

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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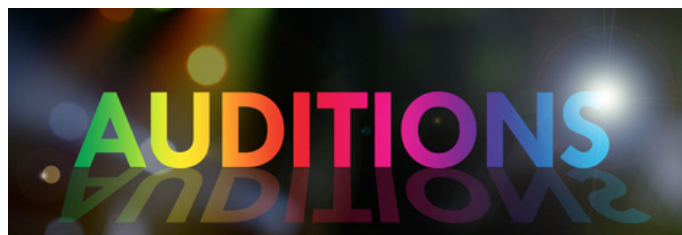
WELCOME TO COLUMBUS EAST CHOIRS

The kids did great at Ben Davis. This coming Saturday is our LAST competition of the season. We want to wish our students luck when they travel to Franklin Central H.S. on Saturday.

- Franklin Central H.S. is our next competition on February 24th. Call time is 5:30 a.m. and the bus departs East 6:00 a.m. Cash or credit with the service fee. **Students are to wear jeans and their show shirts. Serenade girls must have their hair and base make-up done prior to arriving to East. There is a chance of making finals. If we don't advance then we will come home. Kids can use their cell phones to keep parents/guardians informed on when they will need to be picked up.**
- 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.

EVENTS

- Feb. 24th - Competition at Franklin Central H.S.
- Feb. 29th - NYC Spring Break Trip Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- March 5th - Spring Concert - Serenade and Center Stage only
- March 11th - Spring break - NY Trip
- March 18th - Laundry Detergent/Trash bag fundraiser
- March 19th & 21st - 2024-25 show choir auditions
- Date changed - April 20th** - Rummage Sale
- April 30th @ 6:30 - Parent meeting 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.

FRANKLIN CENTRAL H.S.

Address: 6215 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, IN 46259

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fcchoirs.org/hsc.html There is a \$1.00 service fee added to all online payments

\$15.00 Saturday daytime ONLY adult and students

\$15.00 Saturday finals ONLY adult and students

\$20.00 Saturday all day adults and students

children 5 and under are \$5.00 cheaper for all tickets types

Saturday, February 24, 2024

<i>Large Unvoiced Division</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
Columbus East <i>Serenade</i>	8:25	8:30	8:55	9:00	9:25
Westfield <i>Illumination</i>	8:50	8:55	9:20	9:25	9:50
Northrop <i>Allure</i>	9:15	9:20	9:45	9:50	10:15
Brownsburg <i>Starlight Voices</i>	9:40	9:45	10:10	10:15	10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:50				
Fishers <i>Sound</i>	10:15	10:20	10:45	10:50	11:15
Carmel <i>Accents</i>	10:40	10:45	11:10	11:15	11:40
Center Grove <i>The Debtone</i> s	11:05	11:10	11:35	11:40	12:05

<i>Exhibition & Awards</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
Franklin Central <i>High Voltage</i>	11:30	11:35	12:00	12:05	N/A
Preliminary Large Unvoiced Awards	12:25 - 12:35				

<i>Festival Division</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
Fishers <i>Cantus</i>	12:40	12:45	1:10	1:15	1:40
Brownsburg <i>Bella Voce</i>	1:05	1:10	1:35	1:40	2:05
Carmel <i>New Edition</i>	1:30	1:35	2:00	2:05	2:30
Fishers <i>Cantabile</i>	1:55	2:00	2:25	2:30	2:55

<i>Large Mixed Division</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
Columbus East <i>Center Stage</i>	2:20	2:25	2:50	2:55	3:20
Northrop <i>Charisma</i>	2:45	2:50	3:15	3:20	3:45
Break	3:45 - 4:00				
Brownsburg <i>Spotlight Singers & Co.</i>	3:25	3:30	3:55	4:00	4:25
Fishers <i>Electrum</i>	3:50	3:55	4:20	4:25	4:50
Carmel <i>Ambassadors</i>	4:15	4:20	4:45	4:50	5:15
Center Grove <i>Sound System</i>	4:40	4:45	5:10	5:15	5:40

<i>Exhibitions & Awards</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
Franklin Central <i>Chamber Choir (Gym)</i>	5:10	5:15	5:40	5:45	N/A
Fest., Con., Solo & LM Awards (Gym)	6:00 - 6:30				
Franklin Central <i>Encores (Auditorium)</i>	6:10	6:15	6:40	6:45	N/A

<i>Large Unvoiced Finals</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
<i>Unvoiced Finalist # 1</i>	6:25	6:30	6:55	7:00	N/A
<i>Unvoiced Finalist # 2</i>	6:50	6:55	7:20	7:25	
<i>Unvoiced Finalist # 3</i>	7:15	7:20	7:45	7:50	
<i>Unvoiced Finalist # 4</i>	7:40	7:45	8:10	8:15	
<i>Large Mixed Finals</i>					
<i>Large Mixed Finalist # 1</i>	8:15	8:20	8:45	8:50	N/A
<i>Large Mixed Finalist # 2</i>	8:40	8:45	9:10	9:15	
<i>Large Mixed Finalist # 3</i>	9:05	9:10	9:35	9:40	
<i>Large Mixed Finalist # 4</i>	9:30	9:35	10:00	10:05	
<i>Large Mixed Finalist # 5</i>	9:55	10:00	10:25	10:30	

<i>Exhibition & Awards</i>	Transit	Warm-up	Transit	Perform	Clinic
Franklin Central <i>FC Singers</i>	10:20	10:25	10:50	10:55	N/A
Final Awards	11:15				

Congratulations

Gavin Foley received the Best Soloist in the small mixed division at Ben Davis High School Giant Spectacular.

This week Gavin also auditioned at Central Michigan University and was accepted in the school of Music. We are beyond proud of him.



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 - March. 25 -
- 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

Makayla Jeffares

Jennifer Davis is the parent of Makayla Jeffares. Makayla is a senior at Columbus East H.S. Makayla is in Center Stage and Serenade. She will be graduating in 2024. Makayla plans to attend college and work as a social worker or with kids on the spectrum. One of Makayla's favorite parts about being a part of show choir is the environment and people. A few of her favorite musicians are Olivia Rodrigo, Megan Moroney, and Tate McRea. In Makayla's free time she enjoy dancing, hanging out with friends and watch movies. We hope Makayla 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

Thank you to our sponsors





COLUMBUS EAST CHOIR SPONSORSHIP



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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