



Required Handbook Signature Forms

Aaron Lucero, Sarah Posz, & Sal Herran

Directors

Welcome to the Newman Smith High School Choral Department!

Dear NSHS Choir member and parent/guardian,

The Newman Smith High School Choral Department enjoys a rich tradition of excellence, pride, and high musical standards. As part of one of the strongest choral organizations in the state, you can be proud of who you are and what you do. Let's work together during the 2019-2020 school year to maintain the excellence we have come to know as tradition. This investment of time, effort, and energy will create a harvest of life-long benefits beyond measure.

Participation in the NSHS Choir program provides students the opportunity to improve individual vocal technique, music theory, and sight-reading skills. Students learn challenging choral literature in a variety of musical styles, and are able to compete at choral contests and festivals both in and out of CFB-ISD.

This handbook is designed to introduce you to the choral traditions at Newman Smith High School and to provide you with information regarding course selection, grading procedures, eligibility, private lessons, uniforms, fees, fundraising, the choir trip, and a calendar of activities and concerts. As the year progresses, any additions or changes will be provided to you via the students and email. It is imperative we have your correct email on the Charms website.

We are excited about the opportunities that await us in the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you for your support of music education at Newman Smith High School. It is a privilege to have you as a valued part of our choral program.

Mr. Lucero, Ms. Posz, & Mr. Herran

Newman Smith Choir Staff

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NSHS 2019-2020 Choral Department Calendar

Date	Event	Req'd Choir(s)	Location	Start	End
8/27/2019	Choir Parent Meeting	All Choirs	NSHS Theater	7:00pm	8:00pm
8/28/2019	Back to School Bash	All Choirs- Optional	Mary Heads Park	6:00pm	8:00pm
9/3/2019	Vocal Ensemble Retreat	Vocal Ensemble	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	8:00pm
9/4/2019	Cookie Dough/Cheesecake Fundraising Begins	All Choirs	Community		
9/7/2019	Uniform Distribution/ HoCo Decorating	All Choirs/ A Cappella	NSHS Choir Room	10:00am	2:00pm
9/8/2019	Homecoming Decorating	Optional	NSHS Choir Room	1:00pm	5:00pm
9/13/2019	Homecoming Parade	Optional	NSHS	During School	
9/13/2019	Homecoming Game Tailgate	Optional	Standridge Stadium	5:00pm	6:30pm
9/13/2019	Homecoming Game (National Anthem)	A Cappella Choir	Standridge Stadium	6:30pm	7:15pm
9/21/2019	District Auditions	All-Region Auditionees	Colleyville Heritage HS	During the day	
9/27/2019	A Cappella Retreat	A Cappella Choir	NSHS	5:00pm	10:00pm
9/28/2019	9/10 Honor Choir Camp	9 th & 10 th Graders (Opt.)	RL Turner HS	9:00am	12:00pm
10/25/2019	Fall Concert	All Choirs	NSHS Theater	7:30pm	9:00pm
10/26/2019	All-Region Auditions	All-Region Auditionees	LD Bell HS	During the day	
10/28/2019	Musical Prep Day	Auditionees	NSHS Choir Room	After School	
10/29/2019	Musical Auditions	Auditionees	NSHS Theater	After School	
10/30/2019	Musical Callbacks	Auditionees	NSHS Theater	After School	
11/1/2019	Ladies' Night	Optional for all women	NSHS Choir Rm.	5:00pm	8:00pm
11/5/2019	Trojans Got Talent Auditions	Auditionees	NSHS Choir Room	After School	
11/6/2019	Poinsettia Fundraising Begins	All Choirs	NSHS Choir Room		
11/7/2019	Veteran's Day Assembly	A Cappella & VE	Auditorium	During School	
11/8/2019	All Region Choir Clinic	All Region Singers	FUMC Grapevine	2:00pm	4:00pm
11/9/2019	All Region Clinic & Concert	All Region Singers	FUMC Grapevine	8:00am-5:00pm	Concert at 5pm
11/13/2019	Trojans Got Talent Rehearsal	Performers	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	6:00pm
11/14/2019	Trojans Got Talent Performance	Performers & VE	NSHS Theater	6:00pm	9:00pm
11/19/2019	Pre-Area Auditions	All-Region Auditionees	Carroll Senior HS	Evening	

(More dates on the back)

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12/6/2019	Guys' Night	Optional for all men	NSHS Choir Rm.	5:00pm	8:00pm
12/9/2019	Winter Voice Recital	Voice Lesson Students	NSHS Choir Room	Evening	
12/13/2019	Winter Concert	All Choirs	NSHS Theater	7:00pm	9:00pm
12/16/2019	VE Elementary Winter Tour	Vocal Ensemble	Community	During the day	
12/16/2019	Holiday Caroling & Banquet	All Choirs	Community/Cafeteria	5:00pm	9:00pm
1/11/2020	Area All-State Audition	All-State Auditionees	UTA	6:00am	5:00pm
1/14/2020	Dessert Show Auditions	Auditionees	NSHS Choir Room	After School	
1/25-1/26	Beauty and The Beast	Optional	NSHS Theater	Evening	
1/31/2020	Dessert Show	All Choirs	NSHS Cafeteria	7:00pm	9:00pm
2/3/2020	African American Read-In	Vocal Ensemble	NSHS	Evening	
2/12-2/15	TMEA	All-State Singers	San Antonio	All Day	Every Day
2/19/2020	Cash Cow Popcorn Fundraising Begins!	All Choirs	During School		
2/21/2020	80s Theme Skate Night	Optional	TBD	5:00pm	8:00pm
3/27/2020	Pre-UIL Concert & Sight Reading	All Choirs	RL Turner HS	During the day	
4/3-4/4	(VE) Troyann Spring Show	Vocal Ensemble	NSHS Theater	TBD	
4/15-4/17	UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest	All Choirs	Trinity HS	During the day	
4/30-5/1/20	Hawaiian Falls Choral Music Festival	Choir Fundraiser	NSHS	During the day	
5/2/2019	Vocal Ensemble ENCORE Show	Vocal Ensemble	NSHS Theater	7:00pm	9:00pm
5/11/2020	Spring Voice Recital	Voice Lesson Students	NSHS Choir Room	Evening	
5/14/2020	Spring Concert	All Choirs	NSHS Theater	7:00pm	9:00pm
5/14-5/15/20	Hawaiian Falls Choral Music Festival	Choir Fundraiser	NSHS	During the day	
5/15/2020	Spring Banquet	Optional	TBD	7:00pm	11:00pm
5/18/2020	VE Audition Prep Day	Interested VE Auditionees	NSHS Choir Room	After School	
5/19/2019	Solo & Ensemble	Voice Students	NSHS	During School	
5/20/2020	Vocal Ensemble Auditions	Interested VE Auditionees	NSHS Choir Room	After School	
5/30/2020	Graduation	A Cappella Choir	UNT Coliseum	4:00pm	7:00pm

(More dates on the back)

2019-2020 Newman Smith High School Choir Handbook Acknowledgement Form

This Handbook is distributed to all Newman Smith High School Choir students and their parents. The information is intended to make your choir experience as positive and fulfilling as possible.

Please sign the following acknowledgement form and return it to Mr. Lucero, Ms. Posz, or Mr. Herran. All forms must be on file before the end of the first nine-weeks.

Student's Printed Name _____

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE 2019-2020
NEWMAN SMITH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR HANDBOOK AND WILL OBSERVE
ALL GUIDELINES FOUND THEREIN.**

NSHS Choir Student Signature

Date

**I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE 2019-2020 NEWMAN SMITH HIGH
SCHOOL CHOIR HANDBOOK AND UNDERSTAND HOW IT APPLIES TO MY
CHOIR STUDENT.**

NSHS Choir Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I grant permission for NSHS Choir to identify me by name or likeness in NSHS or CFB-ISD publications, either printed or electronic.

Accept

Decline

NSHS Choir Student Signature

I grant permission for NSHS Choir to identify my above-named child by name or likeness or both in NSHS or CFB-ISD publications, either printed or electronic.

Accept

Decline

NSHS Choir Parent/Guardian Signature

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

District-Wide Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Students Acknowledgment and Agreement Form

(Applies to both School and Non-School Time)

Student Statement:

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the CFB ISD District-Wide Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Students (ECOC). I agree to comply with all rules and regulations in the ECOC and any additional rules adopted by my school as a condition of participation as a member of an extracurricular activity. I understand that my failure to comply with the ECOC may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

Printed Name of Student

Student Signature

Date Signed

Parent Statement (for students under 18 years of age):

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the CFB ISD District-Wide Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Students (ECOC). I understand that my student must comply with all rules and regulations written in the ECOC and any additional rules adopted by my student's school as a condition of participation in an extracurricular activity. I understand that his or her failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

Printed Name of Parent

Signature of Parent

Date Signed



I _____ (parent/guardian name) give the following employee permission to communicate via text or other electronic means with my student(s) due to the fact that the employee has a social or family relationship with my student. I understand the employee is not subject to the provisions set forth in the Use of Electronic Media with Students protocol.

Name of Employee Aaron Lucero / Sarah Posz
Sal Herran Building Newman Smith HS

Name of Student _____ Campus _____

Name of Student _____ Campus _____

Name of Student _____ Campus _____

I understand that the employee continues to be subject to applicable state and federal laws, administrative regulations and the Educators' Code of Ethics in regards to communications.

Furthermore, I acknowledge the following:

- The employee has provided me with a copy of the Use of Electronic Media with Students Protocol
- The employee and the student have a social relationship outside of school;
- I understand that the employee's communications with the student are excepted from district regulation; and
- I am solely responsible for monitoring electronic communications between the employee and the student.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

NSHS CHOIR



Please Print

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Student: _____

Choir Period: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Check the box beside the areas where you can serve. Return to choir with your student.

<input type="checkbox"/> Homecoming Tailgate	Sept. 13	4:30-7:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> A Cappella Choir Retreat	Sept. 27	6:00-7:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Night	Nov. 1	5:00-8:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Trojans Got Talent	Nov. 14	6:30-9:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Guys Night	Dec. 6	5:00-8:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Caroling & Banquet	Dec. 16	5:00-9:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Dessert Show	Jan. 31	5:00-9:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 80s Theme Skate Night	Feb. 21	5:00-8:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> UIL Chaperone	April 15-17	School Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Choir Banquet	May 15	5:00-11:00 pm

I would not like to volunteer

Fee Summary

2019-2020 NSHS Choir Department

Student's Name _____ Choir Period _____

Attached is my check, cash, or money order in the amount of \$ _____ made payable to NSCBC (Newman Smith Choir Booster Club) for the following fees:

***Please check all that apply**

_____ Choir Fee \$100 for ONLY FOR A CAPPELLA CHOIR (4th Period ONLY!)

_____ Choir Fee \$70 for Cantori (2nd), Men's Choir (3rd), and Bel Canto (6th)

_____ Vocal Ensemble Fee \$50 (5th Period ONLY!)

_____ Tux Shirt (NEW MEN TO NSHS CHOIR ONLY) \$10.00

Total Attached: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Money Order _____

- ALL singers are required to pay the appropriate choir fees.
- ALL new men are required to purchase a wing-tip tuxedo shirt.
 - For your convenience, you may purchase a tux shirt from the Choral Department.

PLEASE JOIN THE NEWMAN SMITH CHOIR BOOSTER CLUB!

Dear NSHS Choir Families,

Excellence, pride and high musical standards are the rich traditions of the Newman Smith Choral Department. And those standards require the enthusiastic participation of every student, teacher and parent. Your personal involvement and financial partnership are keys to providing the greatest opportunity for your talented children, and are essential to assuring these choirs remain the best!

Our Newman Smith Choir Booster Club provides:

- ♪ Support for the Choral Departments at Newman Smith High School
- ♪ Scholarships for voice lessons, competition fees, and uniforms
- ♪ Sheet music (a major expense!)
- ♪ Sound equipment and supplies
- ♪ Facilities improvements...and more!
- ♪ Clinicians throughout the year

At \$15 per family membership, the Booster Club is also a bargain. I hope those of you who can, will consider buying your membership for \$20, \$50, or more. Your contribution directly benefits YOUR child's choir experience.

Together, as the tradition continues, we'll make 2019-2020 the best year ever!
Thank you!

Mr. Aaron Lucero, Ms. Sarah Posz, & Mr. Sal Herran

Newman Smith Choir Booster Club

Membership Form 2019-2020 www.NSHSChoir.com Make checks out to: NSCBC

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Student's Name _____

Grade & Choir Period _____

Enclosed CHECK/CASH in the AMOUNT of: \$ _____

(Check here if you do not wish to join the NSHS Choir Booster Club)