

WCCC AT A GLANCE -2021-2022
#30YEARS !

Welcome to the Wichita Community Children's Choir! We are so delighted to have you as part of our musical family. Here is a handy "quick list" of important things to know.

What should I expect?

WCCC is a vibrant, upbeat choir that provides children the opportunity to develop their music talent and enrich their lives through the singing of beautiful music. Our choir is unique in that children of all ages, from many schools, come together as one and create a unique sound. As a "musical family", we support and encourage one another instead of being competitive. Our songs cover a wide variety of styles including famous sacred and secular masterworks and songs from our American heritage such as folk, spiritual, jazz, gospel, and Broadway classics. We also enjoy singing music from many other countries and languages and promoting global harmony and inspirational messages. Expect to do some serious singing, and to have some serious fun!

What days do I need to mark on my calendar?

June 30 – Membership Contract, Tuition Deposit, and/or scholarship application due

August 23 and 24 – Fall Round-Up at Sims Ranch.

Parents and Singers will meet by appointment. Details and a sign-up schedule will be e-mailed to parents and they can sign up for a suitable time.

August 26-First Rehearsal and Parents Meeting at Friends University
Davis Administrative Building (look for the clock tower!)
in Alumni Hall (3rd floor)
2100 W University Ave, Wichita, KS 67213

5:00-7:00 p.m Rehearsal, Parent Meeting, and traditional Watermelon Feed on the Lawn

REHEARSALS

Where: Friends University

**Davis Administrative Building 3rd floor, Alumni Hall
2100 W University Ave, Wichita, KS 67213**

When: Thursdays Aug-April 5:00-6:30 p.m.

There will be no Thursday rehearsals during Thanksgiving, Christmas/Winter Break or during Spring Break. In case of inclement weather, we will follow USD259 plans.

FALL WORKSHOP

September 11 - Super Saturday 9:00-noon Location TBA

PERFORMANCES

WCCC will present two major concerts, in Fall and Spring. There will be dress rehearsals at the performance location prior to each concert and attendance is mandatory to assure singers are prepared and confident to perform at the venue.

Fall Concert at St. Catherine of Sienna 3642 N Ridge Rd, Wichita, KS 67205

Rehearsal: November 13, Saturday, 9:30-noon

Concert: November 14, Sunday at 3 p.m

Spring Concert at Eastminster Church

April 23, Saturday Rehearsal 9-11:30 Concert 1:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

WCCC SINGATHON! (enjoy delicious desserts and a WCCC showcase of talent)

Where: TBD

When: Tentatively February 26 or March 5 Practice 9 a.m. -noon Performance 3:00

Other: Each semester WCCC does a community service project. We look forward to sharing our music at retirement homes, in outdoor events, etc.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION from our HANDBOOK

What about attendance?

Wichita Community Children's Choir members are expected to attend every rehearsal and performance. The rehearsals are sequential, each building upon the next, leading up to performances and every member is an integral piece of our choir and has no substitute. Our choir schedule is posted early in the year to ensure that events can fit into busy schedules. In order to ensure the choir's success and growth, the following Attendance Policy is in place:

1. For an anticipated absence, parents need to fill out the Conflicts and Absence form on the website Singer's Portal as early as possible. For an absence due to sudden illness or emergency, the parents should text or email the director
2. All Music Workshops, Dress Rehearsals, Fall Concert and Spring Concerts are mandatory. An unexcused absence during the last week prior to a concert will preclude participation in the concert.
3. Specific "homework assignments" and assigned material will be available to families within 48 hours of the missed rehearsal.
4. Each singer has one "free" absence a semester. A make-up lesson will be offered at a specific time for those who have missed 2 or more rehearsals and singers can

demonstrate they are current with the repertoire and adequately prepared. The Director will decide whether the musician is able to continue in choir and to perform in concerts.

5. Please arrive at rehearsals on time! Rehearsal can only be successful when everyone does their part to be there from the start. Excessive tardiness can result in the choir member being dismissed from the choir at the discretion of the Directors if previous communication has not been made.

What are the financial policies?

Payments/Drop Off: During the choir year, payments and forms can be processed via our website. If turning in forms or payment in person, turn in **before** rehearsal to the rehearsal assistant or choir treasurer. All checks should be payable to “Wichita Community Children’s Choir”. Please obtain a receipt if paying by cash.

Annual Tuition is \$250 for the year. Sibling discount is \$50 for each additional sibling. Tuition payment may be divided into two installments.

Deposit-WCCC Singers reserve a place in the choir by:

1. paying a **non-refundable Tuition Deposit** of \$75 (checks payable to WCCC)
2. signing the **WCCC SINGER AND PARENT CONTRACT (Appendix 4)**
3. Submitting completed registration forms and payment (Google Form) by June 30.
4. You may pay the tuition in full or submit the remaining balance at the August Round-up.

Policies: All invoice payments must be current in order for singers to participate in rehearsals and performances. If, for whatever reason, a singer resigns or is asked to leave the choir, no tuition refunds will be made. Should extenuating circumstances arise, an appeal may be made to the Board. A \$30 service fee will be charged for all returned checks.

Scholarships: Financial assistance is available on a need-basis to help WCCC families cover the costs of their chorister’s participation in the choir program. Refer to our Handbook for application forms.

Confidentiality: The scholarship application form will be held in confidence and will not be available to anyone other than the scholarship committee.

Application: A Scholarship Application is required for all Scholarship requests and can be found on our website. The Scholarship application deadline is June 30. Applicants will be notified of the results of the application the next week. Scholarship recipients are responsible for a \$75 deposit at enrollment and the tuition amount listed on their scholarship document due by Choir Roundup. The scholarship credit will be applied towards the remaining balance on January 1, providing that the singer fulfills attendance and membership guidelines.

Amount: Scholarships shall be for a percent of tuition to be determined by the scholarship committee.

Volunteer Activities: Families of Singers receiving scholarships are responsible for all expenses beyond the scholarship amount and are expected to volunteer with WCCC during the first semester.

What about choir outfits?

Concert Attire:

- WCCC Polo shirt, tucked in- (ordered through WCCC)
- Black dress pants (not leggings) belt if needed, black socks, black dress shoes (provided by parents)

Members will be measured for polo shirts at Fall Round-up. Approximate cost: \$20

Casual Attire: WCCC t-shirt, black pants, black shoes Approximate cost: \$15

WCCC Gear: A variety of optional sportswear will be available for members and/or families to purchase in the fall (i.e. caps, hoodies, t-shirts, book bags, jackets, etc.)

Professional Appearance: As music ambassadors, it is important to present a professional and unified appearance. Policies for our choir include: clean and pressed outfits, shirts tucked neatly at waist, hair should be styled off the face (black headband, black barrettes are ok). Be sure to practice good hygiene and wear deodorant, if needed. Please do not wear perfume, other jewelry, heavy makeup or bright hair colors when performing.

What if I have more questions?

No problem! Please refer to our handbook as it is very detailed and check our website regularly for information, forms, handouts, practice tracks and calendar updates. www.wcccks.com

Throughout the year, you will receive monthly emails. We will also use REMIND to send texts directly to your phone for reminders, messages, and cancellations.

Please keep us informed of your current contact information. If you are not able to easily access information through the website or email, let the Director know.

Always feel free to contact the Director or the WCCC President.

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This will be an amazing year as WCCC marks it's 30th Anniversary! We're excited that you can join the CELEBRATION! Karen Sims, director