



HOMESTEAD

SHOW CHOIRS



ANONYMOUS BLUE

2023-2024 HANDBOOK

Class Royale – Elite - Anonymous Blue



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HHS SHOW CHOIRS 2023-2024 – YEAR AT-A-GLANCE

One of the best ways you can support Elite, Class Royale, and Anonymous Blue is to support their rehearsal efforts and to attend events and competitions. Please note the schedule below; come enjoy the shows, and cheer for Homestead Show Choirs!

August

- 21 **Parent Meeting (Choir Room), 7:00 pm**
- 21 Music Booster Discount Card Sale starts

September

- 1 Student Fees due
- 5 and 7 CR Choreography Days, 3pm-8pm
- 6 Elite Choreography Day, 3pm-8pm
- 11 Elite begins Mon/Wed rehearsals, 3pm-5pm
- 13 CR begins Tues/Thurs rehearsals, 3pm-5pm
- 22 Music Boosters Card Sale ends--money/cards due
- 28 Male CR practice begins, Wednesdays, 3pm-4pm

October

- 1 Student Fees due
- 11-12 CR Choreography Day, 3pm-8pm
- 25 CR Choreography Day, 3pm-8pm
- 26 Fall Choral Concert, 7:00 pm @ Sweetwater
(call time 6:00 pm)
- TBA CR Halloween Party
- TBA Elite Halloween Party

November

- 1 Student Fees due
- 28-29 CR Choreography Days, 3pm-8pm
- TBD Anonymous Blue Auditions
- TBD Anonymous Blue Wed/Th Rehearsals begin
- TBD **Parent Meeting (Community Room), 7:00 pm***
- TBD Semi-Formal Coat Check
- TBD Poinsettia Sales begin

December

- 1 **ALL STUDENT FEES DUE**
- 13 Winter Choral/Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm
(call time 6:15 pm)
- TBD Pictures for CR, Elite, and AB @ 3:00 pm
- TBD Senior Poster Pics – 7:00 am
- TBD Hair, Make-Up, Leo Day for ALL GIRLS

January

- 8 Elite M/W rehearsal time change, 3pm-6pm
- 9 CR T/Th rehearsal time change, 3pm-6pm
- 10 AB W/Th rehearsal time change, 3pm-6pm
- 20 Tech Day/**Parent Meeting**
- 17-18 CR Choreography Days, 3pm-8pm

February

- 1-3 **HOMESTEAD CLASSIC SHOWCASE**
- 10 Competition / Carroll and Northridge
- 17 Competition/ Pendleton Heights
- 24 Competition / Huntington North

March

- 2 Competition / Churubusco
- 11 Competition / Columbia City
- 23 Cabaret
- TBD 2022-2023 CR & Elite Auditions

April

- TBD Show Choir Clinic (tentative)
- TBD Junior/Senior Prom Coat Check

May

- 16 Spectacular (Elite), 7:00 pm
- 17 Gala (Class Royale), 7:00 pm

HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR 2023-2024 Parent/Student Expectations

In order to affect the most efficient use of your time and busy schedules, the following expectations are instituted. All parents and students are expected to abide by these expectations.

They are based on the one encompassing rule, “Be Courteous” in everything you do and with everything you say.

Chaperone and Parent Volunteer Expectations

Supervision of students - As a performing group that travels extensively, supervision of students falls to all of us. To that end, adult volunteers serving as chaperones or other support staff of the choirs must take an active role in supervising all students. In the event that students are observed misbehaving while representing HHS on the grounds at school, on the bus or while traveling, in dressing rooms or homerooms while competing, or in hotels or restaurants, etc., please be reminded of your role to report inappropriate conduct **immediately** to Mr. Shaw.

Inappropriate conduct includes but is not limited to: Dress Code Violations, Physical Contact (PDA), inappropriate language, etc.

Student Conduct, Rehearsal and Attendance Expectations

Personal Conduct: Acceptance into Homestead High School Show Choirs signifies a willingness on your part to adhere to the rehearsal and performance schedules and the expectations herein.

1. Experience indicates that all co-curricular and extracurricular students are held to high expectations. Homestead High School Show Choirs operates according to the HHS Extracurricular/Co-curricular Participant Expectations, as detailed in the Student Handbook. Since the influence of students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities extends beyond the school campus, these participants assume additional responsibility for proper behavior and leadership. This responsibility requires that student Show Choir participants observe all rules of the Homestead High School discipline policy while off campus, during non-school hours, summer months, and other vacations or holidays, as well as during the school day, at school functions, and traveling to and from school or school functions. This responsibility applies to all participants in athletics, student organizations, teams, and elected offices. Therefore, if a student fails to live up to these expectations, he/she may not be permitted to continue participation in any extracurricular/co-curricular activities.
2. All district rules apply any time a student is in public representing Homestead High School. While at competitions or during any public appearance, you will be expected to act in a manner that demonstrates courtesy, common sense, and brings credit to yourself, the group, and Southwest Allen County Schools. Should anyone act in a manner that in any way reflects poorly on the group or the Southwest Allen County School District, discipline, including possible removal from the group, will result.
3. Social Media: Students using social media sites such as but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc., to post or say disparaging things about student members of the choir, directors, parent volunteers, competing schools, or anyone associated with the Homestead Show Choirs program may be removed from the competition group.
4. Courtesy to fellow members, our instrumental combo, audiences, guests, and the directors is of utmost importance and is the primary guideline for all actions. Courtesy manifests itself in conduct, adherence to rehearsal policies and schedules, language, and interaction with others.
5. It is expected that Show Choir students will extend this standard of excellence to their academic performance. If necessary, students will be offered academic assistance in keeping with Homestead High School’s Strategies for Student Success.

6. **Full Year Commitment:** Placement into Homestead High School Show Choirs is a full year commitment and responsibility. Not completing the year is not an option as it would inflict an unnecessary and unfair hardship on the entire group. Unexcused absences from rehearsals, mandatory competitions, and performances may affect the student's grade.

Rehearsal and Performance Expectations: Show Choir is a rewarding and time-consuming commitment and is unlike most commitments that you will make at the high school level. It is a group effort where everyone must depend on everyone else to be present, to sing, to dance, and to raise funds. When a student is absent, it impacts the entire group's performance in loss of vocal sound. Spacing is also affected with the vacancies in the area of staging. The student's partner will be required to dance their choreography alone – choreography that is designed to be danced with a partner – making it much more difficult.

1. Students must be on time at every rehearsal. Please arrive in the classroom early and be standing in the rehearsal/performance room, ready to begin warm-up, at the called rehearsal/performance time. Please do not wait to be prompted to begin warm-up. Roll call will begin at the called time. Extra time will be added to the end of rehearsal for the entire group in proportion to the time students are tardy. Do not cause the rehearsal to be delayed or have your partner dance alone. If you are late, inform Mr. Shaw as to why immediately upon your arrival.
2. Have your folder, music, pencil, and personal water bottle at every designated rehearsal. Music that is lost must be paid for at the current replacement cost plus shipping and handling.
3. Please be attentive and silent while anyone else is talking and when a stop or pause is called by the director or choreographer. Listen to the corrections/suggestions by the director/choreographer first and correct that area of concern by singing or dancing, then ask your appropriate question(s) or make your suggestion(s). Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before making any comments. Failure to do so may result in the student being sent home immediately from rehearsal and being placed on the next step of the Discipline Ladder (see Discipline/Consequences below).
4. Excused absences (other than absence from school due to illness) must be handled on an individual basis with Mr. Shaw. Please arrange all work or personal appointments (doctor appointments, teacher conferences, test make-up dates, family errands, etc.) outside of your choir's scheduled rehearsal time. If a student is absent from vocal and/or choreography rehearsal(s), his/her performance/competition participation will be at the discretion of Mr. Shaw. Absences without written parental explanation (via email) will be considered "unexcused". Unexcused absences may affect the student's grade and may affect his/her position on stage and his/her participation within the group. These expectations are necessary for proper preparation of the group.
5. Please request permission to miss a rehearsal via email to Mr. Shaw (cshaw@sacs.k12.in.us) at least TWO FULL DAYS before any conflict. No exceptions!! In emergencies you may notify Mr. Shaw the day after the absence. Permission to miss a rehearsal is not granted until the student and/or parent has communicated/discussed the absence with Mr. Shaw. If you have not requested permission two full days ahead of time, you must be at the rehearsal.

6. Please notify your teachers of any Homestead High School Show Choirs conflicts with classes as soon as they are scheduled. Inform them that the activities are district approved and offer to do make-up work in advance. Do not use Show Choir or Show Choir commitments as an excuse for missing other obligations, especially academic assignments. If you have a concern, please see Mr. Shaw.
7. Voice lessons are strongly recommended for ALL students. A list of qualified area voice teachers is available from Mr. Shaw.

Competitions/Concerts

1. Attendance at all performances and competitions is MANDATORY. Grades will be affected if a performance or competition is missed. A tentative performance calendar will be available in August.
2. Concerts will include
 - ❖ Fall Concert – Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm @ SWEETWATER
 - ❖ Holiday Concert – Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm
 - ❖ Spectacular (Elite) – Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm
 - ❖ Gala (Class Royale) – Friday, May 17 at 7:00 pm
3. Show Choir competitions occur on Saturdays, January through March. All students will be expected to travel as a group.
4. Homestead Show Choirs will host our own competition, “Homestead Classic Showcase” February 2-3, 2024. See the parent involvement section for further details.
5. Additional community or school performances may be scheduled throughout the year. Students will be notified of all performances in advance and should accordingly work ahead in their schoolwork, request adjustments in work schedules, and be willing to adjust other outside commitments FOR ALL PERFORMANCES.

Attire/Costumes/Personal Appearance

1. Please wear appropriate clothing for all rehearsals, especially shoes. You will be moving with partners, turning, jumping, etc. Be comfortable and use good judgment. Students will have time after school to change in the choir dressing rooms. No sandals or bare feet will be allowed at any time. Hats or head coverings must be in accordance with the Homestead High School dress code, or as allowed by Mr. Shaw.
2. Please take your garments out of their garment bag and care for your costumes according to the “Costume Care” directions provided by the Costume Committee. Dresses/Suits should **never** be taken home!
 - a. When traveling for competitions and performances, students are expected to be **appropriately attired at all times**. As announced by the Director this may include full costume or travel attire.
 - b. Designated Show Choir approved make-up will be required of all students at all performances and competitions.

- c. Any lost or destroyed costume items will be replaced at the student's expense accordingly.
- d. The wearing of body-piercing(s) or facial hair is not allowed during performances and the length/style of head-hair during competition season will be at the total discretion of Mr. Shaw so as to not deter from the performance and/or judging. Mr. Shaw will decide on girls' hairstyles. Mr. Shaw's decision in each of these matters is FINAL, no exceptions.

Discipline/Consequences

Violations of guidelines and expectations may affect the student's position on stage, eligibility for solos, and class grade.

Depending on severity of the conduct ***(violations which are severe in nature may merit immediate removal from the choir)***

- ✓ 1st violation: student has conference with Mr. Shaw and parents are called.
- ✓ 2nd violation: student is sent home immediately from rehearsal and a meeting with parents and Mr. Shaw is set (student may or may not be present at the discretion of Mr. Shaw).
- ✓ 3rd violation: student is sent home immediately from rehearsal and placed on probation.
- ✓ 4th violation: student faces possible removal from the group.

Parent Involvement

The success of Show Choir is dependent upon parental involvement in committees and subcommittees that assist each group throughout the year.

1. Committees will begin to form at the August Parent Meeting. Parents must commit to regular attendance at ALL Show Choir parent meetings and to assist in all the various group fundraisers throughout the year.

At a minimum, families will be required to:

- **Work a minimum of TEN (10) hours at the Homestead Classic Showcase**
- **Work a minimum of FOUR (4) Fall athletic concessions shifts**
- **Sell FIVE (5) Music Boosters Discount Cards**
- **Sell SIX (6) tickets for Cabaret Night**
- **Provide items for a basket (for Cabaret) with a minimum value of \$100 (Basket assembly optional!)
 - **If a basket is not donated, an additional \$100 fee will be charged to your student(s) fees.****

These activities are required of all families, as they allow us to be able to fund Show Choir.

2. Please feel free to meet with Mr. Shaw during office hours (Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. and Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) if you have a matter of importance to discuss. Please make an appointment in advance. Constructive criticism of the operation of the group is healthy and desirable. Such criticism is welcomed and should be conveyed to Mr. Shaw privately. Destructive and/or unprofessional criticism is neither courteous nor acceptable. Parents are expected to discuss all concerns first and foremost with Mr. Shaw in an appropriate time and place. If a parent feels the concern is not being addressed by Mr. Shaw, then he/she should next speak with the Parent Show Choir Manager.

Student Fees

1. The fee for the 2023-2024 Homestead High School Show Choirs will be \$1600. The show choir fee includes but is not limited to costumes, personal/accessory items, trips, props, choreographers, music, and numerous incidental group expenses. This amount does not include the cost of shoes (if needed) and/or makeup. You will be billed separately if shoes and/or makeup are needed by your student.
2. Families are required to sell SIX (6) tickets for Cabaret Night and donate a basket or item(s) for the silent auction valued at \$100.
3. Families will be required to sell FIVE (5) Music Booster Discount Cards.
4. Payment Schedule:

March 29	\$200
June 1	\$200
July 1	\$200
August 1	\$200
September 1	\$200
October 1	\$200
November 1	\$200
December 1	\$200
5. All fees must be paid by **December 1, 2023** for your child to remain a member of HHS Show Choirs. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Mr. Shaw for financial assistance forms prior to the audition date. Homestead High School does not provide our show choir program with any funding or reimbursements. We are responsible for raising/disbursing all money for this program.
6. Families can earn 100% of their fees by participating in fundraisers. Any amounts earned prior to payments being due may be used to offset those payments. Some fundraisers will continue throughout the school year, enabling families to build "escrow" for their fees account. Remaining escrow monies at the end of the school year may be carried over to begin the following year; graduating senior families may choose to have their escrow balance refunded to them, or to make a donation to HHS Show Choirs.
7. **Miscellaneous Fee Charge:** After all costumes, shoes, makeup, etc. have been ordered, it is possible that a miscellaneous fee charge of an additional \$75.00 will be added to each student's fees. This amount can also be fundraised through program ads.
8. Should a student drop out of Show Choir on or before the last day of the first nine weeks, one-third of the fees will be refunded. No refunds will be issued to any students past this date.

SCHEDULE

REHEARSALS

Schedule

- Class Royale rehearses Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-5pm, beginning September 5, 2023 (CR has Choreo Days 9/5 and 9/7).
- Elite rehearses Mondays and Wednesdays, 3-5 pm, beginning September 6, 2023. (Elite has a Choreo Day 9/6)
- Rehearsal for Males in Class Royale will be on Wednesdays, 3-4pm, beginning September 28, 2023.
- Anonymous Blue (AB) auditions will take place in November. More information will be available at the time of auditions.
- Rehearsal for CR, E, AB will be extended to 6:00 pm January through March.

Attire

- Choir members should wear modest, comfortable, non-baggy clothing that allows freedom of movement and visualization of body position. Students should wear dance shoes or running/tennis shoes. No sandals or bare feet will be allowed at any time.
- Mr. Shaw will indicate when students should rehearse in their dance shoes.
- Students will have time after school to change in the choir dressing rooms.

Student Guidelines

- Show Choir rehearsal is a **no-phone zone**. Leave your cell phone in the dressing room.
- A winning show choir practices excellence. Practices that make a difference:
 - Change clothes and arrive early so that you are ready to begin at the appropriate time.
 - Respectfully listen to and follow directions from the director, choreographers, dance captains, and vocal captains. Do not talk between numbers. The time you lose (or not) to talking, quieting down, and regaining focus will make a difference in your performance.
 - Once you have learned the music and choreography practice outside of rehearsal so that your rehearsal time can be spent working as an ensemble.
 - Bring a water bottle to each rehearsal.

CHOREOGRAPHY DAYS/EVENINGS

Class Royale and Elite have additional rehearsals throughout the fall to learn and refine their show choreography. *(This schedule is subject to change; Mr. Shaw will notify students and families in a timely manner.)*

Elite – with Leslie Beauchamp, Chris Rasor and Shane Coe

Class Royale – with Shane Coe and Mike Weaver

Student Guidelines

- Attendance during Choreography Days is essential. Please arrange your schedule (work, Senior pictures, doctors' appointments, volunteer or other activities, etc.) around these dates/times. Students who also participate in Homestead Band or Fall sports must communicate with their directors/coaches and coordinate any "time sharing" schedules with Mr. Shaw.
ALL absences must be approved by Mr. Shaw or Mr. Cain
- Choreography days are exhausting and exciting. Please take care of yourself: sleep well, eat well, and hydrate well. Your body is your instrument; take good care of it.
- As much as possible, plan ahead so that your academics will not suffer.

TECH DAY– Saturday, January 20, 2024 – **ALL DAY**

Elite, Class Royale and Anonymous Blue begin the day with individual rehearsals and continue after lunch with full dress rehearsals. Parents assist WingNuts to make sure all stage props are ready for the competition season. The day concludes with a brief Parent Meeting, and – the best part – a dress rehearsal performance of the 2024 Elite/Class Royale/AB's shows. It's a great day!

VOCAL CLINICS

Periodic vocal clinics will be scheduled for Elite and Class Royale, September through January. Depending on the clinician's schedule, these sessions may fall outside the regular rehearsal schedule. Mr. Shaw will notify students and families in a timely manner.

CONCERTS/PERFORMANCES

- **Fall Choral Concert: Wednesday, October 26th, 7:00 pm** (*see attire notes)
- **Holiday Choral Concert** (with Jazz Band): **Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 pm** (*see attire notes)
- **Classic Showcase: Friday & Saturday, February 2-3, 2024**
Homestead's annual show choir invitational. The middle school competition will take place Friday night Feb 2th. The high school competitions (Unisex, Mixed, Concert Choir, and Solo) will take place throughout the day and evening on Saturday Feb 3rd. This is an **ALL HANDS ON DECK** event.
- **Cabaret Night: March 23, 2024 (Homestead High School)**
An evening of HHS Show Choirs performances, guest performances, live and silent auctions.
- **Show Choir Clinic: Date TBD, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**
Elite and Class Royale introduce students (grades 3-8) to the world of show choir. Students learn the music and choreography for one song and perform for family and friends in the afternoon. Performances of Elite/AB's and Class Royale/AB's competition shows conclude the day.

- **Optional activities:** Mr. Shaw will have additional information early in the school year
 - IMEA All-State Honor Choir (by audition) – Students have the opportunity to audition for the Indiana All-State Honor Choir. Several rehearsals take place late fall-mid January to prepare for workshops and performances during the Indiana Music Educator’s Conference in Fort Wayne in January.
 - ISSMA: Vocal/Piano Solo & Ensemble – February
 - ISSMA: Wind/Percussion/String Solo & Ensemble – January
 - Students may choose to prepare solo or small ensemble songs. Participants aim for Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals and receive the judge’s critique. Students select and prepare their music outside of Show Choir; they also make arrangements for an accompanist. Students who receive a Gold rating in Level I qualify to participate in the ISSMA State competitions: Vocal/Piano in February; Wind/Perc/String in March.
- Special events or opportunities may come up during the year. Mr. Shaw will notify students and families in a timely manner.

***Student Guidelines for Fall and Holiday Choral Concert attire:**

- Concert attire should enhance the performance and create an ensemble look; aim to look professional.
- Elite and Class Royale will wear black and white for these Choral Concerts. Mr. Shaw may designate additional colors for the Holiday Concert.
- Girls: black dress or black skirt/dress pants with a white or black top. Skirts must be mid-thigh or longer. Tops or dresses should not be strapless or have spaghetti straps (unless worn under a cardigan or bolero). Please choose a modest top or dress with no visible cleavage.
- Boys: black dress pants with a white or black button-down shirt.
- Shoes: dress shoes are preferable; no sneakers or flip-flops.
- Hair: please keep your hair tidy and off your face.

2024 SHOW CHOIR COMPETITION SEASON

COMPETITION DATES

February

- 1-3 HOMESTEAD CLASSIC SHOWCASE
- 10 Competition / Carroll and Northridge
- 17 Competition/ Pendleton Heights
- 24 Competition / Huntington North

March

- 2 Competition / Churubusco
- 11 Competition / Columbia City

Important Notes:

- Cindy Otten will send the week's competition day schedule and any other news via e-mail by each Tuesday.
- In accordance with SACS policy, parents will need to complete the Health Form for Students and Parent Permission forms; both will be available at the August Parent Meeting and on our website, www.homesteadshowchoirs.com

THE COMPETITION DAY

Schedule Overview (also see sample schedule, page 15)

- The day begins with an early morning "call time." All students meet in the choir room for a costume check and instructions before they board the buses.
- When we arrive at the invitational, students settle into their homerooms and prepare for the day.
- Elite/AB generally performs in the morning; Class Royale/AB often performs late morning or afternoon. Class Royale performs in the Concert Choir competition when the invitational offers that division.
- Students can enter the Solo competition (Mr. Shaw will have a sign-up for these in January). Participating students choose their own music and provide a CD soundtrack or accompanist.
- All students attend the pre-dinner Awards ceremony with the hope of advancing to the evening Finals competition.
- We return to Homestead around midnight or later.

Student Expectations

- **Costume Care/Checklist** – The Costume committee will provide specific costume care instructions and a competition day checklist in January.
- **Participation**
 - Arrive early and prepared for morning call time.
 - Be dressed, mentally focused, and on time for competition warm-up transit.
 - Class Royale cheers for Elite/Anonymous Blue, Elite cheers for Class Royale/Anonymous Blue, all cheer for Solo Competition singers, all sit together for Awards.
 - Watch and learn from other performances when you are not otherwise scheduled.

CR-E-AB – **C**ourtesy and **R**espect are **E**ssential and **A**bsolute. Treat fellow choir members, directors, choreographers, parent volunteers, host schools, and other choir members with courtesy and respect.

Competition Day Survival Tips from Past Students

➤ **In addition to your costume items, BRING...**

- Small blanket
- Small pillow
- Cell phone and charger
- Card Games or Board Games
- Toiletries:
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Hairbrush
 - Bobby pins
 - Hairspray
 - Mirror
 - Deodorant!
- Money! About \$20
- Water Bottle
- A good attitude!!!! 😊

➤ **What to Wear to the Competition...**

- HHS Show Choir jacket
- Very comfy shoes
- Comfy jeans or khakis

➤ **How to Prepare the Night Before and Morning of...**

- Get as much sleep as you can!
- Prepare your duffel bag
- Remove nail polish
- Wake up early so you won't be rushing around
- Wash your face! Helps prevent many breakouts!
- Shower in the morning
- Eat a good breakfast!!!

➤ **Once You Get to School...**

- Don't be hyper and crazy in the morning, you will make enemies!
- Keep a friendly attitude towards people! Don't be grumpy
- ALWAYS listen to Mr. Shaw & Mr. Sherman and the chaperones. BE QUIET.
- Go through the costume check quietly and actually check as they go along the list.

➤ **On the Buses...**

- Don't be that annoying loud kid
- Be respectful if people are sleeping
- If it is a long bus ride, don't drink a lot of water! There are no bathroom breaks!
- If a short bus ride, drink water!!!!
- Listen to adults

Once at Competition

Pay attention to your schedule so you know when to get ready and when you need to be at specific places.
The usual order of events...

Elite and CR Girls

Do makeup
Do hair
Get costumes
Put on leo/tights
Put on opening costume
Put on shoes
Set 2nd costume in cart
Do last minute touch-ups

Class Royale Boys

Do hair
Get costumes
Put on compressions shorts
and t-shirt
Put on opening costume
Put on shoes
Set 2nd costume in cart
Do last minute touch-ups

Anonymous Blue

Put on performance "blacks"
Get instrument & music

Everyone:

- Get your water bottle and line up
- Focus on your show
- Go to warm-ups quietly
- Stay focused during warm-ups
- Line up and transit quietly to performance stage
- Set costumes
- Get into opening positions
- Perform 120%
- Return to homeroom to change
- Quietly run through costume check with Seniors
- Follow your schedule so you know
 - ✓ when the other group or Solos are performing (clap and cheer like crazy!)
 - ✓ when you should eat
 - ✓ when you need to go to Awards
- Hangout, enjoy your friends, meet new people, watch other choirs!

(Sample Competition Day Schedule)

Huntington North Competition 2.25.19

7:45 am	Arrive HHS; costume check
8:15 am	depart for Huntington North
8:45 am	arrive at Huntington North
9:30 am	AB dressed & lined up
9:40 am	AB Instrumental warm-up
9:40 am	Elite and Crew dressed & lined up
9:50 am	Elite/AB warm-up
10:20 am	Elite/AB PERFORM Class Royale in Auditorium to cheer for Elite/AB!!
After Video Viewing	Elite/AB and Crew report to homeroom E costume check; AB instruments away
LUNCH	
12:50 pm	Elite/AB seated together in Auditorium for Women's Finals Announcements
12:55 pm	CR dressed & lined up for Concert Choir
1:05 pm	CR Concert Choir warm-up
1:30 pm	CR Concert Choir Performance Elite/AB in Auditorium to cheer for CR!!
1:45 pm	CR report to homeroom; costume check
2:32 pm	Solo Comp – ALL in Library to cheer
3:40 pm	AB dressed & lined up
3:50 am	AB Instrumental warm-up
3:50 pm	CR and Crew dressed & lined up
4:00 pm	CR/AB warm-up
4:30 pm	CR/AB PERFORM Elite in Auditorium to cheer for CR/AB!!
After Video Viewing	CR/AB and Crew report to homeroom CR costume check; AB instruments away
5:45 pm	ALL seated together for Awards
After	report to homeroom for instructions
7:20 pm	Finals Begin (3 Women's; 3 Mixed)
10:30 pm	Finals Awards

Huntington North Regulations:

DO NOT sing or play instruments in the homerooms or hallways;

NO Food, Drink, or Boom-boxes in homerooms;

DO NOT hang out in homerooms

FUNDRAISERS

INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS give families the opportunity to raise all or part of the student fee; monies earned are applied to the student's escrow account and can be used to offset fee payments. Participation is optional. Funds remaining in individual escrow accounts at the end of the year can be applied to the following year's fee. Senior families can choose to receive a refund or to make a donation to HHS Show Choir.

ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISERS generate revenue for HHS Show Choir. As specified in the audition agreement, participation in the Fall Concessions, Music Boosters Discount Cards sale, Cabaret Night, and Classic Showcase are **mandatory**.

Individual Fundraisers

- **Ads/Announcements** – Students raise money through the sale of sponsorships and advertisements for the season's program books. 100% of all business program ad funds go directly into your student's account and funds from ONE personal ad will be credited to your student's account. All other personal ad sales dollars will go into the HHS Show Choir General Fund.

Organization Fundraisers

- **Fall Concessions (*participation required*)** – early August through end October. Homestead Show Choirs receives approximately \$12,000-\$15,000 from Music Boosters for our annual Concessions work. **Each family works a minimum of 4 shifts during the season.** Please see the Concessions 2022 insert (page 19) for more information.
- **Music Boosters Discount Cards Sale (*participation required*)** – August 21 to September 22, 2023
Each family sells a minimum of 5 Discount Cards.
- **Classic Showcase (*participation required*)** – Friday & Saturday, February 1-3, 2024, marks Homestead's annual show choir invitational. The middle school competition will take place Friday night. The high school competitions (Unisex, Mixed, Concert Choir, and Solo) will take place throughout the day and evening on Saturday. **Each family works a minimum of 10 hours this weekend.** Please see the Homestead Classic Showcase insert (page 20) for more information.
- **Cabaret Night (*participation required*)** – March 23, 2024
An evening of HHS Show Choir performances, guest performances, and live and silent auctions. Please see the Cabaret Night insert (page 21) for more information. **Each family sells SIX (6) tickets for Cabaret Night.**
NEW REQUIREMENT FOR 2023: Each family must provide items (at least \$100 worth) toward creation of a basket
- **Holiday Poinsettia Sales – November**
HHS Show Choir will pre-sell poinsettias for the holidays. Some plants may be available for purchase after the Holiday Choral Concert.
- **Coat Check for Semi-Formal and Prom –**
Parents staff the coat check for Homestead's Semi-Formal dance and Prom.
- **Dine Outs – throughout the year**
Students and families eat a meal at a local restaurant on a pre-arranged date. A portion of sales is donated back to HHS Show Choir.

Parent Participation

Homestead Show Choirs is fortunate to have many parents who help in many ways throughout the year. Whether you have just a bit of time to give, or a lot, every effort is appreciated and truly does make a difference – and we make every effort to job-share tasks so that you can participate without being overburdened.

All parents interacting with students are required to complete a Background Check and complete the Bullying Prevention Training.

(Background Check form will be available at the August Parent Meeting and on our website, www.homesteadshowchoirs.com)

FUNDRAISING:

- **Fall Concessions (*participation required*)** – Parents staff the fall athletic events at Homestead, Summit, and Woodside. Several parents help as Cash & Key volunteers: prepare and deliver the cash box at the beginning of the concession event, and collect the cash box at the end.
Each family works a minimum of 4 shifts during the season **Concessions:** Sarina Schroeder & Sara Spittler
Cash/Key: Cindy Otten
- **Music Boosters Discount Cards Sale (*participation required*)** –
Each family sells a minimum of 5 Discount Cards. **Contact:** Jamie Dubes
- **Coat Check for Semi-Formal and Prom – TBD** **Contact:** Lisa Clegg
Parents staff the coat check for Homestead’s Semi-formal dance and Prom. Volunteer to work a two-hour shift or the full evening and enjoy the glamour and excitement of Semi and Prom.
- **Holiday Poinsettia Sales – TBD (November)**– Families have an opportunity to purchase beautiful poinsettia plants; delivery at the Holiday Choral & Jazz Concert. **Contact:**

EVENTS:

- **Classic Showcase (*participation required*)** – Friday & Saturday, February 1-3, 2024
THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!
2024 marks Homestead’s 25th annual show choir invitational. The competition (Middle School division and High School Unisex, Mixed, Concert Choir and Solo divisions) will begin Friday evening and conclude late Saturday night.
Each family works a minimum of 10 hours this weekend. The volunteer sign-up will be emailed in January.

Special Note to Senior parents: Families of Elite, Class Royale, and Anonymous Blue Seniors each make a poster (standard full-size poster board) of their student to display at Classic Showcase.
Posters include:
 - Photos: baby photos, childhood photos, show choir photos, Senior photos, etc. Approximately 15-18 photos fit nicely on a full-size poster board.
 - Student bio, including years in show choir, other activities, post-Homestead plans
 - Student’s note to the family
 - Student’s note to the underclassmen****Posters can be delivered to the Choir room the Thursday before Classic Showcase.****
- **Cabaret Night (*participation required*)** – March 23, 2024 (THIS IS OUR SECOND BIGGEST FUNDRAISER)
Parents solicit and pick up auction items, assemble and display silent auction baskets, assist with set-up and tear down of the silent auction, prepare tickets and assist with sales and distribution. **Each family sells SIX (6) tickets for Cabaret Night. Each family must provide items (at least \$100 worth) toward creation of a basket.**

PERFORMANCES & COMPETITIONS

- **WingNuts** --Parents assist with any set construction and props/equipment maintenance. Most tasks do not require “skilled labor.” WingNuts met periodically throughout the fall to prepare for the Competition season. Many hands are also needed on Tech Day, January 20th. On competition Saturdays, WingNuts load and unload the show choir equipment trailer and serve as stage hands for Elite, Class Royale and Anonymous Blue.
- **Chaperones** --Saturday Competitions, January through March – These parents ride the bus to and from show choir competitions, assist students before and after their competition performances, and supervise students throughout the day. Specific chaperone needs will be determined closer to competition season.

CONCESSIONS 2023

Elite and Class Royale families are required to work Concessions for fall sports (August-October)

Homestead Show Choirs receives approximately \$12,000-\$15,000 from Music Boosters for our annual Concessions work. As stated in the HHS Show Choir Audition agreement, each Elite and Class Royale family is required to participate. **ALL Show Choir families need to sign up for FOUR (4) Concessions spots.**

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

- **When signing up at Sign-Up Genius, the number of volunteers from your family must be listed.**
(Example: If you have 2 members of your family signing up for two shifts, but you don't indicate it on the sign up, then there will still be one shift considered "open" for others to register. Your family will get credit for 1 person working.)
- If there are two slots open, and 4 family members attend, it is only counted as two slots toward the total requirement of 4 shifts.
- Here are examples of ways to complete the required 4 shifts:
 - 4 family members work a football game
 - OR -2 family members each work 2 events
 - OR -1 family member works 4 different events
- If you have an emergency and cannot work your shift, it is your responsibility to switch with another show choir family to get the shift covered. If you cannot find a family to trade, you must contact **Sarina Schroeder at 260-224-5727 or Sara Spitler at 260-312-1175 immediately.**
- **IMPORTANT: An adult must be present at all concession events.** (Ex: 2 students cannot be responsible for working two slots at a soccer game.)
- High school students may work Concessions **IF** an adult is also working the event. Middle school siblings may work if their parent is also working.
- Cash and Key volunteers do not need to sign up for Concessions spots.
- Families with more than one show choir student do not need to work double duty.

AT THE CONCESSION STAND

- A Concessions Cash & Key volunteer will unlock the stand, deliver the cash box, and pick up the cash box at the end of the event.
- First shift times are 30-60 minutes ahead of the event so that you will have time to prepare food before the fans arrive. **This will not be done for you.**
- The 3-ring binder in each stand gives good and easy instructions for set-up and clean-up. It also provides information about the quantities of food to make and other important details.
- When you start cleaning up at the end of your event, contact your Cash & Key volunteer for cash box pick-up. Make sure the windows and door are locked before you leave.

CONCESSION STAND LOCATIONS

- **HHS JV and Freshman Football** – use the Visitor side stand closest to student parking lot (Band runs the Home stand for Varsity games)
- **HHS Varsity Football (Friday nights)** – use the Visitor side stand closest to student parking lot (Band runs the Home stand for Varsity games)
- **HHS Volleyball** – to your right as you enter the Gym/Auditorium door (Door 4)
- **HHS Soccer** – northwest of the football stadium. Park in the high school "Junior lot" west of the stadium; follow the asphalt path to the Concession stand, located between the soccer and softball fields
- **SMS Football** – west side of the football field
- **SMS Volleyball** – enter Door 9 near the natatorium and proceed to the end of that hallway
- **WMS Football** – west side of the football field
- **WMS Volleyball** – enter Door 8. The Concession stand is toward the end of the hall, on your left.



HOMESTEAD CLASSIC SHOWCASE

Friday & Saturday, February 2-3, 2024

2024 marks Homestead's 25th annual show choir invitational. Thanks to our parents' and students' extraordinary efforts and hospitality, Homestead has earned a reputation for hosting one of the region's best show choir invitationals as well as the largest show choir competition in the country! We will host over 50 groups who will participate in Middle School, High School Unisex, High School Mixed, and Solo Competition Divisions. Approximately 2500 students will participate in Classic Showcase.

- Our weekend will begin after school on Thursday, February 1st. We will...
 - Assemble the Gym Stage
 - Prepare the Auditorium and other performance venues, Spirit tables, Cafeteria and homerooms.
- Friday, February 2nd
 - Middle School Competition
- Saturday morning, beginning at 5:00 am (all times are approximate!)
 - Elite/AB and Class Royale/AB will run a sound check and then disperse to welcome their guest choirs.
 - Choirs will begin to arrive at 6:00 am.
 - Auditorium Stage: Small Mixed and Small Unisex performances will begin at approx. 7:30 am and run throughout the afternoon. Elite's exhibition performance will take place before afternoon awards.
 - Gym Stage: Large Mixed and Large Unisex choir performances will begin at 7:30 am and run through Awards at 6:00 pm. Evening Finals will begin on the gym stage at 7:30 pm and run through Class Royale/AB's exhibition performance at 11:30 pm. The Awards ceremony will follow.
 - Clean up of performance venues, homerooms, and cafeteria will take place throughout the day. At midnight, we will disassemble stage and clean up remaining homerooms and common spaces.

This is a big, exciting weekend! As specified in the HHS Show Choir Audition agreement, each family is required to volunteer a **minimum of 10 hours**. You can choose the shifts that fit your schedule. Here are some of the ways you can participate (Volunteer sign-ups available through Sign-Up Genius in January 2024):

- Performance areas: stage hands, equipment storage, solo venues, tabulations runners and Judge Liaisons
- Audience areas: Gym, Auditorium, and Solo venues
- Parking/Traffic
- Admissions – Main Door and Performer's Entrance
- Homeroom Monitor – oversee visiting choirs' homerooms and assist choirs and host students as needed
- Clinic/Nurses Station
- Cafeteria – cashiers for Saturday lunch and dinner; food servers
- Hospitality Lounges for Directors and Bus Drivers
- Friday set-up and decorations
- Saturday night tear-down

Over the years, our parents' generosity, can-do spirit, and hospitality have been remarkable. We are known as one of the best competitions in the country and pride ourselves with offering our visiting choirs an experience they will never forget. We look forward to sharing the weekend with you this year. Together we can continue to make Homestead Classic Showcase a success.

CABARET NIGHT

SATURDAY MARCH 23rd

Location: Homestead High School

THIS IS OUR SECOND LARGEST FUNDRAISER! Cabaret Night is a celebration of arts education in Southwest Allen County Schools. The evening includes live and silent auctions, a dessert buffet, guest entertainers, and more than 150 student singers, dancers, and musicians: Homestead's Show Choirs, ***Class Royale*** and ***Elite***; and the Homestead Show Choir Band, ***Anonymous Blue*** along with the Woodside/Summit Middle School Show Choir, ***Class Act***.

This year, Cabaret Night will celebrate the end of the choirs' competition season. After months of rehearsals and competitions, students will present their perfected 2024 performances to the community.

Each family sells SIX (6) tickets for Cabaret Night.

Each family must provide items (at least \$100 worth) toward creation of a basket.

Volunteer Opportunities include:

- Assist the Cabaret Night Coordinator(s) with organizational details
- Auction Team
 - Hand deliver Donation Letters
 - Donation follow-up
 - Pick up donations
 - Thank you letters and tax receipt to donors
- Basket/Board and Decoration Team
 - Store donations
 - Help group items together for auction
 - Assemble baskets and boards for silent auction
 - Decorate venue/display auction baskets and boards
- Catering and Event Team
 - Confirm dessert menu and catering (or donations)
 - Assist Decoration Team with event set-up
 - Help move baskets from auction site to holding/pick-up site
 - Coordinate auction check-out/pick-up procedure with Cabaret Night Coordinator
 - Event clean-up
 - Parents to supervise student workers in various capacities
- Publicity and Tickets Team
 - Create and sell tickets
 - Give "tickets sold" number to Coordinator and Catering Team
 - Create promo flyer (hang at school; distribute to families to hang at work, etc.)
 - Send announcement/invitation to area music teachers
 - Press release to local media (i.e. *Aboite Life*)
 - Help at ticket table night of the event

Another way for HHS Show Choir to Earn Money... at Kroger

NOTE NEW ACCOUNT #PC029

- HHS Show Choir will receive a quarterly check from Kroger based upon how much our HHS Show Choir families spend at Kroger.
- Please follow the instructions below to link your Kroger card to HHS Show Choir. Once you link your Kroger card, all you do is SHOP for groceries and/or BUY gas at Kroger and HHS Show Choir receives FREE money!

Linking your Kroger card to HHS Show Choir will not in ANY way impact your fuel points.

1. Go to: <https://www.kroger.com/>
2. Select **SIGN-IN** (if you already have an account) or **REGISTER** if you need to create an account.
3. Click on **Savings & Rewards** and then select **Kroger Community Rewards** from the drop down menu.
4. Select **Enroll Now**.
5. Type in HOMESTEAD and then Homestead Show Choir should appear:
-Choose the one for Homestead High School Choir (#PC029)
7. Now all you need to do is shop at Kroger and enter the phone number associated with the Kroger card linked to Homestead High School (as an alternate ID). You don't even need your Kroger card!
8. HHS Show Choir will then receive a quarterly check!