



weekly update from the Westwood Choir directors

Greetings, parents and students!

We are already four full weeks into the school year! Beautiful music is being made, friendships are blossoming, and we are in full Fall Concert mode. There are a lot of events coming up for both parents and students to participate in - we hope that you will get involved and see just how special this program can be!

Mr. Clark & Mrs. King

Upcoming Events

9/12: <u>Booster Club</u> Meeting 9/17: <u>TMEA District Auditions</u> 9/27: <u>Fall Concert</u> **10/20:** <u>Homecoming Parade</u> **10/21:** <u>Homecoming Tailgate/Game</u>

Choir Booster Club

Next meeting: Monday, September 12th @ 6:30pm

- Upcoming Parent Volunteer Opportunities:
 - TMEA District Audition Chaperones
 - Fall Concert Prep
- Executive Positions Still Needed:
 - Vice President
- Support the Booster Club!
 - Whole, Half, Quarter Note Memberships great for families with preferential seating at concerts. More info coming soon!!!

[REQUIRED] Choir Dues

Students in all choirs pay an activity fee to support the items needed throughout the year. This year, the choir fee remains at \$50 per student, and is due no later than **September 15th**. See <u>https://westwoodchoirs.com/fees</u> for more information, and for the link to the RRISD eStore.

[URGENT] TMEA District Audition

Students that have opted to participate in the TMEA Audition process have their first audition on Saturday, September 17th.

- **[UPDATE]** Students who are auditioning as a Tenor 1, Tenor 2, and Bass 2 will **NOT** have to attend the district audition for 2022-2023!
- Check the website link above for the updated itinerary!
- Parent chaperones NEEDED! [Sign-Up here!]
 - AM Shift 9:00am-12:00pm
 - PM Shift 11:30am-2:00pm
 - Email directors if you can chaperone. We must have 1 adult sitting with our students and it can't be the directors!

[UPDATE] Voice Lessons, Lesson Scholarships

During the August 30th meeting of the WHS Booster Club, a group was organized to fully vet the 22/23 Voice Lesson Scholarship criteria. In prior years, we have offered 2 types of scholarships for lessons: NEED BASED, and MERIT based. This group is working to develop a solution which will be voted on at the September 12th meeting.

Didn't sign up? All of the information regarding lessons is here: <u>https://westwoodchoirs.com/voice-lessons/</u> (note that the scholarship information has not been updated to the new, reviewed standard)

In the meantime - there are still spots available for private lessons available. In the instance of need based scholarships, please contact Mr. Clark or Mrs. King so that we can work together on a short term solution with the voice faculty. Thanks!!!

[INFO] Calendar at a Glance

Want a single page calendar of all choir events for the year? [this is what you seek]

[OPTIONAL] Music Mondays

Students are encouraged to join us for Music Mondays, from 4:30 until 5:30 each week. During the first few weeks of school, we are focusing on the TMEA All-District music. Students who are new to the program should take advantage of the opportunity to work with veteran students as they learn the required pieces for this event.