

July 2022

To our Cavalier Choir Parents and Families:

After two years of uncertainty, we just finished a wonderful year, full of fun and achievement. Nearly all of our choirs hit the sweepstakes (all 1's) at this year's UIL. More than half of our students participated in the solo/ensemble contest, with 90% of those students receiving a superior rating for their performances. We've had beautiful concerts and fun social events. And, for the 2022-23 school year, we are planning to do as much and more.

Running a first-class choir program can be expensive, and our program relies heavily on the financial aid and volunteer commitments of our Cavalier Choir Booster Club. Our budget for 2022-23 has been thoroughly reviewed – and we are very excited for what's in store. But we cannot support this wonderful program without your help.

Each year, we request a Choir Commitment Fee of \$100 for each individual Choir Member, which helps to support our concerts, competitions, social events and more. Compared to the other Fine Arts Programs and Clubs at the school, this fee is a bargain. Unfortunately, last year, less than one-third of our Choir Members turned in their Commitment Fees, which has meant that we've had to rethink some of our budget items for the upcoming year (2022-2023).

Please note that this Commitment Fee is different than the initial school fundraising drive that is done each fall – and we understand this has caused some confusion for families. But while those autumn fundraising dollars go to the Choir Directors for the purchase of music, backing tracks and other teaching materials, the Commitment Fee, sometimes referred to as Choir Dues, funds the Cavalier Choir Booster Club's efforts. These monies help pay for everything extra for the program – from social events to UIL Clinicians and even end-of-year uniform dry cleaning.

For example, this year, our funds helped to pay half of the per-person ticket cost for the Annual Choir Banquet, held at the Woodlands Country Club, as well as the full cost ticket for Senior students who had paid their Choir Commitment Fee for the year. We also helped out with student social events and food for required Choir Competitions.

*The full list of supported items includes:*

- Rental/Maintenance of CISD Issued Formal Uniforms
- Choir Supplies (Choir Binder, etc.)
- Supplemental Sheet Music & Amp; Tracks
- TMEA All-State Audition Entry Fees
- Non-UIL Contest / Festival Entry Fees
- Transportation to some Choir Events & Performances
- Fees for some Social Activities
- SENIOR Student Choir Banquet Ticket (For Students who have paid current Commitment Fee)
- Resources and Subscriptions that benefit Student Education
- Snacks and meals for some events
- Contributions to Senior Scholarships (advancing education)
- The Annual "Fun" Choir Shirt - *new this year!*
- Support for Social Events

We understand, *due to economic or family circumstances, that some may find this contribution a hardship*. If that is the case, please get in touch with Mrs. Bodhaine (Choir Director) or Donna Riley Garrett (Cavalier Choir Booster President). Your information will be kept strictly confidential.

You should also know that the Cavalier Choir Booster Club is a 501c3 non-profit organization. That means any donations, including your Choir Commitment Fee, is tax deductible. Many companies offer donation matching for applicable charitable or non-profit organizations. This is another way to help fund your individual Commitment Fee or to make a donation.

The following form will be sent home with your student at the beginning of the year with the Choir Handbook. Please review the form carefully and return it. Returning the form will count as a Daily Grade for your student.

In the meantime, we are currently accepting Commitment Fees for the 2022-23 school year. Many of our families appreciate paying before the beginning-of-the-year rush. Choir Commitment Fees can be paid by Check (*payable to Cavalier Choir Boosters*). Families wishing to use Credit/Debit Cards may do so via PayPal. Using a Credit/Debit Card does incur an additional Service Fee for processing. Visit the below Paypal Link:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=3CJH5F59X7EVL](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=3CJH5F59X7EVL)

Those of you who have been with the Choir Program for a while know that we consider ourselves to be one big family. And if you've been to any of the choir events this past year, you've seen just how amazing these kids are. We want to continue to support them as they learn, grow, and succeed as musicians and performers – and have as much fun as we can in the process.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our program and are here if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kayt Sukel  
Cavalier Choir Booster Treasurer  
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## 2022-2023 Cavalier Choir Commitment Fee Acknowledgement

Please return this form to the Choir Directors.

By signing below, I **acknowledge that participating in The Woodlands College Park Choir Program requires an Annual Choir Commitment Fee for each student.**

**The Choir Commitment Fee for the 2022-23 School Year is \$100** and guarantees participation in all required events for my student. I understand that if I fail to pay this fee, my student may not be able to participate in certain events. Additionally, I may be billed for Uniform Cleaning &/or other incidental costs at the end of the school year, which may exceed the cost of the Commitment Fee.

**Payments made on or before the Choir Parent Meeting on August 25, 2022, will be discounted by \$25, for a total fee of \$75.** Payments made after that date, or on the Payment Plan, will be billed at the standard \$100 Choir Commitment Fee rate.

Please check one:

- I am **paying/have paid** my student's tax-deductible 2022-23 Choir Commitment Fee **in full on or before August 25, 2022** in the amount of **\$75**.
- I am **paying/ will have paid** my student's tax-deductible 2022-23 Choir Commitment Fee **in full by November 15, 2022**, in the amount of **\$100**
- I am **paying** my student's tax-deductible 2022-23 Choir Commitment Fee **using the 4-Part Payment Program, with payments of \$25 due by: 1) August 15, 2022; 2) September 15, 2022; 3) October 15, 2022 and 4) November 15, 2022.**  
I understand that no discount is available using this plan. (Note: early payments can be made without penalty.)

I will pay the 2022-23 Choir Commitment Fee by:

- Cash  
 Check  
 PayPal (Transaction ID): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade Class Period/Choir Period Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S M L XL

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Email

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