




Lincoln East Show Choirs 2020-2021

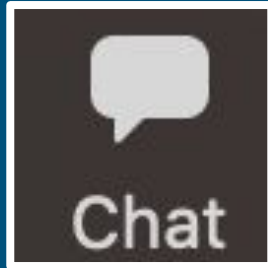
Express, Elegance, & Elevation
Thursday, May 14th, 2020
6:00 PM Zoom Meeting



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If you have questions throughout the meeting, please type them in the chat.



Thank you!

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

Miss Lisabeth Wissink & Mr. Aaron Zart, *Vocal Music Directors*

Jennifer Aliwarga-Carlson, *Accompanist*

Shelly Self, *Accompanist*

Booster Officers

- Melissa Abele, *President*
- Lisa Kasik, *Vice-President*
- Jody Olsen, *Secretary*
- Roger & Sara Andersson, *Treasurers*

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS MEETING

- Paperwork & the process for turning that in this year
- Expectations for students & parents
 - ◆ To help you understand us as directors; To help you understand how students will be most successful in show choir at East.
- Overview of show choir & costs involved
- Financial responsibilities, payment plan, & fundraising opportunities
- Lincoln East Vocal Music Boosters
- Calendar - Choreo Camps, Performances, Competitions, etc.
- What about COVID-19?

CONTACT INFO UPDATE

Please complete the
"Contact Info Updates"
Google Form.

The link to the form is posted in
the chat.

We want to ensure that the
contact information we have for
students and parents is 100%
accurate and up-to-date, so you
are receiving all informational
emails from both the directors as
well as the Boosters.

PAPERWORK

→ 2020-21 Show Choir Constitution

(This is not turned in. Please keep this on file for your records.)

→ 2020-21 Agreement Form

(Signing off on reading and understanding the Show Choir Constitution)

→ 2020-21 Travel Release Form

(Please also send a copy of an updated insurance card)

→ Participation Packet

(Online, see next slide)

→ Lincoln East Music Department Code of Conduct

(Read and signed by students in the fall)

NSAA PARTICIPATION PACKET

- This form is completed **online** through this link:
 - ◆ <https://home.lps.org/athletics/packet/>
- Complete both the **parent and student** portions of the online forms.
- These forms are submitted online and **do not** need to be printed and physically turned in.
- **Note**: *A medical physical exam is not required for show choir, but if your student plans on being involved in athletics at East, they will need to complete that portion of the packet.*

TURNING IN PAPERWORK

Please mail in the completed hard-copy of the Agreement and Travel forms to:

Lincoln East High School
% Lisabeth Wissink/Aaron Zart
1000 S. 70th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

**Deadline for submitting
completed paperwork is
June 15th, 2020**

Per administration, costume pieces will not be ordered for your student if paperwork has not been completed.

Not turning in paperwork by the deadline could potentially delay the entire costume order for all students.

REHEARSALS + EXPECTATIONS

- How we use our time determines our outcomes
 - ◆ Start on time; End on time
 - ◆ Using time effectively (minimize talking)
- Choose your attitude and language
 - ◆ Respect for yourself and others
 - ◆ Build others up
- No "gimmies"
 - ◆ We expect ALL students to work hard

*"Someone is enjoying
shade today because
someone planted a tree
a long time ago."
-Warren Buffett*

EXPECTATIONS (continued)

→ Attendance

- ◆ The only way you will get the information is by being present
- ◆ We do not get many performances
- ◆ Family vacations, senior trips, and work are **not** excused absences
- ◆ Coordinate rides well in advance
- ◆ If you must miss a rehearsal or performance, notify directors via email at least two weeks in advance

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS *(continued)*

FROM CONSTITUTION:

All Show Choir members will register for the appropriate Show Choir and/or Concert Choir class for both semesters. All Show Choir members will attend all extra rehearsals, choreography workshops, competitions, scheduled concerts and performances for the entire scheduled time unless an absence is pre-approved by the director. It is important that students plan ahead and avoid conflicts with family vacations, trips, work, etc.

EXPECTATIONS (continued)

→ Taking care of business

- ◆ Keeping grades up
- ◆ Honoring all LPS/East Policies & East Music's Code of Conduct

→ Beyond Rehearsals

- ◆ Voice Lessons
- ◆ More Music Experiences

(i.e. Concert Choir; Musical; Cabaret; Community/Church Choirs)

East Show Choir Motto

Three Choirs, One Family

WHAT GOES INTO SHOW CHOIR?

- Song/Show Choice
 - ◆ Arrangements & Rights
- Choreography
 - ◆ Choreo Camp & Repetitions
- Costumes
 - ◆ Sizing, ordering, fittings...
- Travel
- Rehearsal
 - ◆ Most important!



COST OVERVIEW

→ Music

- ◆ Arrangements \$250 - 1000 / song
- ◆ Intellectual Rights \$150 - 800 / song

→ Choreographer

- ◆ \$5,000+

→ Costumes

- ◆ Girls: Dress, Spanks, Earrings, Shoes, Costume Change
- ◆ Guys: Suit, Shirt, Tie, Shoes, Costume Change

→ Travel

- ◆ Registrations for Competitions \$250+ per group
- ◆ \$1,500 - 10,000 for Busing per competition



SHOW CHOIR FINANCES

In order to perform and compete at a high level, all show choir families need to be responsible for their students' show choir expenses.

If there is a demonstrable financial challenge and students/families have **CLEARLY** communicated as such **EARLY** in the show choir year to Miss Wissink and Mr. Zart and have made a **DELIBERATE** and **SIGNIFICANT** effort to fundraise, there may be scholarship available.

Per district policy, if a student drops show choir, and costume pieces have already been ordered, families will still be responsible for costume fees.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Express + Elegance

\$500 Costume Fee

\$250 Optional, Highly Encouraged Donation

Elevation

Costume Fee = Sum of all costume pieces (A little different than Elegance/Express)

\$200 Optional, Highly Encouraged Donation

- ALL students must cover their fee through fundraising or otherwise
- Both the Costume Fee and Optional Donation to be paid through Synergy
- Families who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch can apply for a Fee Waiver

PAYMENT PLAN

Express & Elegance

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
July 1st, 2020	\$100
August 1st, 2020	\$150
November 1st, 2020	\$250
	Total = \$500

Elevation

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
July 1st, 2020	\$100
August 1st, 2020	\$150
November 1st, 2020	ALL remaining costume fee amounts
	Total = sum of all costume pieces

PAYMENT PLAN *(continued)*

FROM CONSTITUTION:

Per school administration, students will receive their costume pieces only after their costume fees have been paid in full. Students unable to get their account paid off must make arrangements with the director or forfeit their right to perform in concerts and competitions. Students on the obligation list are also unable to purchase dance tickets, receive report cards, or receive their diploma at the graduation ceremony.

FUNDRAISING

“Lincoln East Vocal Music Boosters” are 501c3 organization

- Fall Options
 - ◆ Cookie Dough / Pie Cards
- Winter
 - ◆ Barnes & Noble Caroling
- Spring
 - ◆ A-maize-N / JetSplash
- Various
 - ◆ Restaurant Nights

BIG FUNDRAISERS

→ Show Choir Showcase

- ◆ December 8th, 2020
- ◆ Chair: TBD

→ “Spartan Spectacular” Show Choir Invitational

- ◆ January 30th, 2021 (+ Friday night before)
- ◆ Chair: Greg Gates + TBD Assistants
- ◆ All families are required to help out with this event

LARGE-SCALE FUNDRAISING GOALS

Refurbish Grand Piano

Jazz Choir Sound System

Replace Expressions microphones

Riser securing trays



PARENT BOOSTERS (Lincoln East Vocal Music Boosters)

Parents, you can be involved too!

- Monthly Meetings (*see next slide*)
- Executive Board; Committees
 - ◆ Openings available
- VOLUNTEERING! You can help!
 - ◆ At Spartan Spectacular (*See Constitution; All families required to volunteer for two shifts*)
 - ◆ “Dad” crew to set up risers and band boxes
 - ◆ “Mom” crew to help with costumes
- Contact Info: lincolneastshowchoirs@gmail.com

**SHOW
CHOIR**



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MONTHLY BOOSTER MEETINGS

→ **All Booster meetings are held at 7:00pm in the choir room**

▶ Fall Semester:

- ▷ Tuesday, August 18th
- ▷ Tuesday, September 1st
- ▷ Tuesday, October 6th
- ▷ Tuesday, November 10th
- ▷ **Wednesday**, December 2nd

▶ Spring Semester:

- ▷ Tuesday, January 12th
- ▷ Tuesday, February 2nd
- ▷ Tuesday, March 2nd
- ▷ Tuesday, April 6th

Any Questions?

Be sure to type them in the chat!

CALENDAR

→ Performing Arts Calendar

- ▷ Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Theatre important dates
- ▷ Available in the Fall

→ Show Choir "At-A-Glance" Calendar

- ▷ Rehearsal and performance dates specific to show choir
- ▷ Available in the Fall or sooner!

→ These documents in addition to a digital Google Calendar can be found at our website:

- ▷ Spartansings.com

→ With receiving these dates so far ahead of time, we hope you use this opportunity to **plan ahead** and let us know of any conflicts ASAP!

SUMMER + FALL NOTABLE DATES

- Costume Measurements
 - ◆ More details to come about this.
- Elevation Choreography Camp (*see next slide*)
- Elegance Choreography Camp (*see next slide*)
- Express Choreography Camp (*see next slide*)
- Hair + Makeup Tutorial for ALL show choir women
 - ◆ More details to come about this.
- Show Choir Showcase, December 8th

CHOREOGRAPHY CAMP DATES *(tentative)*

→ **Express Choreography Camp(s) with Bengt August Eklund**

- ◆ July 20th - 23rd
 - 9:00am - 9:00pm with lunch and dinner breaks
- ◆ September 2nd - 5th (Tentative back-up plan choreo dates)
- ◆ November 2nd & 5th
 - 2:10pm (in class) - 9:30pm with dinner break

→ **Elegance Choreography Camp with Anne Chapman**

- ◆ August 6th - 8th + Monday, August 10th
 - 3:00pm - 9:30pm on August 6th, 7th, and 10th with dinner break
 - 9:00am - 9:30pm on Saturday, August 8th with lunch and dinner breaks

→ **Elevation Choreography Camp(s) with Bengt August Eklund or Matt Watson**

- ◆ September 1st + October 12th-14th + November 4th
 - 3:30pm - 9:30pm with dinner break

2020-2021 SHOWS

Shows are already picked for all three groups, but we're not quite ready to share them yet.

You'll find out later this summer.

2020-2021 COMPETITION SEASON

(Mark these on your calendars!)

→ **Pre-Season**

- ◆ January 2nd – 6th, Show Choir “Bootcamp Rehearsals”
- ◆ January 7th, Show Choir “Big Dress” (open dress rehearsal)

→ **Competition Season**

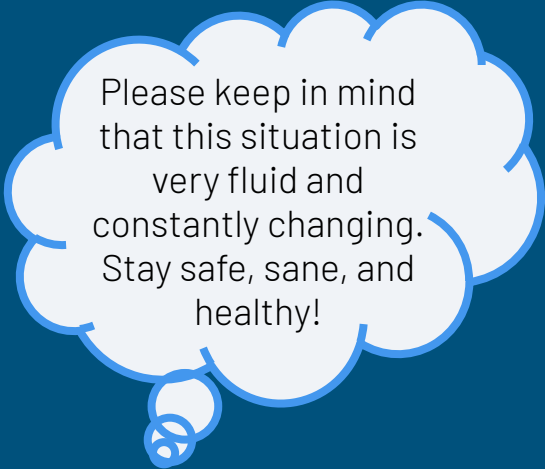
- ◆ January 9th, UNL “Midwest Cup”
- ◆ January 16th, Ralston “Ramageddon”
- ◆ January 23rd, Millard West “Music Lives”
- ◆ January 30th, Lincoln East “Spartan Spectacular” (HOSTING)
- ◆ February 6th, LSW “Southwest Showdown”
- ◆ February 27th, Norris “Fields of Talent”

→ **Post-Season**

- ◆ March 4th, Show Choir “Spring Show”

WHAT ABOUT COVID-19?

- We will keep you informed of any updates that we receive from the district.
- For now, we are planning things as normal, but keeping the ever-changing circumstances in mind!



Please keep in mind that this situation is very fluid and constantly changing. Stay safe, sane, and healthy!

Thank you all, so much, for your understanding and cooperation. We're all in it together.

Any Final Questions?

Be sure to type them in the chat!

FOR MORE INFORMATION & UPDATES

Website

→ www.spartansings.com

Facebook

- Lincoln East Vocal Music
- East Vocal Music Boosters

Twitter

- @SpartanSings
- @EastVocalMusic

Instagram

→ [@lincolneastshowchoir](https://www.instagram.com/lincolneastshowchoir)

THANK YOU!

Specific questions?

Email Miss Wissink & Mr. Zart

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