



# Newman Smith HS Choir Handbook

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### JULY

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4.....District Holiday

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3-8.....Professional Development  
9.....Teacher Work Day  
10.....First Day of School

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1.....Student Holiday/Professional Development  
4.....District Holiday

### OCTOBER

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6.....Student Holiday/Professional Development  
9.....School Holiday  
13.....End of Grading Period  
27.....Early Release Day

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20-21.....Student Holidays/Staff Exchange Days  
22-24.....District Holidays

### DECEMBER

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8.....Early Release Day  
19.....Early Release Day  
19.....End of Grading Period  
20-29.....District Holidays

### JANUARY

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1-2.....District Holidays  
3.....Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day  
4.....Second Semester Begins  
15.....District Holiday  
26.....Early Release Day

### FEBRUARY

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16.....Student Holiday/Professional Development  
19.....District Holiday

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1.....Early Release Day  
8.....End of Grading Period  
11-15.....District Holiday  
29.....District Holiday

### APRIL

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1.....Student Holiday or Bad Weather Day #1  
29.....Student Holiday or Bad Weather Day #2

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16.....Early College High School Graduation  
23.....Last Day of School/  
Early Release Day (High School Only)  
23.....End of Grading Period  
25.....Graduation  
27.....District Holiday

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**KEY**

- cfbisd FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- SCHOOL AND DISTRICT HOLIDAY
- STUDENT HOLIDAY/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ TEACHER WORK DAY
- EARLY RELEASE DAY ELEM & SEC
- EARLY RELEASE DAY HS ONLY
- END OF GRADING PERIOD
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- ECHS GRADUATION
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
- BAD WEATHER DAY (if needed)
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**SCHOOL HOURS**

- Elementary — 7:30 AM-2:45 PM
- Middle School — 8:10 AM-3:25 PM
- High School — 8:40 AM-3:55 PM

**EARLY RELEASE HOURS**

- Elementary — 11:30 AM
- Middle School — 12:10 PM
- High School — 12:40 PM

**GRADUATION**

- May 16, 2024 - Early College High School
- May 25, 2024 - Creekside Newman Smith Ranchview R. L. Turner

# 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 2023-2024 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 contact information.

We are excited about the opportunities that await us in the 2023-2024 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 & Mr. Fuerte

## Newman Smith Choir Staff

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# NSHS Choral Department Calendar 2023-2024

## Fall Semester

Date	Event	Req'd Choir(s)	Location	Start	End
8/18/2023	Ice-Cream Social	Optional	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	5:00pm
8/19/23	Troy Singers-Vocal Ensemble Fall Retreat	<b>Vocal Ensemble</b>	NSHS Choir Room	8:00am	12:00pm
<b>8/22/2023</b>	<b>Choir Parent Meeting</b>	<b>All Choirs</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>
8/26/2023	Uniform Fittings & Distribution	All Choirs	NSHS Choir Room	9:00am	12:00pm
8/29/2023	Back to School Bash	All Choirs-Optional	Mary Heads Park	5:00pm	7:00pm
<b>9/8/2023</b>	<b>A Cappella Retreat*</b>	<b>A Cappella Choir</b>	<b>NSHS</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>10:00pm</b>
9/23/2023	All-Region District Audition	All-Region Auditionees	LD Bell High HS	During the day	
10/15/2023	Homecoming Decorating	A Cappella Choir	NSHS Choir Room	1:00pm	5:00pm
10/16/23	9/10 Honor Choir Auditions	Honor Choir Auditionees	Hurst JH	4:00pm	8:00pm
<b>10/17/2023</b>	<b>Fall Concert*</b>	<b>All Choir</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>
10/19/2023	Trojans Got Talent Auditions	Optional	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	6:00pm
10/20/2023	Homecoming Game Tailgate	Optional	Standridge	5:00pm	6:30pm
<b>10/20/2023</b>	<b>Homecoming Game (National Anthem) *</b>	<b>A Cappella Choir</b>	<b>Standridge</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>
10/21/2023	All-Region Auditions	All-Region Auditionees	Colleyville HS	During the day	
10/23/2023	Hairspray! Musical Audition Prep	Optional	NSHS	TBD	TBD
10/24/2023	Hairspray! Musical Auditions	Optional	NSHS	TBD	TBD
10/25/2023	Hairspray! Musical Callbacks	Optional	NSHS	TBD	TBD
11/10/2023	All Region Choir Clinic	All-Region Members	Birdville FAAC	2:00pm	4:00pm
11/11/2023	All Region Clinic & Concert	All-Region Members	Carroll Senior HS	8:00am	6:00pm
11/13/2023	Trojans Got Talent Rehearsal	Vocal Ensemble	Auditorium	4:00pm	6:00pm
11/14/2023	Pre-Area Auditions	All-Region Auditionees	Haltom HS	After School	
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Veteran's Day Assembly*</b>	<b>A Cappella Choir</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>During School</b>	
11/16/2023	Trojans Got Talent Performance	Vocal Ensemble	NSHS Theater	6:00pm	9:00pm
<b>12/7/2023</b>	<b>Winter Concert*</b>	<b>All Choirs</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>
<b>12/11/2023</b>	<b>Holiday Caroling &amp; Banquet*</b>	<b>All Choirs</b>	<b>NSHS</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>
12/12/23	Troy Singers- Vocal Ensemble Winter Tour	Vocal Ensemble	TBD	7:00am	4:00pm

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## Spring Semester

1/6/2024	Area All-State Audition	All-Region Auditionees	UTA	6:00am	5:00pm
1/25-1/27	Hairspray the Musical	Optional	NSHS Theater	Evening	
1/30/2024	TV & Movies Pop Show Auditions	Optional	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	5:30pm
<b>2/3/24</b>	<b>A Cappella Spring Retreat*</b>	<b>A Cappella Choir</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
2/7-2/10	TMEA	All-State Members	San Antonio	All Day	Every Day
2/12/2024	TV & Movies Pop Show Rehearsal (Soloists Only)	Pop Show Soloists	NSHS Theater	4:00pm	6:00pm
<b>2/15/2024</b>	<b>TV &amp; Movies Pop Show*</b>	<b>All Choirs</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>
3/2/24	Solo Festival	Optional	Creekview HS	8:00am	12:00pm
3/5/24	Solo Festival Scholarship Recital	Optional	TBD	TBD	TBD
4/3-4/5	<b>UIL Concert &amp; Sight-Reading Contest*</b>	<b>All Choirs</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>During the day</b>	
4/12/24	<b>Troy Singers- Vocal Ensemble ENCORE!*</b>	<b>Vocal Ensemble</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>
5/4/2024	Choir Spring Banquet	Optional	NSHS Theater	7:00pm	11:00pm
5/13/2024	Troy Singers- VE Audition Prep Class	Optional	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	5:30pm
5/14/2024	Troy Singers- Vocal Ensemble Auditions	Optional	NSHS Choir Room	4:00pm	6:30pm
5/16/2024	<b>Spring Concert*</b>	<b>All Choirs</b>	<b>NSHS Theater</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>9:00pm</b>
5/25/2024	<b>Graduation*</b>	<b>A Cappella Choir</b>	<b>UNT Coliseum</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## 🎵 Classroom Procedure and Expectations 🎵

1. We expect students to be on time in their assigned seats with their required choir materials before the tardy bell rings. If scholars arrive more than 1 minutes after the tardy bell without a pass, they must go to their attendance clerk. If they do not have a pass, they will not be allowed into the choir room. If they do have a pass they must knock and a director or student helper will let them into the choir room. **Please be considerate of your fellow musicians by being punctual!**
2. **Personal belongings** are not allowed on the risers (purses, fanny packs, phones, backpacks, etc.), unless otherwise instructed by the directors. Cubbies are provided for the storage of personal items and we expect students to take all their belongings with them each day when they leave the choir room.
3. **WE ARE A NO CELL-PHONE CAMPUS & CHOIR ROOM!** If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The student/parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from Student Services for a fee of \$15. **THIS IS THE NSHS PHONE POLICY AND DIRECTORS WILL ENFORCE IT TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.**
4. Choir is a hands-on, physical, and fast paced course. Student musicians are expected to be **active, energetic listeners and participants in each rehearsal.** Through daily skill demonstration and technique building our students will learn to become successful members of a choral ensemble. It is imperative that scholars take direction in a positive manner, have patience and learn to work with others. Also, our singers must come to class each day motivated to work hard and excited to make beautiful music.
5. **Food, gum, and beverages** are never allowed in the choir room without permission. Students may only bring closed containers of water into the room.
6. **Pianos and stereos** may not be played by students without permission. The pianos are expensive instruments, not pieces of furniture. Never place anything on a piano or use them for a writing surface.
7. **Practice rooms, library, uniform closet, and director offices** are off-limits without a director's permission and will remain locked unless permission is granted.

## 🎵 Music and Supplies 🎵

- **Choir Binder:** (provided by Choir) Each student is assigned a choir binder, but it remains the property of NSHS Choir Department. It should be gently treated. Students must not deface the binder in any way. Mistreated or lost choir binders may be replaced for \$5.
- **Pencil Pouch:** (provided by Choir) Students will be issued a pencil pouch in their binder at the beginning of the year.

- **Pencils & Highlighter:** (provided by Choir) Students will be issued two pencils at the beginning of the year and must always have a pencil at their seat.
- **Music:** (provided by Choir) Students will be issued music and it is to be kept in their choir binder.

🎵 Attendance Policy 🎵

*As a member of the choral program, you have an obligation to your fellow choir members to be at school, all outside-of-class rehearsals, and performances. You must be prepared, on time, and with the necessary materials at each required event.*

**Poor daily attendance is not tolerated or accepted.**

1. All choir students must have excellent daily attendance.
2. **Concerts and outside rehearsals:** Attendance at sectionals, rehearsals, and concerts scheduled outside of the regular school day **are required and graded**. Absence from sectionals or outside-of-school day rehearsals will result in a reduction of grade, possible removal from performance opportunity or ensemble, and a make-up assignment.
3. Singers must call and email if an emergency causes an absence.  
**Mr. Lucero (972) 968 – 5340**  
**Mr. Fuerte (972) 968 – 5339**
4. A Cappella members should call or email in advance if they will miss school for any reason, including field trips, "helping" other departments, etc.
5. Examples of **unexcused** absences include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Work
  - b. Oversleeping
  - c. Transportation
  - d. Driver's Ed (avoid March and April)
  - e. Babysitting siblings

**Please bookmark the NSHS Choir website for the latest information. You may also follow Newman Smith High School Choir on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed!**

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### ♪ Grading Policy ♪

Grades in choir are determined in the following manner:

**Formative grades** (25%) including punctuality, having supplies, energy in the rehearsal process, dedication to excellence, and demeanor. Students will receive a weekly skill demonstration grade.

**Summative grades** (75%) are generally measured as mastery in performance on stated concert and after-school rehearsals, but may also take the form of tests, quizzes, sight-reading sing-offs, etc. Unexcused absences will result in a grade of 0% since concerts cannot be rescheduled in order for students to fulfill their music choral TEKS requirements.

Bear in mind that missed rehearsals and performances are lost opportunities and can never REALLY be made up in a meaningful way; however make-up work will be assigned for excused absences only. **All other absences will result in a reduction of grade and possible removal from the ensemble or future choir enrollment.**

### ♪ Academic Eligibility ♪

Choir students are expected to maintain a passing class average in all courses. UIL Ensemble members no longer need to be eligible to participate. **However, director discretion still applies;** if a student is not working with diligence for UIL performances, they will be given an alternative assignment, and will not be allowed to participate. In order to support our students academically and hold them accountable we will have grade and Trojan P.R.I.D.E. checks every grading period. ***We want our students to be successful in and out of our choir room!***

### ♪ Consequences ♪

The Choral Department normally deals with very few discipline issues. The expectation for behavior and rehearsal discipline is high and in order to offer a safe learning environment we follow the Smith's discipline system, Clean Slate and abide by THE RULE that "No one has the right to Interfere with the learning, safety, or well-being of other or themselves. Consequences include, strikes per the clean slate system, student/teacher conferences, removal from rehearsal, alternative assignments, office referrals, removal from performance opportunities and/or field trips, and removal from the Choral Department.



## ♪ Uniforms ♪

Choral uniforms require a large investment. The school district simply cannot afford to replace them often. Students are required to keep uniforms looking neat and smelling good. Please notify a Director in advance if you find any problems with your uniform throughout the year.

**Do not wait until the day of a performance to let the Directors know of an issue.**

### SOPRANOS/ALTOS:

**Choir will provide** a black formal gown (\$75 replacement cost).

**The student must provide** low-heeled solid black close-toed shoes. Socks are unacceptable. No sandals, sling-backs, open-toed, or sneaker type shoes.

**Appropriate jewelry:** small earrings and rings

**Inappropriate jewelry:** necklaces, watches, or bracelets

**Hair** must be brushed and away from your face. Hair ornaments must be black and small.

### TENORS/BASSES:

**Choir will provide** a black tuxedo jacket, black tuxedo pants, black cummerbund, and black band bow tie (\$150 total replacement cost).

Men must also provide solid black socks and solid black dress shoes. Any other color or lack of socks is unacceptable. No sneaker-type footwear is allowed, black or otherwise.

### GENERAL UNIFORM INFO:

Parents/guardians are asked to carefully hem tuxedos and gowns (or have them professionally hemmed at a tailor shop), but may not make other alterations to the uniforms. **Please do not cut the hem, or use tape, glue, staples, or iron-on stitches in order to hem the uniform. These methods damage the uniform and are unacceptable.** Any loss or substantial damage to the uniform will result in a fine for the actual cost.

**\*ALL CHORAL UNIFORMS ARE SCHOOL PROPERTY. FAILING TO MAINTAIN OR RETURN YOUR UNIFORM WILL RESULTS IN BEING PUT ON THE DELIQUENT LIST**

## 🎵 Choir Fee and Uniform Check-out Procedure 🎵

The directors understand that beginning-of-school expenses can be stressful. In an ideal world, choral students would receive their binder, pencils, music, uniforms, bus expenses, entry fees, and scholarships for free! Sadly, the choral department doesn't have the resources to do so, but we keep our fees as low as possible to benefit **ALL** students.

- **The Choir Activity Fee:**

- \$75 Bel Canto, Cantori, Men's Choir (2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> period choirs)
  - Includes: one uniform dry cleaning at the end of the school year, maintenance of the uniform (with the exception of hemming) music, busses throughout the year, UIL/Festival entry fee, choir t-shirt, back-to-school party and other socials throughout the year, snacks for after school rehearsals, lunch during UIL, clinicians, region and solo/ensemble entry fees, Holiday Caroling & Holiday Banquet ticket, and many other choral events throughout the year.
- \$100 A Cappella
  - **Includes everything listed above**, plus their Fall & Spring retreats, and one Spring Banquet ticket.

- **Uniform Fitting:** If any hemming or adjustments need to be made to your student's uniform, please ensure it is completed before the Fall Concert on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Uniform Fitting Day

**Saturday, August 26th 9am-12pm**

Students can sign up via Sign-up genius. An email with the link will be sent out by Parent Square and Remind. Students who are unable to be fitted during this time must make an appointment with the directors to get fitted during lunches or before/after school.

## 🎵 Fundraising 🎵

The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD has many financial responsibilities. Unfortunately, there is never enough money to provide every organization with all the monies needed to be successful. The Choral Department must assume responsibility for some expenses.

Fundraising efforts help purchase new music, fund voice lesson scholarships, provide guest clinicians for UIL Choir Contest, contribute to transportation costs, supplies, entry fees, and social activities and much more. This year's fundraising opportunities include: Cookie Dough and Poinsettias in the fall semester then Popcorn fundraising in the spring semester.

**Students will be provided with opportunities throughout the year to participate in fundraisers. Please help meet financial obligations by participating in at least one fundraiser.**

## ♪ Auditions and Placement ♪

The Newman Smith choir program boasts seven performing choirs that participate in many of the same activities.

They are:

- **Bel Canto:** A beginning treble Choir class that focuses on basic vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading (music literacy). This choir often competes at UIL Contest. Open to 9th-12th grade students.
- **Cantori:** An intermediate treble Choir class that continues to expand the students' knowledge of vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading. This choir competes at UIL Choral Concert and Sight-reading Contest. Open to 9th-12th grade students.
- **Tenor & Bass Choir:** A beginning tenor/bass Choir class that focuses on basic vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading (music literacy). This choir competes at UIL Contest. Open to 9th-12th grade students.
- **A Cappella:** An advanced Choir class that is truly three-in-one. Varsity Treble, Varsity Tenor/Bass and Varsity Mixed make up this choir and meet in just one Choir period. These singers explore advanced choral literature and continue to sharpen their skills in vocal technique, musicality and sight-reading. It is often referred to as the AP class of Choir. The A Cappella choir competes at UIL and often other festival contests. Open to 10th-12th grade students.
- **Troy Singers Vocal Ensemble:** This show choir is taken in addition to A Cappella. Choreographed by guest choreographers, students in this class sing jazz, Broadway, big band, and pop music all while dancing. Open to 10th-12th grade students.

**EACH** choir member is offered an equal opportunity to excel and achieve. The success of the individual is of vital importance; therefore the placement of students in the appropriately paced class is a priority of the directors. The Directors are happy to visit with any student or parent regarding audition and placement requirements. The Choral Department website also contains further details. [www.NSHSChoir.com](http://www.NSHSChoir.com)

## ♪ Parent Volunteers ♪

Without the support of parents, the Choral Department would not be able to provide all the outstanding opportunities offered at NSHS. Please consider volunteering time and talent. Please sign up to help out using the Parent Volunteer form In the Required Signed Forms packet.

**There is a place and a need for everybody!**

### ♪ Awards ♪

Students have many opportunities for individual recognition and awards in Choir. Here's a sample of individual awards student musicians could earn this year:

- Member of All-Region, Area or State Choir
- First Division at Solo Festival
- Solo on a concert
- Outstanding Choir Member
- Most Improved Choir Member
- Director's Choice Award

### ♪ Letter Jackets ♪

Choir students may earn the NSHS Choir Letter/Letter Jacket by accumulating a certain amount of points as designated by the Directors. Students will receive a Letter Jacket Tally Sheet In class to keep track of the points they accumulate throughout the year. ***Students are responsible for keeping track of points and also for costs associated with personalizing the jacket.***

### ♪ Private Lessons ♪

Supplemental voice lessons are offered as enrichment to the classroom instruction. These lessons are designed to utilize the characteristic literature of the voice rather than rehearse the music a student will be performing in Choir. Participation in these supplemental lessons is optional, but **highly encouraged**. Lessons last 25 minutes and may be scheduled during the Choir class, lunch, or after school. **NO LESSONS WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING A NON-MUSIC CLASS.** Voice lessons are available only to students enrolled in a Choir class. *It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/her voice teacher at least 24 hours in advance if the lesson is to be canceled, unless a serious emergency arises.*

Students will pay the private instructor directly. Cost of lesson is **\$22.00 per lesson** which is paid to the private teacher monthly. The Choral Department offers substantial scholarships to help offset the cost of lesson fees. **Please see Mr. Lucero to discuss the requirements for scholarship consideration.**

Questions concerning lesson dates and times, billing, or number of lessons taught will be handled through your voice instructor:

*\* Required*

## **2023-2024 Newman Smith High School Choir Handbook Acknowledgement & Contact Information 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 or Mr. Fuerte.

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 2023-2024 NEWMAN SMITH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR HANDBOOK AND WILL OBSERVE ALL GUIDELINES FOUND THEREIN.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NSHS Choir Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE 2023-2024 NEWMAN SMITH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR HANDBOOK AND UNDERSTAND HOW IT APPLIES TO MY CHOIR STUDENT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NSHS Choir Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Important Parent/Guardian Contact Info:**

#### **Parent/Guardian #1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent/Guardian #2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\* Required

## Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

### Extracurricular Activity 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 CFBISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students. I agree to comply with all rules and regulations in these guidelines 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 these guidelines may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from all extracurricular activities.

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Printed Name of Student

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Student Signature Date Signed

Parent/guardian/Legal Guardian Statement (for students under 18 years of age):

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the CFBISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students. I understand that my student must comply with all rules and regulations written in these guidelines 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.

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Printed Name of Parent/guardian or Legal Guardian

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Signature of Parent/guardian or Legal Guardian Date Signed



\* Required

**Field Trip - Permission, Waiver and Release Form**

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD is proud to offer the opportunity for our students to participate in field trips. Participation in this Field Trip is voluntary, and we ask that you read and sign this form as a condition of participation.

As parent/guardian, I desire that my child or ward to participate in the Field Trip and grant permission to attend. This participation includes travel to and from the Field Trip activity.

**Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook**

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of, and that I have made my child/ward adequately aware of, the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD's Student Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook. I understand, and have made my child/ward aware, that the Field Trip and the events, activities and experiences related to it are school-related functions, and that all the rules and regulations from the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook apply. I understand and agree that if my child/ward violates these rules and regulations, I may be required to pick-up my child/ward early from the Field Trip location.

**Transportation**

I understand and recognize that transportation of my child/ward will be provided by either vehicles owned and operated, or vehicles not owned or operated, by the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. I hereby release and discharge the Carrollton-Farmers Branch, its employees, officers, agents and assigns from all claims, which I may have or claim to have against the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, its employees, officers, agents and assigns for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and from all known or unknown injuries to property, caused by or arising out of, the above-described transportation.

**Permission and Release**

I agree to assume any and all liability stemming from my child/ward's participation on this Field Trip. I further agree to hold the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, its Trustees, employees, and agents harmless from all claims or actions which I or my child have, or may have in the future, including any liability for injuries or damages which occur to my child or me as a result of his or her participation in this Field Trip. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, its Trustees, employees, and agents from all claims made by third parties against it or them on behalf of my child/ward or which may result from my child's action on the trip.

**Student Name**

**Student ID#**

**Student Grade Level**

**Student Class**

*\* Required*

**Consent to Medical Treatment \***

I Agree

*I hereby authorize the sponsors for this event, on behalf of Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, in the case of a medical emergency during the event, to consent to medical treatment of my child or ward.*

**Consent to Administration of Medications \***

I Agree

*I hereby request the sponsors for this event to administer to my child the medications listed on this form. I recognize that the school does not thereby undertake any ongoing duty to administer drugs or medicine, or to supervise or participate in any self-medication, all of which remain my responsibility. I understand that the school is not legally obligated to store or administer medication for students and will not do so, either on a temporary or ongoing basis, except by special agreement. Before any medication is given by the school, I will provide those medications in their original pharmacy containers, with the child's name and doctor's instructions on the label, and I will provide a written, signed authorization from a physician, including complete instructions.*

**Student Date of Birth \***

**Name of Health Insurance Company \***

**Insurance Company Subscriber ID Number \***

**Insurance Company Phone Number \***

I will provide a written, signed authorization from a physician, including complete instructions.

**My child/ward is allergic to \***

**My child/ward has the following special medical conditions \***

**My child/ward takes the following prescription medications \***



I have read this Permission, Waiver and Release Form and understand all of its terms and conditions. I execute this Permission, Waiver and Release Form voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

*\* Required*

I give my permission for my child to participate in the above mentioned activity.

I deny permission for my child to participate in the above mentioned activity.

**Parent/ Guardian Name**

**Parent/ Guardian Email**

**Parent/ Guardian Phone**

*Information entered on this form will be visible to the post author and ParentSquare admins*

**Signature**

**Date**

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## Choir Fee Summary

### 2023-2024 NSHS Choir Department

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Choir Period \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please check all that apply

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir Fee \$100 for **ONLY FOR A CAPPELLA CHOIR (3rd PERIOD ONLY)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir Fee \$75 for Cantori (7th), Tenor/Bass (5th), and Bel Canto (2<sup>nd</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ Troy Singers-Vocal Ensemble Fee \$50 (8th Period ONLY)

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

\*If you need a payment plan or would like to fundraise for your choir fee please check one below

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like a payment plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to fundraise for my choir fee.

- ALL singers are required to pay the appropriate choir fees either by cash, check, money order, credit/debit card, or fundraising.
- Make checks payable to **NSCBC** (Newman Smith Choir Booster Club)

\* optional, but highly encouraged

## 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 Department 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 \$25 per family membership, the Booster Club is also a bargain. We hope those of you who can, will consider buying your membership for \$50, \$75, \$100 or more. Your contribution directly benefits YOUR child's choir experience.

Together, as the tradition continues, we'll make 2023-2024 the best year ever!

Thank you!

Mr. Aaron Lucero & Mr. Armando Fuerte

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Newman Smith Choir Booster Club  
Membership Form 2023-2024  
[www.NSHSChoir.com](http://www.NSHSChoir.com)

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Choir Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks out to: NSCBC

\*optional

# 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.

Homecoming Tailgate

Holiday Caroling & Banquet

Spring Choir Banquet

October 20, 2023

4:00-7:30 pm

Dec. 11, 2023

5:00-8:30 pm

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

1:00-3:30pm

Check here if you'd like to the directors to reach out and see if you're available closer to the event.