



WELCOME PACKET 2025-2026

Welcome to an exceptionally exciting year in the Westlake Choir Department. We have a tradition of excellence here in the Westlake Choir Department, and I am absolutely positive this year will be no exception. Our motto is “I Am Because We Are” and in this packet you will find information on how you can become the “We” and help us have a successful year.

- Get to know our incredible team and email us whenever you need anything
 - Amy Rolniak, Director – arolniak@conejousd.org
 - Karen Hernandez Booster Club President – boosterprez@westlakechoir.org
 - Barton Jones, Booster Club Treasurer – treasurer@westlakechoir.org
 - Joanne Bertagna, Program Manager – joannebertagna@conejousd.org
- Visit our website often for announcements and information www.westlakechoir.org
- Check email from westlakechoir.org and whschoircommunications@gmail.com
- Join our Band App - <https://band.us/n/ada1A91fe4P3M>
- Visit and like our Facebook page – Westlake High School Choir
- Follow the WHS Choir on Instagram @whschoralmusic
- Attend Booster Club meetings and consider filling one of our vacant spots (dates included in the packet)
- Sign up for our many volunteering opportunities
- Consider participating in our many fundraising options as outlined in the Fundraising Packet

Mandatory Dates Calendar

These dates represent the current mandatory events on the Westlake Choir Department Calendar.
You will get an updated calendar at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

Legend: Vocal Ensemble (VE) Treble Chorale (TC) All Choirs (ALL)

Performances, Rehearsals, Retreats, and Trips

August 2025

August 8, 9, 10	Summer Idyllwild Retreat	VE/TC
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September 2025

September 10	Back to School Night Performance	VE/TC
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October 2025

October 16	Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm)	ALL
October 17-18	Fall Concert (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	ALL

November 2025

November 7-9	Winter Choreography Retreat	VE/TC
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December 2025

December 1	Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm)	VE/TC
December 2	Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm)	ALL
December 4,5 & 6	Winter Concert (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	ALL
December 12	Los Cerritos/Colina Run Out (7:15 am - 3:30 pm)	VE/TC

February 2026

February 26th	Festival Preview Concert Dress Reh. (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)	ALL
February 27th & 28th	Festival Preview Concert (6:00 pm - 8:30)	ALL

March 2026

March 9th	SCVA CLU Festival (6:15 pm - 8:45 pm)	VE/TC
March 10th	SCVA CLU Festival (6:15 pm - 8:45 pm)	ACA/ CC

April 2026

April 24-25	Forum Festival	VE/TC
April 29	All District Choir Festival (4:15 - 8:30)	VE/TC

May 2026

May 26 & 27	Pops Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30)	ALL
May 28, 29, & 30	Pops Concert (6:00 - 9:00)	ALL

Westlake Choir Department

Attendance Policy

2025-2026

Missing a concert, dress rehearsal, or other mandatory activity for any other reason than listed below is unexcused and may not be made up.

1. For illness, death in the family, or religious activity a parent will need to notify Mrs. Rolniak via email as soon as the situation is evident an alternate assignment will be given.
2. For other Westlake High School events:
 - a. The student must inform Mrs. Rolniak, and the respective Coach or Advisor in person and email of the conflict as soon as the conflict is evident.
 - b. Once approved, the activity or assignment will be removed from the student's grade

Parent/Guardian Name _____
(please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name _____
(please print)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

**Booster Club Meetings 2025-2026*

<i>Dates - 2025</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Thursday, August 14</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, September 18</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, October 23</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, November 20</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, December 18</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Dates - 2026</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Thursday, January 22</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, February 19</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, March 19</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, April 2</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, May 14</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Friday, June 4</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>

**Booster meeting dates subject to change - booster meeting dates are announced in the monthly newsletter*

All parents are invited to attend and participate in the Booster Club Meetings. Parents with students in the program are encouraged to get involved by volunteering in the Booster Club. A special welcome to our new choir families and a thank you for all those returning families.

Be part of a wonderful program here at Westlake High School! If you would like more information, please contact the Booster Club President, Karen Hernandez at boosterprez@westlakechoir.org

Concert Choir Westlake High School Uniform Info

All Westlake High School Choir participants are allowed to use school uniforms for concerts throughout the school year. These uniforms cost money to purchase and keep in good condition (dry cleaning, etc.). Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to ensure their costume is in good condition throughout the year and report any costume issues. To ensure the quality of our costumes for years to come each student must sign a Uniform Contract every year.

I understand that it is my responsibility to take care of my uniform for choir. Failure to take care of and return my uniform after each performance and at the end of the year will result in a monetary fine or charge to replace the item.

Responsibilities include:

- Only using the uniform assigned to me.
- Keeping my uniform neatly stored in the provided uniform garment bag.
- No eating or drinking while in costume.
- Water consumed needs to be done so with extreme caution!
- Reporting all costume issues (zippers, hems, etc.) to your uniform's officer as soon as they are noticed.
- Dry cleaning costumes at North Ranch Cleaners – NO EXCEPTIONS

Uniform Expectations

Option 1: WHS will provide black button up shirt and blue tie

Student will provide:

Black dress shoes

Black dress pants - flat front Dickies type (no pleats)

Black socks

Option 2: WHS will provide Black Concert Dress

Student will provide:

Black flat dress shoes or 1-1.5-inch heel character shoes (beige or black)

Beige nylons

****Be reminded that no player will be excluded from participation regardless of their donation****

California law guarantees students a public education free of charge, including extracurricular activities. Students are therefore entitled to access to educational activities, and to all materials, supplies, equipment and uniforms necessary for the educational activity, without charges or security deposits. There are some narrow fee authorizations in the law, and we ask for and encourage donations to assist us in our effort to continue providing high quality courses and activities, but all donations are strictly voluntary. Please visit www.conejousd.org/whs for more information, and/or contact the principal if you have any questions or concerns.