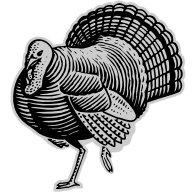


# G.H.S. Choir News



Happy Thanksgiving!

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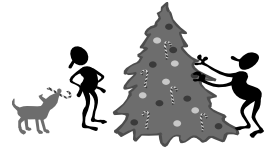
## Calendar of Events

- Nov. 30 (Sunday): Governor's All-Star Chorus: 16 students from Honors Choir
- December 4, 7:00 P.M. GHS Chorus/Band Concert: Honors and Concert Choirs to Chorus room at 6:00 P.M.
- Dec. 5, 9:00 AM : Honors to Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium: Bill Drake Show rehearsal (bring lunch money)
- Dec. 5, 5:00 P.M. Honors meet downtown for Tree-lighting ceremony (repeat concert from Dec. 4)
- Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008: meet bus at GHS at 12:30 to travel to Spartanburg for Bill Drake show. Back between 4 and 5 PM
- Thursday, Dec. 11: Honors Cherokee County Arts Expo : Meet in BAND ROOM at 6:00.
- Friday, Dec. 12,: Check-in uniforms
- Saturday, Feb. 14, 2:00 P.M. Honors choir sings national anthem at Gardner-Webb basketball game. (bus provided from GHS and back to GHS.)

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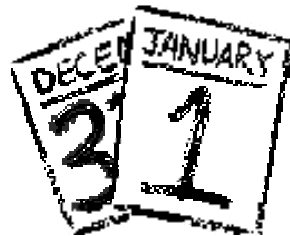
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## Get Ready for December Performances!



The holidays are very busy for all of us, and the Honors Choir is no exception. We have SEVERAL performances coming up, so please make arrangements NOW to attend. Remember that all these are assigned performances which will count as MAJOR grades.

December gives choirs an opportunity to learn and perform some of the most exciting music of the year. Also, public performances give choirs



a chance to show what they have learned and to get the "word out" to the community that our school excels in the performing arts.

More information about each performance can be found throughout this newsletter. (Please refer to the calendar on the left sidebar.)

Because most of these performances are so close together, students will check out their performance attire on Wednesday, Dec. 3 and will be responsible for keeping it cleaned and in good repair. Uniforms will be returned to school on Friday, Dec. 12. Please note that the dresses and tuxedo SHIRTS are machine

washable. If your dress has been altered with fashion tape, the tape **MUST BE REMOVED** before washing or dry cleaning the dress.



Suggestion: Keep accessories such as pearls, studs, ties, and vests in a separate SEALED bag that can be hung on the hanger with the garment or placed inside the garment bag. This will eliminate lost and misplaced items.

## Governor's All-Star Carolighting Event

This year, 16-18 members of the Honors Choir will travel to Columbia on Sunday, November 30 where they will participate in the Governor's All-Star Chorus and Carolighting event.

Students from across S.C. will meet at the U.S.C. music building at 1:30 for an afternoon of rehearsal before performing that evening on the steps of the state house for the lighting of the state Christmas tree.

The event will be televised live and will be re-broadcast on Christmas Eve (SCETV). Cost of the trip is 10.00 per student plus money for two meals. Check the schoolnotes website for updates! <http://new.schoolnotes.com/allison/>

## Bill Drake Christmas Show Sunday, December 7 2:00 P.M.

For 28 years now, the up-state of South Carolina has ushered in the holiday season with the annual Bill Drake Christmas Show. Each year, Drake, a Spartanburg radio personality, hosts a concert at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. The program is packed with a variety of holiday performances including school choirs of all ages, bands, orchestras, and other entertainment. For the past two years, Cherokee County Schools have been invited to perform in the show.



This year, the elementary school honor choir will perform along with combined honors choirs from Gaffney and Blacksburg High Schools.

On Friday, Dec. 5, all Cherokee County performers will travel to the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium for rehearsal. The high school rehearsal is scheduled for 10:30-11:00 A.M., so students will not be back at GHS in time for lunch. Please have your student bring enough money to buy lunch at the outlet mall food court. Or, you may choose to send a bag lunch. We plan to return to school that day

by 1:00 P.M.

Students should wear black and gold, if possible and comfortable shoes.

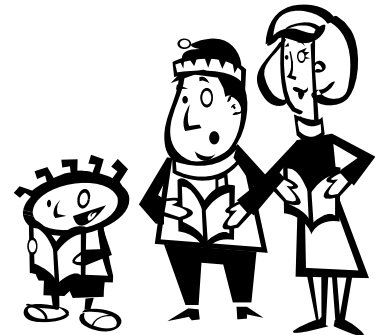
The actual performance will be Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 P.M. Bus transportation will be provided from GHS and returning to GHS after the program. However, I hope most parents and families will want to attend this free concert. If you want to take your child home with you after the performance, you must **make prior arrangements** with Mrs. Allison. Hope to see you there!

## City of Gaffney Tree Lighting Concert

The City of Gaffney will hold its annual tree lighting event on Friday, Dec. 5 in downtown Gaffney, right in front of the Michael Gaffney log cabin. GHS Honors choir members will report to Mrs. Allison there at 5:00 P.M. Choir and jazz band will perform selections from our Dec. 4 concert.

Students may wear black

and gold... However, it may be very cold, so plan accordingly. If needed, students will be allowed to wear coats and gloves. (No hats during the performance, please.) This FREE event should last about an hour. I hope you will plan to attend and support our GHS musicians. Please call Mrs. Allison at school if you have any questions or concerns.



## Cherokee County Schools Christmas Arts Expo



Our annual Cherokee County Arts Expo, usually held in the spring, has grown so much that we have added a new performance to the annual calendar. This year, choral music will be performed at Christmas, while instrumental music and visual art will be showcased in the

spring. The Christmas Expo will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11 in the GHS auditorium. Choirs from throughout the school district will perform as well as handbells and winterguard.

For this FREE performance, GHS and BHS choirs will combine to sing the two pieces per-

formed at the Bill Drake show, as well as performing separate numbers.

All GHS and BHS singers should report to the BAND room, DRESSED in CONCERT ATTIRE, by 6:00 P.M. This free program begins at 7:00 and should last about an hour.