



Hello Choir Community!

This year has just flown by!
However, there are so many great events coming up. Please take some time and read through this newsletter and mark your family calendars accordingly!

Parents- thank you for sharing your amazing children with the NW Choir. The students are the very best thing about teaching Music!

'Skies Up! Sing Together!

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HIGHLIGHTS & TO DO

- ✔ If you have not made your yearly choir fee payment, please do so ASAP or communicate with Mrs. Richey so we can update the budget as needed. We are currently \$2K behind in our budgeted fees. Thanks for your attention to this!
- ✔ Sign up for VocalCHORDinators!
(Music parents group)
- ✔ Set a reminder on your phone to buy tickets to the Husky Showcase.
Tickets Go on Sale April 22nd@8am
- ✔ Austria Travelers - See travel page for VERY important updates and insurance information!
- ✔ Order your Birthday telegrams!
(sent August-May)
- ✔ Senior Parents - Make sure you've filled out ALL of the end of the year information!
- ✔ Sign up to help through the SignUp Genius!
- ✔ Put a business/personal shout out ad in the Showcase Program!
- ✔ Follow the Choir on Social Media!
- ✔ Put Next Year's Choir Dates in your calendar!



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SOCIALS



Celebrations from 3rd quarter



SINGING VALENTINES



Upcoming Events!

Spring Choir Concert, April 4th

Who: All Choirs
Attire: Formal Dress/Tux
Location: BVNW Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Free and Open to the public!
Call Time: 6:20pm
Concert begins: 7pm, approx 1 hour

KSHSAA Regional Solo/Ensemble Festival, April 13th

Who: Any singer who signed up, +Chamber & VOX
Attire: BVNW Formal for Ensembles/Nice Clothes (think wedding) for Soloists
Location: Olathe South High School
Time: Schedule TBD by KSHSAA (all day)

KSHSAA Large Group, April 17th

Who: Concert Choir & Chorale
Attire: Concert Black/Robes
Time: TBA by KSHSAA
Location: Blue Valley North High School

KSHSAA State Solo/Ensemble Festival, April 27th

Who: Soloists and Ensembles who receive a 1 rating at regionals
Attire: same as regionals
Location: Washburn Rural HS, Topeka, KS
Tickets: Free and Open to the public!
Time: TBA by KSHSAA

Graduation *National Anthem*, May 18th

Who: Junior Choir Members
Attire: Formal w/Robes
Location: BVNW DAC
Tickets: Free and Open to the public!
Time: 10am

Husky Showcase

May 9th & 10th

Seating Begins at 6:30pm

Show at 7:00pm



Choirs are the same both nights however all soloists are different each night! Come to both!

On Friday, we honor the Seniors!

Tickets:

Adults \$10

BV Students \$5

Children Under 5 - Free

SEATING SELLS QUICKLY

Tickets go on sale

April 22nd at 8am





SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of music camps that NW students have attended and loved. These are not vetted by BVUSD.



K-State Summer Choral Institute
July 15th-20th, FREE (Audition Required)
Auditions Due by April 5th

<-- Click image for more details

A nationally renowned leadership and choral music training program. 50 high school freshmen-juniors from across the nation will receive a full scholarship to attend and a \$1,000 college scholarship to Kansas State University.



Konza Music Academy, K-State
July 21-24, 2024
All-Inclusive Fee \$389

<-- Click image for more details

The Academy was created in 2021 by the Master Teacher Institute for the Arts to provide an affordable world-class summer music program for high school singers. Current 8th graders through high school seniors are eligible to enroll. All participants will live on the campus of Kansas State University for the duration of the Academy, study with university faculty, and participate in other activities culminating with a choir concert performance on the final day.



Stageworkx, Overland Park, June 3rd-22nd, 2024

<-- Click image for more details

Stageworkx is a local theatre company that has summer opportunities for preschool- 12th grade.



Kantorei Summer Choral Institute, Kansas City
June 24th-June 30th

<-- Click image for more details

Kantorei is bringing in some excellent conductors that focus on the classical vocal art! This is a great local choice if you do not want to travel or do an overnight camp.

This list is not comprehensive. If you have attended other music camps that you have enjoyed, please let Mrs. Richey know so they can be advertised.



VocalCHORDinators CHOIR PARENTS PAGE

Volunteers
needed

CLICK IMAGE ABOVE TO HELP!

HUSKY SHOWCASE ADS

(Business or Personal Shout Outs)

If you'd like to place a Business Advertisement or a Personal Shout-Out Ad in the Husky Showcase program, please fill out this form by Monday, April 1st. Showcase programs are seen by 1600 people over two nights. This is a great way to build name recognition in our community.

Please note that this is different from the Senior Highlights.

All of the details are in the link above which includes a link to see last year's program for ideas.



Join our Choir Parent Booster organization and support our singers!

Join the BVNW VocalCHORDinators today!

Follow us on Instagram @BVNW_VocalCHORDinators

SENIOR SHOWCASE INFORMATION



Every senior will be recognized during the Friday Night Husky Showcase, May 10th.
Senior Parents - here is where I need your help!

Please fill out this form and upload all pictures by Monday, April 1st. The details are in the form.
Thank you for your prompt attention to help make every choir senior feel like a million bucks on
their final Showcase!

CHOIR CALENDAR & COMMUNICATION

The dates for 2024-2025 Choral Music are
published on the digital calendar
& here at this link!

Visit & bookmark the Choir website at www.bvnwchoir.com

Please **SUBSCRIBE** to the Choir Calendar through these links to keep the current
calendar on your phone!:

[Google Format](#) [Apple Format](#)

Sign up for Group Texts through Remind.

Text your class code to the phone number 81010.

Ensemble Class Codes:

Concert Choir Tenors/Basses - @k23hbe

Concert Choir Sopranos/Altos - @bassc

Choraliers - @b74fae

Chorale - @33gca

Chamber - @736ca2d

All BVNW Choir Parents: @bvnwcho

Email is always the best way to reach Mrs. Richey:

ericheysullivan@bluevalleyk12.org

However, if there is an emergency,
please text at 818-275-1459



VocalCHORDinators AUSTRIA TRAVEL UPDATE

Austria Date Change: March 9th-17th

We bumped Austria up 4 days to accommodate the ACDA National Music convention in Dallas, TX where many of our students could be singing after auditions.

Thank you for your flexibility!

Scholarships

If you're interested in a \$1K or \$2K scholarship, please complete this [Scholarship Application](#) by May 1st! Decisions for scholarships will be announced by mid-May.

Cancel for Any-Reason Insurance

If you'd like to purchase the Cancel for Any Reason Insurance through the travel company, you must do so by April 17th! [Here is the payment schedule with insurance information](#), based upon the current number of travelers. You are, of course, welcome to purchase your own travel insurance through whatever company you'd like.

Can I still pay/join?

Yes! If you haven't sent in your payments, it is not too late. However, as soon as the flights are booked, you will have to pay additional costs in the flights beyond our group rate! Send in the \$200 deposit ASAP! If you have not submitted payment, you are not on the roster to attend. Check your email for your updated balance.

We currently have 59 students, 28 adults, and 2 directors traveling to Austria!

Checks made to:

BVNW VocalCHORDinators

Give the checks to your student's choir director





MEET MRS. RICHEY-SULLIVAN

Mrs. Richey is the choral conductor at BVNW. She is in her 19th year teaching and her eighth year at BVNW. She absolutely loves singing with students each day. You can read more about Mrs. Richey at www.bethrichey.com.



WELCOME MR. MEYER

We are excited to welcome Mr. Jason Meyer from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Conservatory of Music. He is student teaching with us this year. In addition to Music, he loves Pokemon, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Broadway, Camping, Working Out, Performing, Djing, & YCKC He is an Eagle Scout and organizes his closet based upon activity. :)

MUSIC EDUCATORS



MEET DR. KNECHT



Dr. Kurt Knecht is the collaborative pianist here at BVNW. He is a composer, conductor, organist, and master teacher. You can read more about Dr. Knecht at www.kurtknecht.com.



Choral Handbook



VOICE LESSONS

There is a list of voice teachers at www.bvnwchoir.com that have proven success in the BVNW Choral Department. If singing is your child's passion, private voice lessons will help them grow more quickly to their full potential. If you'd like a specific recommendation for your singer, please reach out to Mrs. Richey.

****These teachers are NOT screened by the Blue Valley School District.*