



WYLIE EAST
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CHOIR

**WYLIE EAST HIGH
SCHOOL**

**RAIDER CHORAL DEPARTMENT WELCOME
2024-25**

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Welcome to the 2024-25 Wylie East High School Raider Choirs! We are eagerly looking forward to the possibilities of this coming year and am excited that you have chosen to be a part of our choral program.

The Raider Choirs of Wylie East High School are designed to give you a well-rounded choral music experience. This year's theme is "**WONDERLAND.**" We will focus on helping each student and choir build skills and knowledge to further develop a "tradition of excellence."

We are thrilled and proud to be Raiders! With more than thirty years of teaching between us, we have taught all levels and abilities, from elementary through high school and college. There is much more information about us on the WEHS Choir website. We encourage you to get to know more about the choral program online at www.wylieeastchoir.com.

As a member of the WEHS Choirs, you will be a key part of helping this choral program succeed. You will be singing in many concerts, competitions, and other performances and you will also have opportunities to gain individual recognition through events such as All-State Choir, Solo & Ensemble, Pop Shows, and more. Along with participating in musical activities, students in the Raider Choirs will enjoy a broad range of social events, including parties and trips.

This handbook contains valuable information about grading policies, uniforms, finances, private lessons, calendar events, and more. Please read this information ***closely and carefully*** and return the registration form by **Friday, August 23, 2024**.

Thank you for joining the WEHS choir family! We are excited to work with you and am looking forward to many great musical experiences over the next year! We are confident that this year will continue our emergence as one of the leading choral programs in Texas.


GO RAIDERS!

DR. NATHAN DAME, DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES
MRS. ASHLEY DAME, ASSOCIATE CHORAL DIRECTOR
MR. ANDREW CARR, ASSOCIATE CHORAL DIRECTOR
MS. CHLOE SPELLMANN, ASSOCIATE CHORAL DIRECTOR

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Treble Choir is an un-auditioned choir open for ninth through twelfth grade treble singers and specializes in the performance of treble choir music. Previous enrollment in choir is preferred, but not required. Students enrolled in the course will develop singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Treble Choir travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a non-varsity treble choir and competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Ms. Chloe Spellmann

Tenor-Bass Choir is an un-auditioned choir open for ninth through twelfth grade tenor-bass singers and specializes in the performance of tenor-bass choir music. Previous enrollment in choir is preferred, but not required. Students enrolled in the course will develop singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Tenor-Bass Choir travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a non-varsity tenor-bass choir and competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Mr. Andrew Carr

Select Treble Choir is an auditioned choir open to ninth grade treble singers and specializes in the performance of treble choir music. Students enrolled in the course will continue development of singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Select Treble Choir travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a non-varsity treble choir and also competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Mrs. Ashley Dame

Select Tenor-Bass Choir is an auditioned choir open to ninth through twelfth grade tenor-bass singers and specializes in the performance of tenor-bass choir music. Students enrolled in the course will continue development of singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Select Tenor-Bass Choir travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a non-varsity tenor-bass choir and also competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Dr. Nathan Dame

Cantus Tenor-Bass Choir is an auditioned choir open to tenth through twelfth grade tenor-bass singers and specializes in the performance of tenor-bass choir music. Students enrolled in the course will continue development of singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Cantus Tenor-Bass Choir travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a non-varsity tenor-bass choir and also competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Dr. Nathan Dame

Bel Canto is an auditioned choir open to tenth through twelfth grade treble singers and specializes in the performance of treble choir music. Students enrolled in the course will continue development of singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Bel Canto travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a non-varsity treble choir and also competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Ms. Chloe Spellmann

Bella Voce is an advanced, auditioned choir open to tenth through twelfth grade treble singers and specializes in the performance of treble choir music. Students enrolled in the course will continue development of singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Bella Voce travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a varsity treble choir and also competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Mrs. Ashley Dame

A Cappella Choir is an auditioned choir open to tenth through twelfth grade singers and specializes in the performance of mixed choir music. Students enrolled in the course will continue development of singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. A Cappella Choir travels to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest each year as a varsity mixed choir, as varsity treble or tenor-bass choirs, and also competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals, and participation in the Texas All-State Choir and Solo & Ensemble processes.

A Cappella Mixed Lead Director: Dr. Nathan Dame

A Cappella Tenor-Bass Lead Director: Dr. Nathan Dame

A Cappella Treble Lead Director: Mrs. Ashley Dame

Out of the Blue is a premier choral ensemble at WEHS and is open to tenth through twelfth grade tenor-bass and treble voices **by audition only**. This choir provides students an outlet to sing many different genres as a mixed choir, including vocal jazz, pop, and vocal a cappella. Students accepted into this ensemble must demonstrate excellent singing, sight-reading, and leadership ability. Membership in this ensemble requires enrollment in a choir class. Students are expected to pass all classes and represent the Wylie East Choirs in a positive and professional manner. They are also expected to audition for the All-State Choir. Out of the Blue travels throughout the community each year and competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Mr. Andrew Carr

Blue Horizon is a premier choral ensemble at WEHS and is open to tenth through twelfth grade treble voices **by audition only**. This choir provides students an outlet to sing many different genres as a treble choir, including vocal jazz, pop, and vocal a cappella. Students accepted into this ensemble must demonstrate excellent singing, sight-reading, and leadership ability. Membership in this ensemble requires enrollment in a choir class. Students are expected to pass all classes and represent the Wylie East Choirs in a positive and professional manner. They are also expected to audition for the All-State Choir. Blue Horizon travels throughout the community each year and competes in local and regional choral competitions. Membership requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts, rehearsals, and/or sectionals.

Lead Director: Mr. Andrew Carr