

Klein Oak Choir:

LIGHTS, CAMERA, SING!

Director's Notes:

WOW!!! How is it already MAY! We only have 15 more days of school left, and we honestly cannot believe it! This school year has seemed to go by so fast, and super slow, all at the same time, haha. Each ensemble is in the middle of preparing choreography, and we are all getting our "work-outs" in! We cannot wait to share all of this amazing music and dancing with you all in a short two weeks! Please don't forget to purchase your tickets and to SIGN UP FOR FLAGS...please!

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Ambassador Update

Hey, I'm Yandel Sayed, and I'm your Klein Oak Choir 2025 Student Conductor! I like to do pretty much everything I get my hands on: Musical, National Honor Society, Announcements, Tri-M, Choir, and Encore. Recently, we've been working on our Chamber Show as well as Pop Show concerts. Be sure to check those out! It's been so fun rehearsing our songs and coming up with cool dances. We also just had our Choir Banquet, where I got to host the Superlatives Award Ceremony. That was TONS of fun! Special shout-out to all my friends in choir, and also Ashton Hahl, because he was a cool music nerd.

Fun fact, I'm actually running from Prom King right now, so Seniors, go nominate Yandel Sayed for Prom King and Hope Luu for Prom Queen!



Yandel Sayed

KO Choir Ambassador - Student Conductor



Chamber Show

Our Chamber Show has been postponed until Tuesday, May 13th still at 7:00 pm in the KO Choir Room. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused any families. Just a reminder that Chamber Show is Chamber's Pop Show and it is FREE!! We hope you will join us for a fun trip through the decades via music!

Pop Show - A Night at the Cinema

Our annual KO Choir Pop Show: A Night at the Cinema is on the calendar for Thursday, May 22nd, beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a ticketed event, and the ticket cost is \$10. Just a reminder that all tickets must be purchased BEFORE arriving at the performance and can be purchased by CLICKING HERE. We will not have a "box office" or "will-call" the night of the performance, so please plan accordingly. This event typically sells out



quickly, so we recommend that those with intentions to attend the performance move quickly with purchasing your ticket:)



We will hold a dress rehearsal on Friday, May 16th, for the Pop Show to allow the students to practice with the live band on stage. We have the time blocked off for 3-6, but we will not need everyone for the full duration. Most students will be finished with the rehearsal around 4:00 pm. An informational letter was sent home last Friday during all classes detailing all information for the concert and dress rehearsal, and was posted to all Schoology pages.

Summer Flags

We are TWO WEEKS away from our Memorial Day delivery and still have 36 routes available to pick up...PLEASE help : It is that time of year again when we ask you to sign up for the Summer Flag Deliveries! We have two deliveries that happen over summer break. The first one is for the Memorial Day Holiday, and the second one is for the Fourth of July. These deliveries are always the hardest to get covered!

We are sitting at 78 routes available between the two deliveries for you to sign up for!

ALSO...these two deliveries count for the 2025-2026 School Year...so you can go ahead and get your two routes for the school year covered BEFORE school even starts \bigcirc

Memorial Day - <u>SIGN-UP LINK</u> <u>36 Open Routes</u> Delivery - Saturday, May 24th

Return - Saturday, May 31st

Fourth of July - <u>SIGN-UP LINK</u> <u>42 Open Routes</u> Delivery - Saturday, June 28th Return - Saturday, July 5th

Finals Week

It's hard to believe we are already writing about finals week! Parents and students, please take a look at <u>THIS LINK</u> to see the schedule for Senior and underclassmen finals. The last two weeks of school are incredibly crazy and look different than any other time of the school year, so please take the time to read over the document. Also...keep in mind that we are down to our last 5 weeks of school, so students, make sure you are staying on top of your assignments!!



Upcoming Date

Tuesday, May 13th Friday, May 16th Thursday, May 22nd Saturday, May 24th Monday, May 26th Tue.-Fri., May 27th-30th Friday, May 30th Saturday, May 31st

Chamber Show - $7:00\ pm$ - KO Choir Room

Pop Show Dress Rehearsal - 3-6 - KO Auditorium - mandatory for all choirs

Pop Show - 7:00 pm - KO Auditorium - mandatory for all choirs Memorial Day Flag Delivery - 8-10 am - KO Athletic Parking Lot

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Finals Week!!!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Memorial Day Flag Return - flags & routes returned by 6:00 pm

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL KO CHOIR CALENDAR





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



CELESTE

Hi KO Choir! My name is Celeste Vickery, and outside of KO Choir, I am a member of Jazz Band, Mariachi Band, French Honor Society, French Club, and Tri-M. The thing from my time in high school that I am most proud of is my career as a trumpet musician. After graduation, I plan to attend UH's Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality and Leadership to get a degree in Hospitality. My favorite choir memory was going to see The Drowsy Chaperone with everyone!! The social was so fun, and the musical was literally peak. A fun fact about me is there's a video of me on TikTok playing trumpet for Yandel's grandpa with a few other mariachi members and it currently has 4.2 million views and 1 million likes... super sweet sentiment but kinda embarrassing for me because I forgot to do my hair and makeup that day ambit the people who have inspired me the most are my former band directors. Specifically, Stetson Begin, Cody Brooks, and Kyle Marx. All amazing teachers who pushed me to be the

best version of myself, and I'll always be grateful to each of them for putting so much faith in my skills as a trumpet player, because without them, I wouldn't be where I am today. My advice to the underclassmen is...read a book, please. Learn some vocabulary words so you don't look silly taking that SAT. READ BOOKS!!!!

EMILY

Hello KO Choir! My name is Emily Ketchner, and outside of choir, I am in the Criminal Justice club and many criminal justice classes, including Forensic Psychology. I am also involved in the school's D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) club, where I get to play with all of my friends. The thing I am most proud of in my high school career would have to be trying many different things. I was always worried that High School would be a boring, forgettable part of my life. But I have been able to join so many different classes and clubs that it has become such a fun experience. I have been in Ceramics, Art, Choir, Psychology, Forensics, and many other things that, even if they won't contribute to my everyday life, have shaped me as a person and taught me new things. After graduation, I plan to go to Lone Star College for one year to get all of the basics out of the way, and then transfer over to Sam Houston to finish off my degree. I want to study many types of sciences in college and possibly go into Forensic Chemistry/Science or Paleontology. I also don't want to stay in Texas forever, I want to move either back to Arizona, where I was born, or to somewhere with mountains and snow. My favorite choir memory is when I went to the end-of-year social. That social was



one of the most fun times I have ever had. I got to play stupid/silly games with my friends, and I got to get closer to everyone in choir. Something interesting about me is how many animals my family has owned. Throughout the years, we have had many dogs and cats, but we have also had a lot of really unique animals. We have had a Tarantula, 2 finches, and even a Puffer Fish. My mother also used to own horses, and my uncle owned a duck! My family loves animals, and even though we don't have as many right now, we still have a dog, a fish, a hamster, and 2 cats. The person who has inspired me most in my life is my Grandmother. Both my Grandma and Grandpa are amazing people, my Grandma being the nicest person in the world, and my Grandpa being Google and knowing everything in the world. But out of the two, I would say my Grandma has inspired me most of all. My Grandma is the sweetest, kindest, and all-around best person I know. She loves everybody, no matter who they are or what they believe, and she is always super positive. It is impossible to be sad around her because she just lights up your day as soon as you see her. She always tries new things, and if they don't work out, she just says, "That was a fun experience!". My Grandma will do anything to make us happy, and when I get older, I want to be just like her. To the freshies and underclassmen - Don't be afraid to get out there, try anything that you set your mind on. If there is a solo you like, try out for it; if you can't get a song down, ask for help. High School is

supposed to be not only a time to learn but also a time to grow. No one grows if they are stuck on the tiny little nuisances that pop up now and then. You will learn in time that choir is not only a fun class to take, but it is also a family full of so many different types of people. Try new things, explore the options of the world (and our school), and above all, be yourself. Choir is an amazing conglomeration of people, so if you just be yourself, you will find your people. p.s. Don't forget to respect our directors. Choir directors are very hard-working and also some of the only truly kind teachers out there, so please appreciate them and all that they do for us.