any changes/information as it becomes available/necessary.

We are planning a virtual town hall meeting with Mr. Wason for our first Lambert Chorus Boosters meeting of the year on **Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. We will send information via email with all the details on when and how to join us after school begins. Please go ahead and pencil us in for that evening!

We will discuss important updates in more detail at the meeting but I wanted to go ahead and make everyone aware of a few bigger items.

1. **Course Funding:** Forsyth County Schools has increased the funding for students participating in CTAE and Fine Arts programs in all levels. Funding from Forsyth County includes costs of instructional materials (sheet music), additional classroom supplies (binders, other items) and Transportation. Due to this financial support, the Chorus Boosters are able to maintain fees for the 2023/24 school year.
  - a. **Performance Package: NEW MEMBERS** - New members can expect a Performance Package expense of between \$120 and \$160. This includes Uniform Purchase and Performance Package
  - b. **Performance Package: Returning Members** - Returning members can expect a Performance Package expense of \$80.
  - c. Breakdown of Budget Items can be found on the next page.
2. **Uniform change:** Students may select the uniform that best suits their comfort. Parents and students will be asked to communicate with Mr. Wason regarding an agreement when selecting their uniform style.
3. **Tailgate:** Our annual National Anthem / 8th Grade Night Tailgate event is CURRENTLY BEING SCHEDULED. This has been an important meet-and-greet event to kick start our season! All Lambert Chorus members are expected to participate in the Tailgate and Performance. This has been included in the Performance Package.
4. **Parent Volunteers:** We still have several openings on the board. Please consider committing to volunteering a *little* of your time throughout the school year to help us help the chorus program!

Please know that we have the same concerns as you regarding chorus this year. We will do everything we can to support Mr. Wason and your students. If you have questions and concerns, please reach out to us at the board email: [lambertchorusboosters@gmail.com](mailto:lambertchorusboosters@gmail.com). We hope that you will remain with us--Yes, this year will be a challenge but I'm sure that together we will rise to the occasion.

Hoping for the best! Your Lambert Chorus Booster Board:

Diane LeBleu, Leah Duval and Tiffany Hansen

## Lambert Chorus Boosters Budget Information for 2023/24

This year, the Lambert Choruses have received funding from Forsyth County Schools. These funds will be provided annually based on student enrollment. These funds will cover the CURRICULAR Cost of the Chorus Program, including Music, Rehearsal resources, and other materials. Additionally, Forsyth County Schools will be covering the cost of any transportation using FCS Buses for any evaluated performance or contest.

For 2023/24, the Lambert Chorus Boosters will be continuing with the use of a Performance Package. This will allow the Chorus Boosters to support student growth for additional costs associated with Performance elements and other extracurricular costs and goods.

If you have any questions or concerns with this new budget, please contact Mr. Wason via email at [rywason@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:rywason@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

Budget Item	Funds	Details
<b><u>FCS County Funded Items</u></b>		
Music	\$ 5,000.00	Affords purchase of 12 - 15 pieces of music and rehearsal materials (mp3s and other recordings)
Binders	\$ 600.00	Students receive a matching binder for music storage and performance
Classroom Supplies, Electronic Equipment	\$ 500.00	Classroom supplies, including pencils, hole punch, bluetooth speakers, other misc. supplies
Sight-Reading Factory	\$ 300.00	Cost of teacher subscription and individual student subscriptions
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,4000.00</b>	
Please be aware that the FCS County Funds do not cover 100% of the operational expenses of our chorus program. Remaining expenses, listed below, are the responsibility of the Lambert Chorus Boosters.		
<b><u>PERFORMANCE PACKAGE</u></b>		
Accompanist Payments	\$ 2,000.00	Payment for Rehearsal and Performance time
Spirit T-Shirts	\$ 1,600.00	Spirit-wear t-shirt for all Chorus Students, doubles as informal Performance Attire
GMEA / ACDA	\$ 1,200.00	The cost of Choral Ensembles performing at GMEA LGPE, Membership Dues
8th Grade Night at Lambert	\$ 800.00	Cost of participating in Lambert's 8th Grade Night Tailgate
Recording Fees	\$ 550.00	Cost of Ensemble recordings at LGPE and other events
Performance Electronics	\$ 300.00	Cost of supplemental equipment, including audio cables, microphones, speakers, etc.
Awards	\$800.00	Includes Senior Awards, GMEA Plaques
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL Budget</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	
<b>Performance Package</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>Per Student Expense for 2023/24 Excludes FCS County Funded items AND Individual Fees / Uniform Purchase</b>



# LHS Chorus Performance Package

**Parents:** Please keep this form for your records; read it carefully and check each applicable item for your child.

Be sure to include the student's name and the purpose of the payment. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks.

All checks for performance fees should be made payable to:

***“Longhorn High School Chorus Boosters”***

## Performance Package Payment Information

WHO	WHAT	WHY	WHEN	\$DUE	CHECK #	\$ PAID
<b>ALL CHORUS MEMBERS</b>	Performance Package	To be paid annually by all LHS Chorus Members	9/8/23	\$80		
Select Members	Uniform - Dress (NEW)	Uniform Purchase for Chorus Members needing Dress Uniform	9/8/23	\$80		
Select Members	Uniform - Dress (USED)	Uniform Purchase for Chorus Members receiving Dress Uniform	9/8/23	\$40		
Select Members	Uniform - Tuxedo (NEW)	Uniform Purchase for Chorus Members needing Tuxedo Uniform	9/8/23	\$55		

## Individual Fees

WHO	WHAT	WHY	WHEN	\$DUE	CHECK #	\$ PAID
Interested Students	Payment	GME All-State READING Chorus First Audition Fee	9/12/23	\$25		
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Select Students	Payment	District IX Honor Chorus Registration Fee	TBD	\$55		
Select Students	Payment	GMEA All-State READING Chorus Acceptance Fee	11/28/23	\$25		
Select Students	Payment	GMEA All-State Chorus Acceptance Fee	12/5/23	\$25		

Your participation in Booster activities will continue to keep our costs to a minimum.

**If there are any financial issues regarding the payment of the Performance Package, please contact Mr. Wason via email at [rywason@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:rywason@forsyth.k12.ga.us)**

**Fundraising Policy:** Starting August 1, 2019, **100% of all fundraising efforts will go to support ALL students involved in the Chorus Program.**

**Individual Fees:** (All State Chorus Auditions, District IX Honors Chorus, LHS Chorus/Performing Arts Trips) are separate from Performance Packages and must be paid on an individual basis in order to participate in these events.

**Family Discount:** Any families with 2 or more members in the Lambert Chorus can expect a \$25 discount on Performance Packages for the 2nd and any subsequent children enrolled in the program.

**Late Payments:** *Performance Package Payments received AFTER September 8th will be charged a \$15 LATE fee. Students with delinquent accounts without communication with the Director could be suspended from any extra-curricular activities, trips and performances.*