

CHOIR WIRE 3.2 August 23, 2024

Klein Oak Choir:

LIGHTS, CAMERA, SING!

Director's Notes:

Phew! Our first full week of school truly FLEW BY!! Each choir has received music at this point and we are officially off to the races in preparation for our Fall Semester performances and contests. We could not be more excited about the potential of each ensemble! The music being created and the gorgeous sounds coming from each rehearsal is amazing...and it's only the second week of school! We cannot wait for you to hear the magic for yourselves! 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 Heather Leal - hleal1@kleinisd.net

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Ambassador Update

Hey yall! My name is Riley Rogers, and I am your Klein Oak Choir vice president this year! My job is to help the president oversee all of our ambassadors and help coordinate our concerts, socials, and other amazing things for our program! I am a member of Chorale and Chamber as well as NHS, NEHS, and Student Council. This upcoming week is our registration night! It's super important that everyone attends, so please make an effort to be there and bring your guardian! If you ever have any questions, feel free to reach out to me, and I will help in any way I can! Choir is my absolute favorite place to be on and off campus, and, as ambassadors, we are here to make it your favorite, too! I am so happy to be a part of this program and to share in the fun and excitement that is Klein Oak Choir! Have an amazing weekend everyone!



Riley Rogers

KO Choir Ambassador - Vice President



Registration Night

Next Tuesday, August 27th, we will be holding our KO Choir Registration Night. It will last from 6-8 pm in the KO Commons, KO Choir Room, and Auditorium. This is a <u>MANDATORY</u> 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 a little later today.

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 3. New to KO Choir/Freshmen arrive at 6:00 pm all other KO Choir Students please arrive at 6:40 pm.

Flags Across Klein

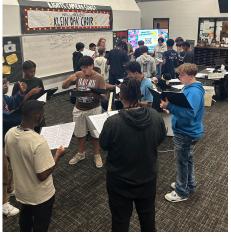
For a little under two decades, KO Choir has been placing American flags in the front yards of homes in specific neighborhoods on 6 national holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day/Patriot Day, Veteran's Day, and President's Day).

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 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, August 31st. If you are available to help deliver a route...or two please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to access the signup link, <u>we still have 10 routes available to pick up.</u>

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 can be bought from The Music Rack (17934 Kuykendahl Rd, Spring, TX 77379) and learning tracks for the music can be found here.

There is a \$20.00 entry fee for students wishing to compete in the All-State competition, and there are after-school rehearsals available Monday-Thursday. Monday and Tuesday from 2:45-5:00 pm and

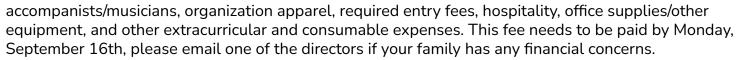
Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:00. We highly recommend students attend the rehearsals if they want to progress through the auditions. For more information, please contact one of the directors via email. The deadline to sign up is coming up FAST...the registration form, contract, and fee are due by the end of the school day on Thursday, September 5th (HARD DEADLINE) All forms are loaded in the All-State Folder on Schoology.

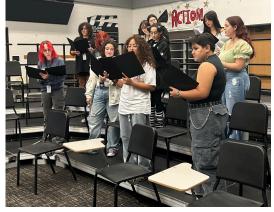
The first round of auditions, District, is on <u>Saturday, September 21st at Oak Ridge HS.</u> Arrival times and more detailed information will be shared with those auditioning closer to the audition date.

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. These things have been posted in Schoology and will serve as the first grade for all choir students for the year! Please take the time to read through the choir handbook and fill out the appropriate paperwork by Friday, September 6th.

This year's choir fee is \$70 and has been uploaded to SchoolCashOnline. This fee covers the cost of clinicians,







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."

Booster Club Update

We appreciate everyone who attended our first meeting this past Monday! Our next meeting is in September on Tuesday the 24th at 6:00 pm in the KO Choir Room. If you are interested in becoming a member the membership form can be accessed by <u>CLICKING HERE</u>.

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 above for more details 🙂

We look forward to meeting you all at Registration Night!

KO Choir Booster Board

The Choirs at Klein Oak

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

Cantus – 2nd 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

Chorale – 3rd Period

- Varsity Mixed Choir 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

Amabile – 4th period

- 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

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

KO 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 who 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 9th @ KO Auditorium, TBA – ALL STUDENTS Required Performance

KISD Men's Concert – November 12th - Chorale Men & Select Cantus Members All participants will be excused from school for a clinician/workshop

Holiday Concert – December 10th @ KO Auditorium, TBA – ALL STUDENTS Required Performance

KISD Solo/Ensemble Contest – February 1st @ Klein Collins HS – ALL STUDENTS Not Required, but encouraged



Pre-UIL Concert – March 27th @ KO Auditorium – ALL STUDENTS Required Performance

UIL Concert/Sight Reading – April 8th & 9th @ Willis HS – BEL CANTO & CANTUS All students required to participate

UIL Concert/Sight Reading – April 10th & 11th @ Klein Cain HS – AMABILE, CHORALE All students required to participate

Pop Show – May 22nd @ KO Auditorium, TBA – ALL STUDENTS

Themed Concert – Solo or group songs available!

Ticketed Event

Required Performance for all academically eligible students

Remind101

In KO Choir we have a full program Remind101 and not individual ensemble/class accounts. This account is run by our Ambassadors and shares all important information and dates with our families. The information shared on this account is for both students and parents. Please see the image to the right for how to sign up for the KO Choir Remind101.

Send a text to

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Text this message

@kochoir24

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, August 27th Registration Night - KOHS- 6:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, August 28th KOHS Campus Open House - KOHS - 5:30-7:30

Saturday, August 31st Labor Day Flag Distribution - KO Athletic Lot - 8:00-10:00 am

Monday, September 2nd NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY

Thursday, September 5th All-State Registration & Fees Due @ 3:30

Friday, September 6th BOY Forms Due

Thursday, September 12th Labor Day Flag Return - By 8 pm

Monday, September 16th Choir Fees Due - SchoolCashOnline ONLY

Mon.-Fri., September 16th-20th Homecoming Week!!!

Thursday, September 19th Homecoming Game Performance - chorale only

Friday, September 20th District Social - KO Choir Room - 3:00-4:00 - auditionees only

Saturday, September 21st District Auditions (all-state) - Oak Ridge HS

Tuesday, September 24th Booster Club Meeting - KO Choir Room - 6:00-7:00

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL KO CHOIR CALENDAR