

CREEK CHOIR NEWSLETTER

"Where No One Stands Alone"

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Hey, Creek Choir. As we gear up for the last two weeks of school before Thanksgiving Break, our choirs have been busy preparing for our next big project (more info below). Symphonic Chorale and our Chamber Singers have also been involved in a few recording projects for Veterans Day. Keep a lookout on our social media platforms for a special Veterans Day performance from the Chamber Singers!

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Brick & Mortar Remote At Home Learning



Within the past few weeks, we have had a few Brick and Mortar students engaging in school from home. This is to be expected as CCISD continues to practice and enforce their contact tracing procedures. In order to be proactive, we want to share how to participate in choir if you are asked to stay home due to quarantening. It is CCISD policy that you are expected to engage in your classes every school day before 11:59pm for attendance purposes. For choir, we expect that you join us synchronously via the Live Class TEAMS meeting. You can find the link to your class on our Choir Landing Page in

Itslearning. If you are unable to engage with your choir during your class period, you can go back and watch the rehearsal later that day by finding the rehearsal recording on your class page. Your class page can be found in the resources tab in your choir course. There will you also find our weekly agenda for your choir as well as any materials or additional instructions.

Virtual Winter Concert

We are having a virtual Winter Concert! Since we are not allowed to hold a live concert with an audience, our upcoming concert will be pre-recorded during the school day and shared later with you all through a streamed video event. We are especially excited about this concert since we are virtually combining all of our students! While Brick and Mortar students record together at school, Clear Connections students will record separately to later be combined in the final product. So while we can't physically be together to hear each choir's performance, we will enjoy our concert together at the same time from the comfort of our homes. Engagement in the concert viewing event will be mandatory due to our audience participation and etiquette requirements of our curriculum. More information and details to come on this event before we leave for Thanksgiving Break.



Recording Info/Timeline

- Brick & Mortar students record performances during class - Wednesday, Dec. 2
 - What to wear: 2020-2021 choir t-shirt (coming soon), jeans (no holes) or other school appropriate bottoms, black, red, or green face mask (to make it festive!)
 - This will be a graded performance. Please make sure you're not absent this day. Students who are absent will need to record their performance individually via Flipgrid
- Clear Connections students receive audio of Brick & Mortar recording - Thursday, Dec. 3
- Clear Connections students Flipgrid recording due - Monday, Dec. 7
 - What to wear: same as Brick & Mortar (see above)
 - This will be a graded assignment (turned in on time or late)
 - If not turned in by this date, you will not be in the final product

We are currently working with our Audio/Visual department at Clear Creek to put this virtual concert together. Depending on how much time they need to put all the pieces together will determine what evening we can have our Virtual Winter Concert Streamed Event. We are aiming for the last week of classes before finals (12.7-12.11), but this has not been finalized yet. Once we have a date and time for our streamed event, we will share it with students and parents ASAP. We thank you for your flexibility and patience on this.

Winter Concert Senior Solos

Since we are not having our annual Winter Follies performances, we want to give our Seniors the opportunity to perform some holiday solos in our Virtual Winter Concert. If you are interested in singing a Winter/Holiday solo for our concert please see the information below. This is for senior choir students only.



All solo videos are due Friday, November 20. Send or share your videos with Mr. Park and Mr. Stultz. We will not accept submissions over the break.

Things to consider:

- Your audition video will also be the video used in the Virtual Concert. This means the video needs to be completely prepared as if it were

“concert ready.” (sound/video quality, lighting, attire, etc.)

- If the sound or video quality is poor, your video may not be chosen for the virtual concert even if your performance is great.
- You can record at home or at Creek. Please contact us if you’d like to use the choir room, stage or black box.

TMEA Round 2 Rehearsals

All State singers, we are about three weeks away from the cuts being released for the second round of TMEA Auditions. We still have two more weeks of after school rehearsals via TEAMS. If you have not been attending those, you are missing out! Please contact your director if you can’t make these rehearsals. We can send you the recorded video link. But only if you remember to email us.

Upcoming Dates

November 9	3:15-4pm	All State Sectionals	TEAMS
November 11	3:15-4pm	All State Sectionals	TEAMS
November 16	3:15-4pm	All State Sectionals	TEAMS
November 18	3:15-4pm	All State Sectionals	TEAMS
November 20	All Day	Senior Winter Solos Due	
November 23-27		Thanksgiving Break	
December 2	All Day	B&M Winter Concert Recording	CCHS
December 7	All Day	CC Winter Concert Flipgrid Due	Online

