



Choir Families-

I hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing spring break! Time sure is flying by!

We have a jam packed end of the year including the ever-favorite Husky Showcase! Please read the newsletter to stay informed!

As report cards come out, this is a friendly reminder that your singer's grade in choir is 60% Musicianship in Rehearsal, 30% Performance, and 10% Music Literacy. There are weekly, short Sight Reading Factory assignments that are due every Friday at 11:59pm.

Please help your singer to stay on top of their music learning and make sure they are attending all concerts!

This year has been one for the books!! Conducting the BVNW Choirs is such a joy each and every day!

'Skies Up! Sing Together!
Beth Richey-Sullivan

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

March 22nd-24th, 3:00pm-6:00pm

Choir Auditions for 2023-2024

All audition information can be found at www.bvnwchoir.com. You sign up for a short audition on 1 of these days.

April 15th –Regional Solo & Small Ensemble

This is a required event for Chamber & Choraliers, and an optional event for all other singers. Olathe South HS.

April 19th – KSHSAA State Large Group

Concert Choir & Chorale will compete at this competition. Blue Valley North HS. Time TBA

April 29th – State Solo & Small Ensemble

All Regional events that receive a 1 rating are invited to compete at State. Washburn Rural HS in Topeka. Times TBA.

May 17th, 2022 Husky Showcase Day Show for OMS & HMS

We will have an abbreviated day show for our middle and elementary feeder schools

May 17th – Husky Showcase Dress Rehearsal 3-9pm

All students are required to attend this dress rehearsal. We will run Thursday night's show, have a dinner break, and then Friday night's show!

May 18th & 19th – Husky Showcase!! 7pm

Tickets for this awesome pop-music concert will go on sale April 17th. The shows have different solos each night, so we encourage you to come to both performances!

HUSKY SHOWCASE

Husky Showcase is the largest fundraiser/event of the year for the BVNW Choral department. It is a two night concert, with different soloists each nights, however the choirs perform both evenings. We encourage you to get tickets for both nights! Friday night of Husky Showcase is also our **SENIOR NIGHT!** After the concert, we will honor the seniors with banners outside the PAC, a baby-pic slideshow, year long recap video, and our vocalist of the year award presentation.

Please see the details below for all the ways that YOU can help make Husky Showcase a success!

[Here is a link to a previous program if you'd like advertisement ideas, etc.](#)

ALL SENIOR PARENTS - Please fill out this form to upload pictures

[Businesses and personal shout-outs - Please fill out this form to order your ad!](#)

TICKETS will go on sale Monday, April 17th at 8am!

Please set an alarm! Front row tickets sell out FAST!

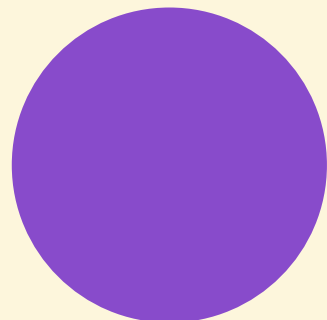
If each family sells 12 total tickets to Husky Showcase, we will sell out both nights! Let's pack the house for these students!



MUSICIAN SHOUT OUTS!

- Congrats to the many BVNW Singers who performed *Into the Woods* with FirstActKC at Union Station!
- KCACapella placed 4th at the regional competition! Congrats to the BVNW Singers involved!
- You saw some BVNW Choir students singing at the Chief's Halftime Show on Christmas Eve with YCKC!
- Grace Croutch placed 2nd in her voice competition at NATS!
- Our Orchestra students performed in Italy over Spring Break!
- Alumnus Elizabeth Cross is performing with the Texas A&M Women's Choir & her church Choir in Olathe

Is your name missing? E-mail Mrs. Richey to be in the Shout Outs!





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 17-22nd, FREE (Audition Required)
<-- 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 23rd-26th,
All-Inclusive Fee \$339
<-- 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 2023
<-- 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 19th- 25th
<-- 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.

3RD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

ALL-STATE CHOIR

Congrats to the 17 choral musicians that were selected to the Kansas Music Educator's Association (KMEA) All-State Choir! This is a school record for BVNW! Blue Valley Northwest had more choral musicians selected than any other school in the district, which includes Johnson, Miami and Osage counties. The hard work and dedication shown by these musicians has truly paid off. Choir members auditioned with precision, passion & commitment to excellence.

These singers traveled to Wichita, KS February 23rd-25th to rehearse with world-class conductors. They performed in concert with the best singers from the state on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 11am at the Century Convention Center. Bravo to All!



BVNW Congrats 2023
All-State Choral Musicians
Most Members in BVNW School History

- Savannah Beaman- Soprano 1
- Windsor Chapin - Alto 2
- Ziv Cohen - Bass 1 Alternate
- Benjamin Deardorff -Tenor 1 Alternate
- Claire Doherty -Soprano 2
- Hannah Hatton- Alto 2
- Kate Kirby- Alto 1
- Adam Koehler- Bass 1
- Mairt Nagar- Bass 1
- Brett Oplotnik- Tenor 2
- Caden Quinn- Bass 2
- Addison Reeves - Soprano 2
- Ruby Ricker - Alto 2
- Lauren Robinson- Soprano 2
- Grace Schlueter- Alto 1
- Charlie Vincent- Tenor 2
- Stella Woodall -Soprano 2

BVNW CHORAL MUSIC

CHAMBER AT KU & KMEA

The BVNW Chamber Singers were a featured performance at the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) Convention. They received a standing ovation after their powerful performance. They performed a preview concert with the KU Treble Choir the Tuesday before.. BVNW continues to hold one of the highest standards of excellence in HS Choral Music in the state of KS. Bravo Chamber Singers!

BVNW SPRING CONCERT

Congrats to all on a successful Spring Concert at BVNW. A huge shoutout to Ms. Giuliani for her wonderful conducting and teaching of the Concert Choir & Choraliers. We are so grateful for her leadership.

CHOIR AT CARNEGIE HALL

69 singers from BVNW graced the stage of Carnegie Hall on Monday, March 6th at 8pm. Their singing was met with an immediate standing ovation. It was a concert of a lifetime. The trip was wildly successful both on and off the stage. I encourage you to watch this recap video which includes performance clips and amazing pictures from the city. Thank you to all families who made this opportunity possible for your singer.

NYC Video & Pics





VocalCHORDinators CHOIR PARENTS PAGE

Our new Choir Parent Booster organization has been officially formed!

Join the BVNW VocalCHORDinators today!

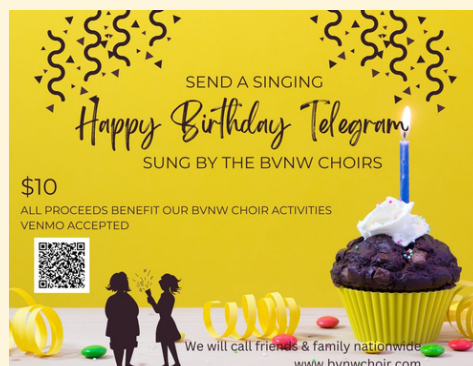
Follow us on Instagram @BVNW_VocalCHORDinators

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

- **Wed, April 5th at 5pm at Coach's at 135th Street** - Come and join us for an informational meeting and to elect board members as we form a non-profit group for fundraising! Please RSVP to our email by Mon, March 27th at BVNWVocalCHORDinators@gmail.com.
- **Sat, April 22, 10AM-noon at Chicken N' Pickle** - join us for Bingo! Our own choir members will be calling numbers and leading fun games.
- **Husky Showcase in May** - we'll be selling concessions, flowers, etc. and doing a 50-50 raffle at each show - let us know if you'd like to help!
- Lots more planned already for next year - please get involved!

~~THANK YOU~~

- Thank you to all of the incredible chaperones on the NYC trip! Jeff & Cyndi Bersuch, Claire Crutch, Hat Moorman, Svetlana Braverman, Valerie Deardorff, Sharon Dickerson, Kim Holland, Kristin Veisides, Janie Logan Snider, Chrissy Hogan, & Linda Riddle! This trip was smooth and successful in large part to your amazing help! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
- Thank you to Julie Moylan for helping with trip finances along the way
- Thank you to Janie Logan Snider for dealing with the flight reservations and check in!
- Thank you to Claire Crutch & Chrissy Hogan for printing the badges & chaperone packets



**We will continue delivering
Birthday telegrams to fundraise for
our 2025 international travel!**

[Click HERE to order](#)

Choir Dates - 4th Quarter

Event	Concert Choir	Choraliers	Chorale	Chamber
March 22nd-24th 2023-2024 Choir Auditions 3-6:00pm	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged
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2023-2024

**Dates are now on the BVNW
Choir Calendar!**

See next page to Subscribe

CHOIR CALENDAR & COMMUNICATION



- 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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

 YOUTH CHORUS
OF KANSAS CITY

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Blue Valley Northwest Choral Music



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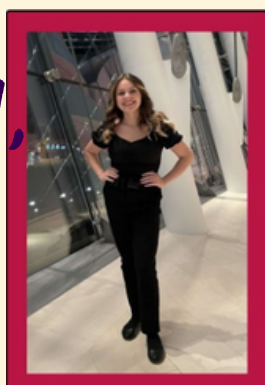
Sport your BVNW Choir gear!

A NEW ORDER WILL BE PLACED
THIS SUMMER WITH SOME
UPDATED DESIGNS

ORDER MERCH



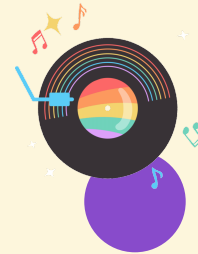
THANK YOU,
MS.
GIULIANI



Ms. Ella Guliani recently completed her student teaching with us. She is just about to finish her degree in Music Education from UMKC. We loved the time she spent with BVNW and look forward to watching her thrive at Heartland Elementary for the last 8 weeks of school. She already has job offers pouring in! We're so proud of her!



MEET MRS.
RICHEY-
SULLIVAN



Mrs. Richey is the choral conductor at BVNW. She is in her 17th year teaching and her seventh year at BVNW. She absolutely loves singing with students each day.

You can read more about Mrs. Richey at www.bethrichey.com.



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.



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.*