



Hello Choir Community!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer break!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! This welcome newsletter is full of all the back to school information that you will need for the Choir Community.

All of the choirs discussed the quote from Brene Brown, "Fitting in is the opposite of belonging." No singer needs to change who they are to belong in the BVNW Choir Community. All I ask is that the singers bring their very best selves to rehearsal each day. Everyone belongs just by being who they are.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. The best way to contact me is via email. If the question is urgent, feel free to text.

Let's have an incredible year!

Skies Up! Sing Together!

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## HIGHLIGHTS & TO DO'S

**-Please read the Choral Handbook!**

**-Sign and Return the last page!  
(hard copies given in class today)**

**-Sign up for VocalCHORDinators!  
(Music parents group)**

**-Add Choir Dates to your family calendars!**

**-Order your Birthday telegrams!  
(sent August-May)**

**-Follow the Choir on Social Media!**



## Choral Handbook

## SOCIALS



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# VocalCHORDinators CHOIR PARENTS PAGE

Our new Choir Parent Booster organization has been officially formed and 2022-2023 was a HUGE success!

**Join the BVNW VocalCHORDinators today!**

Follow us on Instagram @BVNW\_VocalCHORDinators

Upcoming dates (more info to be sent later and on Insta):

A vibrant blue advertisement for a "Happy Birthday Singing Telegram". The background is a bright blue with a subtle grid pattern and scattered confetti. On the left, three balloons (pink, yellow, and light blue) are tied together. In the center, the text "Happy Birthday Singing Telegram" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the price "\$10" is prominently displayed in a large, white, bold font, followed by "SUNG BY THE BVNW CHOIRS" in a smaller, white, bold font. Underneath, it says "ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR BVNW CHOIR ACTIVITIES" and "VENMO ACCEPTED" in a smaller, white, bold font. To the right of the text is a QR code. Below the QR code, the text "We will call friends & family nationwide" is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the website "www.bvnwchoir.com" in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, five cupcakes with different colored frosting (purple, pink, yellow, green, and blue) are displayed. The text "Click HERE to order" is written in a white, sans-serif font to the right of the cupcakes.

**Happy Birthday Singing Telegram**

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## MEET MRS. RICHEY- SULLIVAN

Mrs. Richey is the choral conductor at BVNW. She is in her 18th 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](http://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. He will be doing observation hours 1st semester and teaching 2nd semester. 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. :)



## 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](http://www.kurtknecht.com).



## VOICE LESSONS

There is a list of voice teachers at [www.bvnwchoir.com](http://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.*

