



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO COLUMBUS EAST CHOIRS

It is competition week. We want to wish our students luck when they travel to Ben Davis on Saturday.

- Ben Davis is our next competition on February 17th. Call time is 11:00 a.m. and the bus departs East 11:30 a.m. **This is a CASHLESS event. Only debit/credit cards accepted for admission and concessions. 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.**
- 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 so that she can get the information you need to you and/or your student.
- Send your bake goods February 12th for the bake sale.

EVENTS

- 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
- March 18th - Laundry Detergent/Trash bag fundraiser
- March 19th & 21st - 2024-25 show choir auditions
- April 6th - Rummage Sale
- April 30th @ 6:30 - Parent for 2024-25 school year
- May 10th - End of school year concert
- May 15th - Senior night and awards



Are you interested in Serenade or Center Stage?

Auditions will be held March 19th and 21st from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at East H.S. In the choir room. Please be on the lookout for more information from Ms. Cooper via Canvas.

Ben Davis H.S. Competition

Address: 1200 N. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46214

This is a **CASHLESS** event. Only debit/credit cards accepted for admission and concessions.

Adults \$15.00 plus processing fee

Students \$10.00 plus processing fee

6 and younger are free

There will be 3 performance areas: gym, auditorium and theatre. You can go from one venue to another.



Ben Davis Giant Spectacular 2024: Saturday, February 17

Venue: Auditorium					
School	Name & Division	Meet Hosts	Warm-up	Transit	Perform
Chapel Hill MS	Center Stage (Middle School)	7:50 AM	7:55 AM	8:25 AM	8:30 AM
Paul Hadley MS	Fusion (Middle School)	8:20 AM	8:25 AM	8:55 AM	9:00 AM
Belzer MS	Belzer Sound (Middle School)	8:50 AM	8:55 AM	9:25 AM	9:30 AM
Westlane MS	Bluettes (Middle School)	9:20 AM	9:25 AM	9:55 AM	10:00 AM
Northview MS	Gold Rush (Middle School)	9:50 AM	9:55 AM	10:25 AM	10:30 AM
Paul Hadley MS	Reaction (Middle School)	10:20 AM	10:25 AM	10:55 AM	11:00 AM
Plainfield MS	Debut (Middle School)	10:50 AM	10:55 AM	11:25 AM	11:30 AM
South Dearborn MS	Showcase (Middle School)	11:20 AM	11:25 AM	11:55 AM	12:00 PM
LUNCH BREAK					12:30
School	Name & Division	Meet Hosts	Warm-up	Transit	Perform
New Castle HS	Dynamiques (Sm. Univoice)	12:50 PM	12:55 PM	1:25 PM	1:30 PM
Mooresville HS	Finesse (Sm. Univoice)	1:20 PM	1:25 PM	1:55 PM	2:00 PM
Columbus East HS	Serenade (Sm. Univoice)	1:50 PM	1:55 PM	2:25 PM	2:30 PM
New Palestine HS	Diamond Sensations (Sm. Univoice)	2:20 PM	2:25 PM	2:55 PM	3:00 PM
Middle School Awards		2:50 PM	2:55 PM	3:25 PM	3:30 PM
Greenfield-Central HS	Legacy (Sm. Mixed)	3:20 PM	3:25 PM	3:55 PM	4:00 PM
New Castle HS	Red Hot Blues (Sm. Mixed)	3:50 PM	3:55 PM	4:25 PM	4:30 PM
Columbus East HS	Center Stage (Sm. Mixed)	4:20 PM	4:25 PM	4:55 PM	5:00 PM
Judge Break		4:50 PM	4:55 PM	5:25 PM	5:30 PM
South Dearborn HS	Opening Knight (Sm. Mixed)	5:20 PM	5:25 PM	5:55 PM	6:00 PM
Mooresville HS	Spotlighters (Sm. Mixed)	5:50 AM	5:55 PM	6:25 PM	6:30 PM
New Palestine HS	Crimson Heat (Sm. Mixed)	6:20 PM	6:25 PM	6:55 PM	7:00 PM
DINNER BREAK					7:30 PM
Final Awards - Gymnasium					8:30

2024 Brown Music Competition

Congratulations to everyone including two of our very own, Gavin Foley got 1st place Anna Newell Brown Scholarship for vocal excellence and Annie Hughes got the Encouragement scholarship for the Anna Newell Brown Scholarship



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.

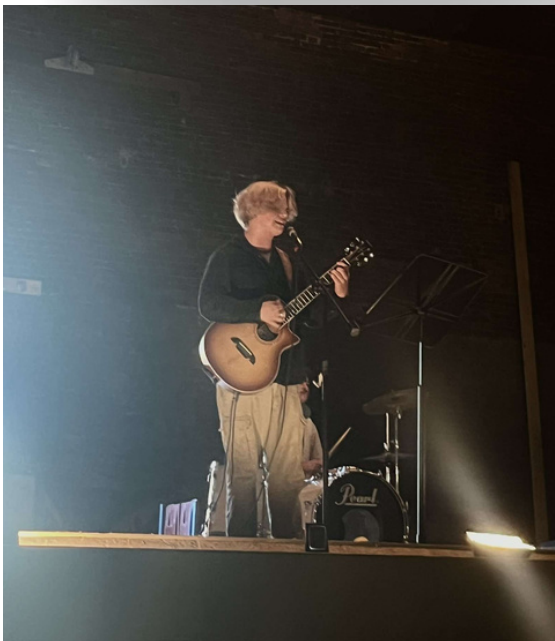
REMINDERS

- 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

Julian Forney

Plillie and Sara Forney are the parents of Julian Forney. Julian is a senior at Columbus East H.S. and is a part of the band for Center Stage and Serenade. He will be graduating in 2024. Julian plans to work and save money for music recording and equipment. One of Julian's favorite parts about being a part of the band for both show choirs is the music and the environment. A few of his favorite musicians are Greatful Dead, The Beatles, Radiohead, and Jeff Buckley. Julian is involved in show band and jazz band. In Julian's free time he enjoys writing music, playing shows, skateboarding and collet vinyl. We hope Julian has an awesome senior year! We appreciate you and your time. We will miss you next year.





Ms. Cooper is looking for a pianist to join our show choir band. If you are interested in joining next years season please reach out to Ms. Cooper at cooperk@bcsc.k12.in.us

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

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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.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cooper

Columbus East High School Choral Director

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