



CLEAR LAKE CHOIR

SOUNDWAVES HANDBOOK

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WELCOME

Welcome to Soundwaves! The following handbook includes essential information about your participation in Soundwaves. Please read it carefully, and keep it for future reference.

EXPECTATIONS

As ambassadors of Clear Lake High School and representatives of Clear Lake Choir, you are expected to maintain a standard of excellence, in musicianship, self and technological conduct, and appearance as it applies to public performances.

All previous policies, expectations, rules, and procedures listed in the Clear Lake Choir Handbook apply. Please reference them when you have questions, as well as additional expectations found in this handbook.

SOUNDWAVES

...is a small vocal ensemble comprised of select women & men (grades 10 – 12) based on advanced vocal technique, sight-reading, academic standing, performance skill, and a deep commitment to a rigorous extra-curricular schedule and a long history of tradition and excellence. This group will perform for school functions, athletic events, community and corporate events, and will serve as ambassadors of our school and program. Members of this ensemble are required to participate in the All-State Choir process and Solo & Ensemble Contest, and are expected to take voice lessons.

ELIGIBILITY & ATTENDANCE

Due to the nature of Soundwaves being a small, elite group, each member is exceptionally important to the whole. While all Clear Lake Choir students are held accountable for their eligibility and attendance, Soundwaves membership is dependent upon these matters. If a Soundwave member exhibits poor attendance or eligibility, his or her membership might be revoked.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Certain standards are necessary for the integrity and reputation of any organization. Each and every Soundwave member should set a good example at all times. Soundwave members are expected to have and maintain a character above reproach. Not following school rules, whether it happens at a choir function or not, may result in loss of membership.

CODE OF CONDUCT CONT'D

Equally as important, each Soundwave member will maintain excellence in all aspects of technology postings. Members will refrain from posting distasteful content on any and every form of social media, text messages, etc. Failure to abide by the code of conduct may result in removal from Soundwaves.

FINANCIAL

1. REQUIRED SOUNDWAVES DUES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: \$50. This amount will help to cover the cost of purchasing music, contests, and other supplies.
2. REQUIRED UNIFORM DUES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: \$150. This amount will cover the cost of purchasing uniform materials.

PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS

Voice lessons are offered as a supplement to choral instruction. All Soundwaves are expected to enroll in voice lessons. These lessons are weekly, 30 minute sessions in which a professional singer and voice instructor works one-on-one with the student to further improve vocal technique and to prepare additional literature for activities such as All-State auditions, Solo and Ensemble, and Pop Show. To be placed with a teacher, please return the necessary information packet and enrollment form to your choir directors. At LAKE, four highly qualified teachers will be providing lessons:

- Jenny Grundberg - jennygrundberg@yahoo.com (at LAKE)
- Dr. Jimmy White - thepianoguy@att.net (out of home)
- Janice Robbins - janice.robbins@hotmail.com (out of home)
- Rebecca Pyper-Busselberg - pypersings@sbcglobal.net (out of home)

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

- Uniform
 - Soundwaves Informal Uniform
 - Women:
 - Red casual dress (provided by LAKE)
 - Closed-toe casual shoe (i.e. sperry's, clean tennis shoes, toms)
 - Men:
 - Red button up (provided by LAKE)
 - Nice, dark-wash Blue Jeans (provided by student)



PERFORMANCE ATTIRE CONT'D

- Soundwaves Formal Uniform
 - Women:
 - Custom dress (provided by LAKE)
 - Black character shoes, 2 inch t-strap (provided by student)
 - Men:
 - Navy coat (provided by LAKE)
 - White dress shirt (provided by LAKE)
 - Gray pants (provided by LAKE)
 - Red, white, and blue tie (provided by LAKE)
 - Black belt (provided by student)
 - Black dress socks (provided by student)
 - Casual and/or non-black socks are unacceptable
 - Black concert shoes (provided by student)
- **Hair**
 - Women:
 - Styled (straightened or curled)
 - Front of hair pulled-/bobby-pinned back out of face
 - Men:
 - Hair nicely kept
 - Facial hair nicely groomed
- **Nails**
 - Kept neat and clean with clear or light colors
 - No chipped polish
- **Make-up**
 - Foundation
 - Eyeshadow
 - Eyeliner
 - Blush
 - Red Lipstick
 - Mascara

*Clean bodies and personal hygiene are a must. Please use deodorant, but omit all cologne, perfume, and scented sprays because many people are allergic to these items.



CALENDAR & SCHEDULING

Many events are communicated with at least 2 weeks warning, but sometimes, extra rehearsals are called. Students must follow protocol and let the directors know immediately about a conflict. If even 1 student cannot attend, a performance may become impossible. Please see the Clear Lake Choir handbook on attendance for further explanation. We prioritize our students' schoolwork, so we are judicious about which opportunities we accept. However, you can expect to miss several days of class in late November/December for winter gigs during the school day. Beyond the standard choir calendar, Soundwaves will have an additional 2 concerts- "Jazz in Winter" in early December and "Jazz & Desserts" in late April or early May- and Soundwaves Bootcamp July 25-29 2016.

PARENT SUPPORT

Soundwaves could not be a high functioning and performing group without supportive parents. According to CCISD regulations, students are not allowed to drive other students to school functions. Additionally, directors can only drive students to school functions if the vehicle is rented through CCISD. To save money on a rental vehicle and to stay within CCISD regulations, parents will be called upon to drive students to outside performances. Parents will receive as much advanced notice as possible for all Soundwaves performances requiring driving assistants.

