



CY-FAIR CHOIR

CHOIR WIRE

January 10, 2020

Director's Notes:

We're back and ready to rock and roll! Each of us had a great break and we hope you all had a wonderful time as well. We are excited to be back and getting down to business preparing an awesome Showstoppers program for our families and community. Please read the following information carefully, as there are several important dates, rehearsals and other things to keep in mind as we get through the next 2 weeks. Also, we begin a new section highlighting our amazing seniors in the Choir Wire this week, make sure you check it out! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us! Enjoy your weekend! **BFND** and **GEAUX TIGERS!**

What's in the Choir Wire this week?

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Choir Officers Update

Hi everyone! My name is Rory Lynch and I'm your 2019-2020 Choir Secretary. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and appreciated the well deserved break, but Cy-Fair Choir is officially back in session and busier than ever. All of our choirs are in full Showstoppers mode and are eagerly learning their dances and putting in all the work to make sure this is our best one yet! I promise you that this is a show you do NOT want to miss, so make sure you're on alert and get your ticket for one of our 3 shows (January 31 or February 1) when they start selling! On top of showstoppers, some of our students are currently working hard to prepare for Solo & Ensemble Contest. They will perform for a judge and receive a score that will count toward letterman jacket points as well. The knowledge that their hard work has made themselves and their choir stronger is another benefit to participation in this contest. The All-State process also continues as we have 4 students advancing to Area auditions on the 11th, so make sure to wish these students good luck! Finally, on the 17th Cy-Fair Choir's Chorale is getting the amazing opportunity to listen to Texas State's top choir perform for us! We know this month is a busy one for choir, but we could not be more excited to see what's to come!



Rory Lynch, Secretary :)

Booster Club Update

Please email Julie at cyfairchoirboosterpres@gmail.com anytime with questions, ideas, to become involved, or just to learn more about how we support the program. Our next meeting is January 14 at 6 pm in the choir room. We will be discussing Showstoppers so it is very important that you are in attendance if possible. We'd love to see you there!

Julie Long, Cy-Fair Choir Booster Club President

Area Auditions

The final round of the All-State choir auditions happens tomorrow! We have 4 students representing us at that audition: Gracie Hamilton, Joshua Krueger, Charlie Long and Eric Menasco. We want to wish them the best of luck and tell them how proud we are of their hard work and dedication. They are going to kill it on Saturday! BFND!

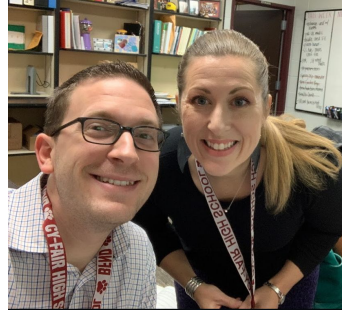


Showstoppers

One of our most exciting concerts of the year is quickly approaching! Please make sure you have all of the rehearsal dates in your calendar (see below).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Be on the lookout for a signup genius link regarding volunteers for Showstoppers. We can't do this show without the help of parents!

Each year we sell flowers for audience members to purchase for our performers. Please follow this link to get an order form and take advantage of this opportunity to make someone feel special!



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Solo and Ensemble Contest



Students who are participating in Solo and Ensemble Contest on January 24-25th should be in a good routine of practicing at this point. The bulk of the preparation for this contest needs to happen outside of class. In order to stay on track with the learning process, all students should CURRENTLY be able to sing through their piece with correct pitches, rhythms and words. Next week, all students will have their first rehearsal with their accompanists. For this rehearsal, students are welcome to use their music and will be able to set tempos and get comfortable with having live accompaniment. Students need to have their solo memorized by the second accompanist rehearsal, which is the week prior to the contest. Feel free to ask us for helpful tips if you are struggling with your song!

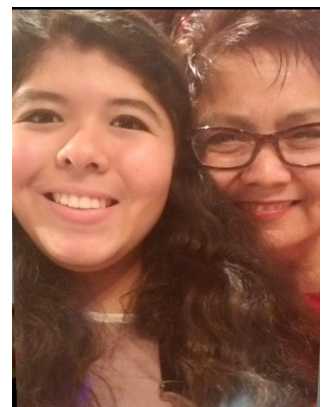
Senior Spotlight

Karina Anchondo

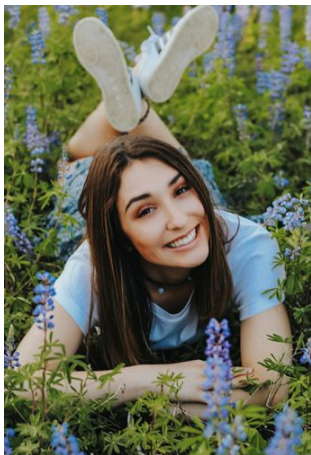
Karina Anchondo has been in the Cy-Fair High School choir program for four years. Karina first started her choir career as a sixth-grader at Arnold Middle School where she began learning the foundation to being a choral singer. After graduation, Karina plans to attend Stephen F. Austin to pursue a double major in creative writing and journalism with a minor in photography.

Karina is currently a dual credit student and plans to enter her first year of college as a sophomore. Recently Lone Star College has invited Karina to join their National Society of Leadership and Success. Other colleges such as HBU and SBU have offered Karina scholarships and the Dean's Scholar Award.

Karina comes from a very close-knit family and the youngest of four. She enjoys being a part of Cy-Fair choir and wishes to continue music in her free time in college. Karina wants to give the Cy-Fair choir program a big thank you for allowing her the opportunity to grow and build friendships worthwhile and she will miss being a part of their community.



Maya Arnold



Maya Arnold has been a part of the Cy-Fair Choir program since her freshman year. She was a Social Officer her junior year and is currently serving as this year's Choir President. Maya was honored to be a part of Cy-Fair Singers her junior and senior year, fulfilling a dream she had since middle school. She has also made All-Region Choir all four years of high school. Another accomplishment of Maya's is that she was invited and selected to be a part of National Honor Society her junior year and is putting in time to volunteer for her school and community.

Maya has big plans for the future and will be majoring in Nutrition in college. Happily, she has been admitted into two colleges and is waiting to hear back from one school. Maya has received scholarship money from both colleges she was accepted to based on her academics. Regardless of which school she chooses to attend, she will continue to focus on healthy living.

One fun fact about Maya is that she loves spending all of her vacation time at her family's second home in Fraser, Colorado. Where, depending on the season, she enjoys hiking, 4-wheeling, and skiing. She also considers herself a Taylor Swift enthusiast, and has been to four of her concerts. Maya has her own YouTube channel where she uploads covers and self-written songs. It will also be no surprise to those who know her, Maya has an Instagram account dedicated to food.

Maya's favorite choir memory thus far is from last year when Cy-Fair Singers had the opportunity to attend the Madrigal Festival in San Antonio. How could anyone have guessed that out of 38 choirs competing that weekend that Cy-Fair Singers would be returning to Cypress as winners of Mads Fest? According to Maya, "that feeling was, and is, still indescribable" and she can't wait to go back to San Antonio in March to take part in the Honor Concert set that Cy-Fair Singers has been working on since the first day of school. One of the many reasons Maya is thankful for this program is how many people she's had the chance to build everlasting friendships with. It has brought her immensely closer to her best friend of four years, Morgan Vozar, as well as many underclassmen. In addition, Maya believes that it is so important to take full advantage of the choir program and get to know all of its amazing people. Make as many friends as possible, regardless of what grade they are in, everyone has unique talents you can learn from.

Ana Cocanower



Ana Cocanower is one of our senior bobcats. She has been in choir since middle school and has had an incredibly strong connection to music. This year, Ana made the Region 27 Treble Choir and made district for 3 years prior. She has also competed in solo and ensemble. For all 4 years of high school she has participated in voice lessons with the wonderful Natasha Manley (Ms. Manley).

Ana will be attending either Sam Houston State University or West Texas A&M in the fall of 2020. Both schools carry a Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy, which is what she would like to major in. Music Therapy is a relatively new degree program. Music Therapy uses musical interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship. This profession uses many skills that Ana carries through learning and personal traits.

One interesting thing about Ana is that she is adopted from Guatemala. She was put up for adoption from her beautiful mother and became a member of the Cocanower family. She's blessed to have such amazing parents by the names of April and John Cocanower and an awesome sister, Emma Cocanower. Ana is

thankful for them allowing her to explore her adoption and supported her wandering mind. She is now in contact with them and is so happy to message them and to hear their voices. Another thing is that Ana is a part of the LGBTQ+ community. She's been slowly coming out of her shell to a point where she's pretty comfortable talking about it. "Loving myself has been a battle that I've faced for years and will continue to battle. Something I live by and tell others is that there's always something to smile about every day". She's thankful to have been a part of this incredible choir family. This is a program she will always remember.

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Upcoming Events

January 11	Area Auditions
January 14	Booster Club Meeting / 6pm - choir room
January 15	Women's Choir Choreography Rehearsal / 3-4pm
	Advanced Women's Choreography Rehearsal / 4-5pm
January 16	Men's Choir Choreography Rehearsal / 3-4 pm
	Singers Choreography Rehearsal / 4-5pm
January 17	Sonos Choreography Rehearsal / 3-4 pm
	Chorale Choreography Rehearsal / 4-5pm
January 24-25	Solo & Ensemble Contest / Times TBA
	Showstoppers Solo Acts rehearsal / 3-7pm / CFHS auditorium
January 27	Showstoppers Rehearsal / 3-9pm (see schedule for specific times for each choir)
January 28	Showstoppers Rehearsal / 3-9pm (see schedule for specific times for each choir)
January 29	Showstoppers Tech Rehearsal / 3-7pm
January 30	Showstoppers Dress Rehearsal / 3-7pm
January 31	Showstoppers performance #1 / 7pm
February 1	Showstoppers performance #2 / 2pm
	Showstoppers performance #3 / 7pm