



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO COLUMBUS EAST CHOIRS

Good Day Everyone! Hope everyone is staying warm. Thank you to everyone that attended the competition at Anderson H.S. The students have improved so much over the past week and we cannot wait to see them perform next weekend in Franklin, IN.

- Our next competition is this Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ Franklin Community H.S. Students need to be at Columbus East High School by 8:00 a.m. (subject to change). The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. There are NO finals at this competition. Kids can use their cell phones to keep parents/guardians informed on when they will need to be picked up. **Students are to wear jeans and their show shirts. Make sure you send a debit card and cash with your student for food. We are not allowed to bring food into the school. See 2nd and 3rd page for more information.**

EVENTS

- Jan. 20th - Competition at Anderson H.S.
- Jan. 27th - Competition at Franklin Community H.S
- Feb. 10th - Brown Competition - individuals competing for scholarships
- Feb. 17th - Giant Spectacular at Ben Davis H.S
- Feb. 24th - Competition at Franklin Central H.S.
- March 5th - Spring Concert.
- April 6th - Rummage Sale



We would like to to congratulate Kaleah Scott for best performer for Serenade and Gavin Foley for best performer for Center Stage!



Franklin Community H.S. Competition

2600 Cumberland Dr. Franklin, IN

Spectator Cost : \$10.00 for adults and students; \$5.00 for 5 and under

Food

The school cafeteria will be open throughout the day for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and concessions. Breakfast will be available 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lunch and dinner options will be available from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. There will also be food vendors available as well.



High School Show Choirs

		0:05:00	0:25:00	0:05:00	0:30:00	0:30:00	
Middle School/ Concert Choir	Home Room	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Critique	
	Franklin Central Middle School- Vocal Velocity	E210/E218	9:25 AM	9:30 AM	9:55 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Ben Davis High School - PurpleAires	B211/B215	9:55 AM	10:00 AM	10:25 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
Unisex Show Choir	Home Room	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Critique	
	Anderson High School - Starliters	C 209	10:25 AM	10:30 AM	10:55 AM	11:00 AM	11:30 AM
	Warren Central High School - Hi-Lites	E234	10:55 AM	11:00 AM	11:25 AM	11:30 AM	12:00 PM
	Columbus East High School- Serenade	E224	11:25 AM	11:30 AM	11:55 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
	Ben Davis High School - Sounds	B220/B222	11:55 AM	12:00 PM	12:25 PM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM
	Franklin Community- Sensations (HOST)	F210	12:25 PM	12:30 PM	12:55 PM	1:00 PM	1:30 PM
Break - 1:30 - 2:00 PM							
Festival Mixed Division	Home Room	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Critique	
	Warren Central High School - Connection	E226/E228	1:25 PM	1:30 PM	1:55 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
	Columbus East High School - Center Stage	E220/E222	1:55 PM	2:00 PM	2:25 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM
Break - 3:00- 3:15 PM							
Anderson High School- Singers Unlimited	C214/C216	2:40 PM	2:45 PM	3:10 PM	3:15 PM	3:45 PM	
	Batesville High School - Batesville Singers	C220/C222	3:10 PM	3:15 PM	3:40 PM	3:45 PM	4:15 PM
Dinner Break - 4:15 - 5:15 PM							
Varsity Mixed Division	Home Room	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Critique	
	Ben Davis High School - Premiers	B211/B215	4:40 PM	4:45 PM	5:10 PM	5:15 PM	5:45 PM
	Marquette High School - Center Stage	C229/C231	5:10 PM	5:15 PM	5:40 PM	5:45 PM	6:15 PM
	Franklin Community - Heritage Singers (HOST)	F232/F234	5:40 PM	5:45 PM	6:10 PM	6:15 PM	6:45 PM
Awards 7:15 PM In Auditorium							

Message from Booster President

I would like to begin by saying how insanely proud I am of our kids!! They overcame obstacles at the preview show and did a great job performing for the minimal amount of time they have had with their shows. I am looking forward to seeing them again on Saturday. With that thought, I would like to go over some show choir competition dos and don'ts.

DO: Keep ALL talk of show choirs positive! There are bound to be some groups that are amazing and some that aren't so amazing. Please ensure we are representing our group as the ones who can admire or stay quiet. If you have non-positive things to say, please ensure we keep those conversations to the car rides home.

DONT: Please do not speak about fundraising that we do with any other choirs/groups.

DO: This is a different kind of performance. For those of you who have never been to a Show Choir performance, we do things differently to Concert Choir. We cheer and do it LOUDLY through any dance breaks and amazing parts of the show. Obviously, we are quiet during the ballad but feel free to applaud after and as we move into the next number. Think more rock concert, and less night at the opera. We do try to sit as a group so please feel free to text or call or meet up with the larger group so we can create a cheer squad for our kids!

DONT: We ask that only official chaperones are the ones in the dressing/practice rooms. This is to assist in the kids having the ability to get dressed and completely ready without distraction. (Ms. Cooper will ask or assign individuals as needed)

DO: Allow your child to be completely responsible for all their belongings going with them to the show and on the way home.

DO: Allow your child to focus completely on the show. The performing choirs will be performing their shows at East for the March 5th concert. This is the time for you to be able to get photos with your child in their costume. While we are away at competitions, we ask that no child is out taking photos or visiting until all things are put away/secured/loaded on the trailer and they have been released by Ms. Cooper. Typically we are on a tight timeline to be able to get loaded and back home and any delay can compound rapidly.

DO: Remember that while with the choir, your children are the responsibility of Ms. Cooper and assigned staff. Please come enjoy the show and the ability to not have to "parent".

DO: I plan to be at every show. If you have some type of emergency, please reach out to me so that I can get word to Ms. Cooper and we can act accordingly. Competition days are hectic and it's just easier having one place to go for information.

DO: If you have any questions/concerns, please feel to reach out to me for anything!
I am soo looking forward to this year and watching our kids grow as performers!

See you in the audience!

~Jenni Allman, Booster President

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Support

Would you or your business like to help sponsor the Columbus East Choirs? Without your support we cannot do the things we do. If you have any questions about donating or sponsoring please reach out to Ian Thomas, Sponsorship chair @ ian.c.thomas35@gmail.com



REMINDERS

- Monthly bake sale - Feb. 12th - 16th.
- Monthly booster meeting, first Thursday of every month at 6:15 at East High School
- Raise Right - on going fundraiser - download the app and start fundraising
- Like our Facebook Page and Instagram

- Check out our website for information

Boosters

This is a friendly reminder that we will be losing a lot of our current booster members. If you have any questions about being a part of boosters please reach out to one of us. There are a variety of things we will need assistance with. We also have monthly meetings that you are more than welcome to attend. Those meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 6:15 at Columbus East.

Senior Spotlight

Samantha Walker

Benjie and Shelley Walker are the parents of Samantha Walker. Samantha is a senior at Columbus East H.S. She will be graduating in 2024. Samantha plans to study Healthcare Management and Policy at IU Bloomington. Some of her favorite things about show choir are performing on stage and seeing the growth and progression in every member. Two of her favorite musicians are SZA and Lady GaGa. In her free time she enjoys reading and dancing and her extra-curricular activities include theater and girls scouts. We hope Samantha has an awesome senior year! Thank you for all you do in show choir.

