

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO COLUMBUS EAST CHOIRS

Hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. Thank you to everyone that attended the competition at Franklin Community H.S. They all did a wonderful job. We could not be more proud of them. They keep growing every day.

- NYC Spring Break Trip 2024 - There will be a meeting for the students and their parent/guardian for final information on the choir trip to New York City on **Thursday, February 29 at 6:30 pm in the East HS cafeteria**. Anyone attending the trip the student and their parents/guardians should attend this meeting. The final itinerary and other important information will be shared and you will NEED to know what is going on before we depart on March 11, 2024. If you are unable to attend please contact Shelley Walker at [walkerr@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:walkerr@bcsc.k12.in.us) so that she can get the information you need to you and/or your student.

## EVENTS

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.

March 11th - Spring break - NY Trip

April 6th - Rummage Sale

THANK  
YOU

We want to give a huge thank you to the dad stage crew. We appreciate their help.

# CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Chasney Ward (Serenade) for best performer. Gavin Foley for Best Male Soloist in the small mixed group division. Henry Ulrich (Center Stage) for best performer. Center Stage got 3rd runner up in the small mixed division! Plus Columbus East High School Choirs got the SPIRIT award! Way to go O's!!!!



## SUPPORT

Would you or your business like to help sponsor the Columbus East Choirs? Without your support we cannot do the things we do. Please see the attached sponsorship letter. If you have any questions about donating or sponsoring please reach out to Ian Thomas, Sponsorship chair @ [ian.c.thomas35@gmail.com](mailto:ian.c.thomas35@gmail.com)

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## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Valued Community Member,

My name is Kimberly Cooper and I am the Director of the Columbus East Choral Department. I am writing to ask you to consider donating to our program for the 2023-2024 school year. The choral department consists of students from all backgrounds, walks of life, and levels of ability. In our choir program, I teach students musical and life skills using concepts through the lens of choral performance. I believe that our choral program can teach students everything they need to know to be prepared for life beyond high school. Participating in music is proven to boost students' perception of themselves as well as promote achieving goals, teamwork, leadership, academic achievement, feelings of success, and cultural exposure.

The standard of performance at East is EXCELLENCE, and we would like for you to partner with us! When you donate to the Columbus East Choral Department, you allow us to purchase the visual and performance equipment, musical arrangements (licensing), costumes, props, and other necessities in order to create a professional and first-class product. This standard of excellence can be expensive, but the authentic experience it provides for students is unparalleled.

In the East choral program, it should be impossible to distinguish socioeconomic background; the goal is for every student in the choir to look the same. It is my desire as the director that any student who wants to participate in all we offer be able to. When you give, you eliminate the financial burden that some students might face, allowing these students to enjoy all opportunities without worry. Professionalism is the expectation, and your financial contribution helps to make that expectation a reality.

It is my sincere hope that you invest in the success of our growing choral program financially and that you come to enjoy our concerts personally. If you have any questions or wish to connect with me about the choirs, please reach out at [cooperk@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:cooperk@bcsc.k12.in.us).

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cooper

Columbus East High School Choral Director

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**"YOUR GENEROUS DONATION HELPS EVERY CHILD IN THE COLUMBUS EAST CHOIR DEPARTMENT FIND THEIR VOICE."**



## Boosters

Boosters is not always about business. We like to have fun and be the choir kids biggest fans. Over the years we have become friends. With that being said 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. I am sure we can find you something to do, even it is something small. We currently have monthly meetings that you are more than welcome to attend. Those meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 6:15 at Columbus East.

## 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



## Senior Spotlight

### Gavin Foley

William and Janell Foley are the parents of Gavin Foley. Gavin is a senior at Columbus East H.S. and participates in Center Stage. He will be graduating in 2024. Gavin's plans are to double major in vocal performance and evolutionary biology at Central Michigan University. One of Gavin's favorite parts about show choir is being able to work towards a goal and share their hard work with others. Two of his favorite musicians are Billy Joel and Toby Fox. Gavin was very involved in Boy Scouts of America. In his free time he enjoys playing video games, bushcraft, table top games, and late night trips to Sam's Club with friends. We hope Gavin has an awesome senior year! Thank you for all you do in show choir.