

# WESTLAKE CHOIR

## WELCOME PACKET 2024-2025

Welcome to an exceptionally exciting year in the Westlake Choir Department. We have a tradition of excellence 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.

Here are some ways to help:

- Get to know our incredible team and email us whenever you need anything
  - Amy Rolniak, Director – [arolniak@conejousd.org](mailto:arolniak@conejousd.org)
  - Ami Nikolic, Booster Club President – [boosterprez@westlakechoir.org](mailto:boosterprez@westlakechoir.org)
  - Barton Jones, Booster Club Treasurer – [treasurer@westlakechoir.org](mailto:treasurer@westlakechoir.org)
  - Joanne Bertagna, Program Manager – [jbtagna@conejousd.org](mailto:jbtagna@conejousd.org)
- Visit our website often for announcements and information [www.westlakechoir.org](http://www.westlakechoir.org)
- Check email from [westlakechoir.org](http://westlakechoir.org) and [whschoircommunications@gmail.com](mailto:whschoircommunications@gmail.com)
- Visit and like our Facebook page – Westlake High School Choir
- Join our WHS Choir Parents Facebook group
- 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:

Patron Program, Legacy Wall Brick, Corporate Matching, Butter Braids Sales, and various events throughout the year.





## 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 2024-2025 school year.**

### Performances, Rehearsals, Retreats, and Trips

Legend: Vocal Ensemble (VE) Treble Chorale (TC) Concert Choir (CC) Everyone (ALL)

#### August 2024

August 10-12 Summer Idyllwild Retreat VE/TC

#### September 2024

September 11 Back to School Night Performance VE/TC

#### October 2024

October 17 Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm) ALL

October 18-19 Fall Concert (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm) ALL

#### November 2024

November 8-10 Winter Idyllwild Retreat VE/TC

#### December 2024

December 2 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm) VE/TC

December 3 OR 4 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm) ALL

December 5-7 Winter Concert (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm) ALL

December 13 Los Cerritos/Colina Run Out (7:15 am - 3:30 pm) VE/TC

#### February 2025

February 27th Festival Preview Concert Dress Reh. (5:00pm-8:00pm) ALL

February 28th Festival Preview Concert (6:00 pm - 8:30) ALL

#### March 2025

March 1st Festival Preview Concert (6:00 pm - 8:30) ALL

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

March 11 SCVA CLU Festival (6:15 pm - 8:45 pm) CC

#### April 2025

April 4-5 Forum Festival VE/TC

April 29 & 30 All District Choir Festival VE/TC

#### May 2025

May 27 & 28 Pops Concert Dress Rehearsal (5:00 pm - 8:30) ALL

May 29, 30, 31 Pops Concert (6:00 - 9:00) ALL

**Attendance Policy**  
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**2024-2025**



*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 students will need to notify Mrs. Rolniak as soon as the situation is evident AND submit a letter or email within 3 days of their return and 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 at least three weeks before the event.**
  - b. Once approved, the activity or assignment will be removed from the student's grade**

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## Booster Meetings

<i>Dates - 2024</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Thursday, August 15</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, September 19</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, October 24</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, November 21</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, December 19</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Dates - 2025</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Thursday, January 23</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, February 20</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, March 20</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, April 10</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Thursday, May 15</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Tribe Room (Faculty Cafeteria)</i>
<i>Friday, June 6</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 the 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, Ami Nikolic [boosterpres@westlakechoir.org](mailto:boosterpres@westlakechoir.org)

# Westlake High School Uniform Info



All Westlake High School Choir participants are given the privilege of using school uniforms for concerts throughout the school year. These uniforms cost money to purchase and money to keep them in good condition (dry cleaning, etc). Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that their costume is in good condition throughout the year, and report any costume issues. In order 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 uniforms officer as soon as they are noticed.
- Dry cleaning costumes at North Ranch Cleaners **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Uniform Expectations

### **Option 1:**

Specific black dance shoes

White tux shirt

Completely white undershirt with no writing on it

Black Socks

### **Option 2:**

Beige character shoes with a 1-1.5 inch heel

Black dance shorts

Beige bandeau or leotard

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 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 ad activities, but all donations are strictly voluntary. Please visit [www.conejousd.org/whs](http://www.conejousd.org/whs) for more information, and/or contact the Principal if you have any questions or concerns.*



# **COSTUME INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

## **Dancers Wearhouse**

5853 Kanan Rd.  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
(818) 707-1425

## **AMAZON**

Women's Character Shoes  
(Light Color)  
Men's Character/Dance Shoes  
(Black)

## **NORTH RANCH CLEANERS**

3745 Thousand Oaks Blvd  
Westlake Village, CA 91362  
(805) 496-6000

### Approx. Cleaning Costs

Dress - \$10.00  
Vest - \$5.50  
Tux Shirt - \$4.75  
Tie & Cummerbund - \$0.00

### Approx. Alterations Costs

Concert - \$12.50  
Tux Pants - \$5.75  
Tux Jacket Sleeves - \$7.50



COME TO THE CHOIR  
FAMILY

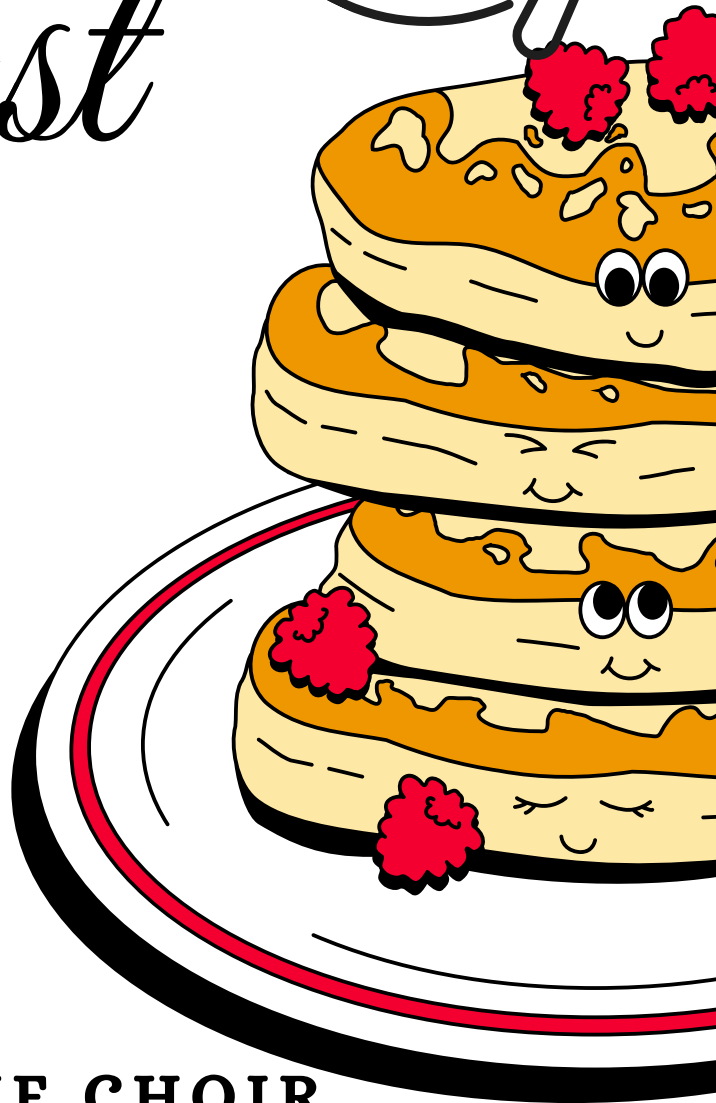
# Pancake Breakfast



**Date: Saturday,  
Sept. 14, 2024  
9:00 am - noon**

Pancakes served from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Creekside Pavilion Conejo  
Creek Park North  
(Behind the Teen Center)**



**COME JOIN THE CHOIR  
FAMILY FUN - SHARE IN  
THE FOOD, FUN AND  
GAMES**

**\*\*Please only current choir members and  
immediate family\*\***