

101 SHOW CHOIR

SUMMER/FALL

- Choreography Camps: day-long rehearsals to learn music and choreography. Parents may be asked to help supply water, snacks and possibly part of a meal. Additional policies for choreo camps will be shared before those dates, based on the latest health mandates and suggestions.
- In 2020, If parents have concerns about Covid-19 and the safety and health of their student, we cannot require their student to attend the outside-of-school rehearsals, which include choreo camp. However, the usual expectations for attendance continue to apply. Work and vacations are not acceptable reasons for students to miss outside-of-school rehearsals, including this week's choreo camp. These dates for Express have been on the calendar since mid-May. At our Show Choir Info Meeting last May, we encouraged families to plan ahead, so students would have no other commitments (outside of athletic practices or games) that would hinder their attendance at choreo camp.
 - Elevation -
 - Sept. 14 – 3:30-9:30 (men only)
 - Oct. 6 & 7 – 3:30-9:30 (group will split for which day they come)
 - Oct. 12, 13, 14 – 3:30-9:30
 - Nov. 10 & 11 – 3:30-9:30
 - Elegance -
 - Sept. 17 – 3:30-9:30
 - Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 – 3:30-9:30
 - Oct. 6 & 7 – 3:30-9:30 (group will split for which day they come)
 - Express – (Backup dates):
 - Sept. 2, 3, 4 – 3:30-9:30
 - Sept. 5 – 9:00-3:30
 - Sept. 14 – 3:30-9:30 (men only)
 - Oct. 6 & 7, 3:30-9:30 (group will split for which day they come)

FALL

- Express & Elegance meet as classes during the day. Once-a-week evening rehearsals usually begin after musical closes, usually at the end of October or early November.
- Elevation is not a class. Instead, this choir will be scheduled for before or after-school rehearsals and an evening rehearsal weekly. Detailed schedule will follow.
- Students will be fitted for costumes.

- Students may be asked to visit local merchants to get sized for costume pieces - for boys this might mean a shirt or shoes, for girls this might mean shoes, leggings, or a tank top. These are included in the costume fee.
- In addition to the costume, students will be asked to provide their own accessories. For boys this might mean dress socks, a belt, and compression shorts; for girls - a corset bra, spanx, hose and specific make-up/hair products. These items are NOT included in the costume fee.
- You will want to make sure your student has a hanging garment bag for their costume.
- Night at the Acropolis - All-Music Department performance/fundraiser held every other year. The next Acropolis is scheduled for Fall 2021.
- Boot Camp - each choir will have a boot camp of several evenings in late fall (and/or early January) to prepare for Showcase & the season. Again, parents will be asked to help supply water, snacks and possibly part of a meal. The 2020-2021 Boot Camps are scheduled for January 2-6 with January 7 set aside as an open "Big Dress" dress rehearsal. Times TBD.

SHOW CHOIR SIBLINGS

- All choir and band members are assigned one or two Show Choir "sibling(s)" from a different choir or the show band. Siblings usually exchange small gifts less than \$5 (a favorite candy, fun socks, lotion, etc.) the day before each competition.
- Siblings are a way to encourage team building and communication among the students. They are a great resource for ideas and tips for competitions, etc.

SHOWCASE - Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

- This is the first time we see our kids perform their entire show in costume. Tickets usually sell for \$10 each and there is a silent auction fundraiser run in tandem with the event. This year, we are going to offer TWO shows, at 6pm & 8pm. Student call time will be 5/5:15ish.

SHOW CHOIR COSTS

- Show choir is not a cost-free endeavor. In efforts to help families make this financially feasible, the booster club helps by fundraising throughout the season. However, there are costs that are necessary to pass on to families.
- Costume fees are passed on to families. Elevation members have their costume fees itemized out entirely. Express & Elegance generally have costumes that cost more than \$500 (the limit for the amount allowed to charge per LPS rules), thus members of these two groups can expect to find their fees added early in first semester. Costume fees must be paid before a student receives their costume. Additionally, any balance left after this time results in a hold on your student's account. The school may not allow students to purchase homecoming/prom tickets, etc. until this fee is paid.
- Show Choir payment plan dates (you may pay in full any time after July 1, if you wish):
 - Elegance & Express:
 - July 1 - \$100
 - August 1 - \$100
 - Elevation:
 - Date TBA - \$100

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- Costumes are not the only expense in putting together three shows to be performed at six competitions throughout the year. Costs for music arrangements, trailer fees, transportation to/from competitions, lodging (if necessary), entrance fees for competitions, etc., are all compiled and divided among the show choir members. This is added to Synergy as an “optional donation.” While this is optional, we highly encourage families to pay as much as they can to help contribute to the group. Without these contributions from families, we would not be able to put on the quality of performances we have become known for at East! In 2020-2021, the optional fee is still to be determined.
- Fundraising opportunities are offered during the year to help families pay for these costs. In Fall 2019, these included cookie dough sales & pie card sales. Other opportunities will be shared through the year. When a student engages in fundraising, a portion of those sales goes toward their costume fee or optional donation. Some students have hustled and paid for both completely with fundraising proceeds!
- All of this being said, we do not want cost to be a deterrent for a student wanting to participate in show choir. Please talk with the directors if you need assistance in paying. This information is not shared with the booster group, it is information shared only between families and the directors.

SHOW CHOIR PHOTOS

- At some time in the fall, we will schedule professional pictures for Show Choir groups, bands and individual members.
- Choir members should have hair and makeup done and be fully dressed in the designated costume for photos.
- Photos will be available for purchase.
- Watch for dates, payment options, and more details.

SHOW CHOIR SEASON

- Competitions start EARLY, last ALL day and are divided into two sections: daytime and evening. During the daytime, all choirs perform, usually beginning with the unisex division (Elegance), moving to the prep division (Elevation), and finishing with the mixed division (Express).
- All Show Choir members are expected to be present at the competition for the full day. For local competitions students are responsible for getting themselves to the competition, usually around 6:30-7am. For out-of-town competitions students are bussed and must meet at school.
- At the end of the daytime performances, awards are given to winners of each division and those qualifying for the evening finals are announced. At some competitions, all divisions are eligible for evening finals, at other competitions, only the mixed choirs are eligible.
- Usually six choirs are chosen for the finals. After a dinner break, each of those choirs perform again and the day wraps up with final awards.
- All choirs attend all competitions and all choir and show band members stay all day - even if their choir isn't eligible for finals. If none of the choirs qualify for finals, all choir (and band) members may depart after daytime awards. Families can come and go as they choose throughout the day.
- Other things to know:

- Choir members dress up for competitions (when they're not wearing costumes). For ladies, this usually means nice slacks/blouse or dress/skirt/romper; for guys, nice pants/shirt/tie. Band members generally wear their all-black attire all day. No jeans or shorts, tshirts or sweatshirts. This includes Spartan Spectacular.
- Expect to spend \$10-15 per person for entrance to each competition you attend (performers get in free). Some competitions have an all-day fee, others charge a separate price for daytime and evening performances.
- Neither performers or families are allowed to bring in food/drink. Meals, snacks, drinks, desserts will be available for purchase at the event. (On out-of-town trips, students can bring snacks/drinks for the bus.) Each performer will need about \$20-30 per competition for these purchases.
- Competitions can be crowded. There will often be long lines to get into a performance - most schools do a great job making sure families get in to see their own choirs.
- The front three-ish rows of the auditorium are almost always reserved for students from the performing choir's school. For instance, when Elegance is performing, all the Elevation and Express kids will be in the first three rows cheering them on.
- Families can sit wherever they find a seat.
- It's a show choir thing!
 - As tempting as it will be to applaud an amazing solo, it's standard practice to respond with "jazz fingers," so we can hear the rest of the song. What are jazz fingers? Hands raised and fingers spread. Now, wiggle those fingers.
 - During dance breaks (all dancing, no singing), it's expected that we cheer long and hard.

SPECTACULAR - January 30, 2021

- This is the competition we host. MANY volunteers are needed and WAY more information will be coming. Keep this date on your calendar!

LATE WINTER/EARLY SPRING

- Tryouts for next year's groups.
- Final performance - Enjoy seeing them do their show one last time.
- Spring Vocal Music Concert - this is the end-of-year event for the whole vocal music department (not specifically Show Choir), so definitely plan on it :)

BOOSTER MEETINGS (USUALLY 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - 7PM VIA ZOOM)

- August 18
- September 1
- October 6
- November 10
- December 2 (Wednesday, please note change of day)
- January 12
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6

