



CHOIR WIRE 1.1
August 14, 2026

Klein Oak Choir:

RETRO MUSIC FROM THE 60'S-90'S

Director's Notes:

Hello KO Choir Family & WELCOME to the 2026-2027 School Year!!! We made it through the first three days and they were really great! We want to welcome back our returning families, we are so excited for another year filled with music and cherished memories! And also, welcome to the KO Choir Family new folks, we are so happy you are here! The first edition is always a long one, please iron out some time this weekend to unpack and digest all the information, I promise you it is ALL important! Wishing you a weekend filled with rest and relaxation, see you Monday KO Choir! NOTE: If you have questions about anything you read please feel free to reach out to one of the directors via email Daryle Freeman - dfreeman1@kleinisd.net Melissa Dightman - mdightman1@kleinisd.net

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Welcome Back Messages

Hello KO Choir Family!!!

I am very excited about the 2026-2027 school year. The kids are already hitting the ground running and excited to be back. Please make sure you come to all things choir this year and support your kiddos and this awesome choir program. This is going to be a wonderful year and I'm super excited. We have such an awesome busy year so please make sure to check out the calendar online so you are in the know!!!!!!Welcome Back!!!!!!

Musically Yours,

Mr. Freeman

Welcome back, scholars and parents!

Greeting my KO choir family! I am excited for this school year! We have a phenomenal group of students we get to work with this year. Our ambassadors kicked off the year by decorating our classroom so lovely with our Retro theme and leadership camp. We want each of you to join in and be a part of this wonderful experience this year. Make sure that you check out our calendar and our weekly Choir wire that will be sent out for upcoming events. Parents/guardians, if you haven't joined our wonderful booster club, please don't miss out on that opportunity. Our boosters are wonderful people that support our students and the directors. Again, welcome and looking forward to a terrific school year!

One voice, one sound,

Ms. Dightman



Booster Club Update



Do your normal grocery shopping...KO Choir gets rewards!!!

Kroger generously donates money to non-profit organizations each year. The size of the donation is based on how many Kroger Plus Card users an organization has linked to it.

Kroger requires users to Re-Enroll in their Community Rewards Program each year. Please follow the steps below to link your Kroger Plus Card to the Klein Oak Choir Booster Club.

It's FREE!

Log onto the Kroger Community Rewards Site at:

<http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>

- Sign into your Kroger account, or Create an account.
- Select "Enroll Now" or Re-Enroll Now."
- Under "Find Your Organization "
- Select "Klein Oak Choir Booster Club
- Click "Enroll."

Hello KO Choir, we are excited for the start of this school year and for everything we have planned to help support our directors and students. **Our first meeting of the school year is Tuesday, September 15th from 6-8 pm, all meetings throughout the school year are open to any who wish to attend, the more the merrier!** We do encourage you to come out to the choir registration night on Tuesday, 8/25/26, from 6:00-8:15pm. If you are interested in becoming a member please attend any meeting to sign up.

We already have a passive fundraising opportunity in place that costs you nothing...technically! We are a part of the Kroger Community rewards and if you shop at Kroger and have our organization added to your Kroger Points account we receive a percentage

of your purchase as a donation from Kroger! Please see the image to the left for more details 😊

Wishing each of you and your KO Choir member(s) a wonderful '26-'27 School Year!

KO Choir Booster Board

CHOIR SENIOR SUNRISE % 2027



Back to School Social



Every year we have a social event to kick off the school year and this year is no exception! There will be games, grilled foods, and lots of fun! This first social event is happening on Saturday, August 29th from 10:00am-3:00pm. Students will be served hamburgers and hotdogs with various sides!!! More information on this event will be in next week's choir wire. We look forward to making memories with you all!!!

Location: Burroughs Park - 9738 Hufsmith Rd, Tomball, TX 77375

KO Choir Ambassador Social Committee

Registration Night

On Tuesday, August 26th, we will be holding our KO Choir Registration Night. It will last from 6:00-8:30 pm in the KO Commons, KO Choir Room, and Auditorium. This is a MANDATORY event that all students AND parents need to attend. We will be taking care of all housekeeping items; introducing our booster club board and aiding with membership questions, having flag sign-ups ready, and we will be holding our Spring Trip Meeting as well. The setup of this event will look just like last year's schedule; we will send this detailed information via email next week. **A couple of quick notes:** 1. ALL students will need to bring their KISD-assigned tablet to this event 2. We will have our KO Choir Kiddy Korner set up for any younger siblings that may need a place to hang out for the evening 😊 We are looking forward to meeting and seeing you all there.

KLEIN OAK HIGH SCHOOL'S
2026-2027

CHOIR REGISTRATION NIGHT

A REQUIRED EVENT FOR ALL 2026-2027
CHOIR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

25TH AUG
2026
6-8:30 PM

CHILD CARE
PROVIDED BY OAK OFFICERS

DOOR PRIZES

VENUE
KLEIN OAK HS CHOIR ROOMS

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Flags Across Klein

For a little under two decades, KO Choir has been placing American flags in the front yards of homes in specific neighborhoods on 6 national holidays (*Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day/Patriot Day, Veteran's Day, and President's Day*).

This is a community service project as well as a fundraiser for the KO Choir Program. Customers pay a subscription fee for this service through the iwantaflag.com company, and the choir is given route sheets to deliver the flags to the subscribers before each holiday.

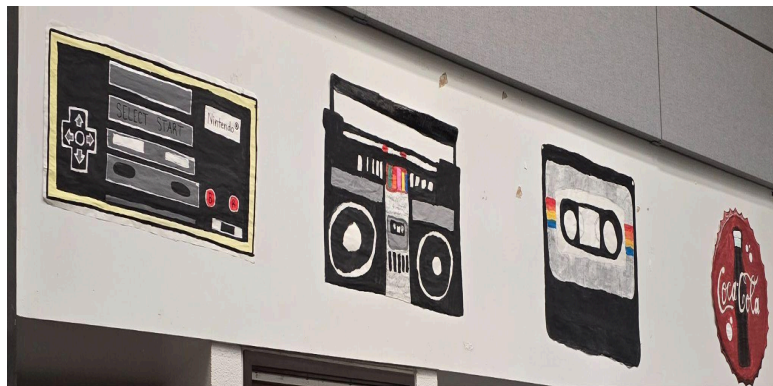
When a customer subscribes, the KO Choir delivers flags to the community and then returns the flags to the school after the holiday. (*Out of concern for the safety of our students, we make exceptions/adjust plans during inclement weather*).

We have our first flag delivery of the school year on Saturday, September 5th. To sign up for the Labor Day Flag distribution simply [CLICK HERE](#) . The remainder of the flag sign-ups are already on our website so feel free to sign up at any time.

KO Choir Flags is a HUGE undertaking that requires all of us to play a small part. We require every member of the choir program to deliver at least TWO ROUTES throughout the school year.

All-State Contest

Every year, approximately 16,000 singers from across the state audition for a coveted spot in the Texas All-State Choirs. This event is an opportunity for the individual singer to compete against singers from across the state. **WE CAN NOT RECOMMEND THIS AUDITION PROCESS ENOUGH.** Music packets are \$28.00 and are available for purchase in the choir room. Learning tracks for the music can be found on schoology.



There is a \$15.00 entry fee for students wishing to compete in the All-State competition, and there are after-school rehearsals available Monday-Thursday from 2:45 pm-4 pm. We highly recommend students attend the rehearsals if they are wanting to progress through the auditions. For more information, please contact one of the directors via email. The deadline to sign up is coming up FAST... we will be sharing the Audition Contract and fee information next week and need them returned & paid by the end of the school day on Thursday, September 3rd (**HARD DEADLINE**) All forms will be made available in the All-State Folder on Schoology. The first round of auditions, District, is on Saturday, September 20th at Conroe HS 3200 W. Davis Street Conroe TX 77304. Transportation will be provided.

The Choirs at Klein Oak

Here's more information about the choir classes offered here at Klein Oak.

Cantus – 1st period

- Tenor-Bass class for Freshmen-Senior
- Select members will join Chorale Men for the KISD Men's Concert
- No audition required

Bel Canto – 6th period

- Treble class for Freshman-Senior
- Members will be allowed to audition for the KO Choir Treble Chamber Ensemble
- No audition required

Amabile – 4th period

- Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Treble Voices
- Advanced Women's class
- Members will be allowed to audition for the KO Choir Treble Chamber Ensemble
- Audition required

Chorale – 3rd (Men) & 4th (Women) Periods

- Varsity Mixed Choirs of Sophomore-Senior (Tenor-Bass & Treble Voices)
- Most Advanced Choir
- Ensemble separates into Treble & Tenor-Bass ensembles
- Treble Voices will be allowed to audition for the KO Choir Treble Chamber Ensemble
- Audition Required

Chamber Choir – 7th Period

- A dynamic group that sings a wide variety of music, from Madrigals to Vocal Jazz
- Members must be enrolled in either Chorale or Amabile
- Students will compete in the Texas Chamber Festival
- Audition Required



KO Choir Calendar at a Glance

The Klein Oak Choir is a busy choir! Especially for new parents, it can be overwhelming to know what the concerts are and who they are for. Below is a list of the major events, and to whom they pertain. By no means is this a complete calendar of events! For a complete list of events, check the calendar tab on our website, www.kleinoakchoir.com

Fall Concert – October 8th @ KO Auditorium, TBA – ALL STUDENTS
Required Performance

KISD Men's Concert – November 17th - Chorale Men & Select Cantus Members
All participants will be excused from school for a clinician/workshop

Holiday Concert – December 17th @ KO Auditorium, TBA – ALL STUDENTS
Required Performance

KISD Solo/Ensemble Contest – January 30th @ Klein Collins HS – ALL STUDENTS
Not Required, but encouraged

Pre-UIL Concert – April 1st @ KO Auditorium – ALL STUDENTS
Required Performance

UIL Concert/Sight Reading – April 10th & 11th @ Willis HS – BEL CANTO & CANTUS
All students required to participate

UIL Concert/Sight Reading – April 17th&18th @ Klein Cain HS – CHORALE WOMEN & CHORALE MIXED
All students required to participate

Pop Show – May 11th @ KO Auditorium, TBA – ALL STUDENTS
Themed Concert – Solo or group songs available!
Ticketed Event
Required Performance for all academically eligible students

BOY Forms & Fees

Every year, we require our students and parents to fill out an acknowledgment form for reading our handbook and fill out medical information for our students. All of these things will be shared next week and will serve as the first grades for all choir students for the year! Please take the time and read the choir handbook and fill out the appropriate paperwork by Friday, September 6th.

The choir fee this year is \$60 and will be uploaded to SchoolCashOnline very soon. This fee covers the cost of clinicians, accompanists/musicians, organization apparel, required entry fees, hospitality, office supplies/other equipment, and other extracurricular and consumable expenses. This fee needs to be paid by Monday, September 16th, please email one of the directors if your family has any financial concerns.



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, August 25th	Registration Night - KOHS- 5:45-8:30 pm
Saturday, August 29th	Beginning of Year Social -10:00am-3:00pm <u>(Burroughs Park)</u>
Wednesday, August 31st	KOHS Campus Open House - KOHS - 5:30-7:30
Thursday, September 3rd	All-State Registration & Fees Due @ 3:30
Friday, September 4th	BOY Forms Due
Saturday, September 5th	Labor Day Flag Distribution - KO Athletic Lot - 8:00-10:00 am
Monday, September 7th	NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
Thursday, September 12th	Labor Day Flag Return - By 8 pm
Tuesday, September 15th	Booster Club Meeting - KO Choir Room - 6:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, September 19th	District Auditions (all-state) - Grand Oaks HS
Monday, September 21st	Choir Fees Due - SchoolCashOnline ONLY
Mon.-Fri., September 21st-25th	Homecoming Week!!!
Thursday, September 24th	Homecoming Game Performance - <i>chorale only</i>

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL KO CHOIR CALENDAR](#)