

KOALA CHOIR T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Student Name _____

Please select the correct size for your choir t-shirt.

Make sure that you mark the correct quantity as well.

(these shirts are cotton and will shrink once washed)

- _____ Youth Small (\$10.00)
- _____ Youth Medium (\$10.00)
- _____ Youth Large (\$10.00)
- _____ Adult Small (\$10.00)
- _____ Adult Medium (\$10.00 each)
- _____ Adult Large (\$10.00 each)
- _____ Adult X-Large (\$10.00 each)



Please return this form and the money to the music room as soon as possible. Please use an envelope when sending money to school with your student.

Cash is preferred by the office, but if you do send a check please make it out to Kocurek Elementary School.

Willie L. Kocurek Elementary

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Koala Choir Handbook



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KOALA CHOIR HANDBOOK

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the Kocurek Koala Choir!! The following information is provided to help us all work together to produce excellence in our program. Please take time to read it carefully with your family.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15am-7:45am. Students should report directly to the Music Room. Breakfast eaters need to be at school in time to eat **BEFORE** rehearsal. It is essential that every choir member attend all rehearsals and be punctual.

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

We depend on everyone to attend ALL rehearsals. Please avoid scheduling appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) on Tuesday and Thursday, if possible. Of course, this is not always possible and I understand that appointments will sometimes interfere with our rehearsals. If you know you will be absent or need to leave early, **please drop Mr. VandeWalle a note ahead of time.** If you are ill and miss school, you are excused from choir and should stay home and get well! **Whenever possible, a note stating the nature of your absence is helpful.** You can also email me this information at koalachoir@mrvansclass.com. Excessive absences and/or tardies may result in removal from choir.

KOCUREK KOALA CHOIR MEMBER INFORMATION

Return this page to Mr. VandeWalle
PLEASE PRINT NEATLY.

Student Information

Name: _____ Grade Level _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone # _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone # _____

Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Work Phone # _____

Email: _____

I understand the expectations stated in the Koala Choir Handbook and as a member of the Kocurek Koala Choir I will do my best to follow them.

Student Signature

I/We have read the Kocurek Koala Choir Handbook and will support the policies stated for the Kocurek Koala Choir program.

Parent/Guardian Signature



CONTACTING MR. VANDEWALLE

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

I have several ways that you can reach me.

Office Phone: 512-841-5313

Office Email: brian.vandewalle@austinisd.org

Choir Email: koalachoir@mrvansclass.com

Website: www.mrvansclass.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mrvansclass

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Choir members are expected to have good citizenship at all times; during the school day, during rehearsals and during performances.

Rehearsal Expectations

1. Be respectful of others.
2. Refrain from **talking** during rehearsal.
3. Come to rehearsal ***prepared*** with your materials.
4. Do your best.

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Removal from risers until approval to return from Mr. VandeWalle.
3. Removal from rehearsal (note sent home) and sent back to class.
4. Removal from rehearsal (phone call home) and sent back to class.
5. Removal from choir.

Even though the choir is an extra-curricular group and rehearses before school hours it is a very visible group and, as a whole, is a representative of Kocurek Elementary School. With that comes more responsibility for all members. Choir members are expected to be positive peer role models by following all school expectations and guidelines at all times. I receive regular updates from all homeroom teachers and administrators when it comes to choir members.

Failure to follow these expectations can result in removal from the choir program. The decision to remove a student from the choir is up to Mr. VandeWalle's judgment.

RESPONSIBILITY

Choir members are expected to turn in all necessary forms/permission slips, etc. on time. There is a designated box in the music room for all choir related papers and information. **Please DO NOT turn in choir forms to homeroom teachers!** This includes notes for absences. Students who are absent from choir practice are expected to find out what they missed. Choir "business" should be taken care of outside of your daily music time, preferably before or after school.

Choir members are also expected to come to each rehearsal prepared and **with their choir materials and music.** Failure to bring materials to rehearsals could lead to removal from the group.

CHOIR SHIRTS/UNIFORM

Each member of the choir needs to own their own Kocurek Choir T-shirt. These t-shirts will be our “uniform” that we will wear for every performance throughout the school year including possible trips to sing at the Westminster Manor Retirement Home and more. If your student has a choir shirt from last year they will not need to purchase another one unless you feel they need a new size or the old shirt is stained or damaged. The order form is located at the end of the handbook with the Choir Student Contract. Choir shirts will be \$10.00 each.

SCHEDULE

Choir rehearsals will held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We will start at 7:15am and end at 7:45am unless otherwise noted on the Choir Calendar. As we get closer to a concert date we will need to have some after school rehearsals to put everything together on the stage. A FULL Choir Calendar will be sent home at the beginning of each semester.

Please post these calendars on the fridge or somewhere that is convenient. The calendar is also posted on our music room website.

Throughout the year there may be other performances that are scheduled such as the school carnivals. I will send home information for these performances as soon as I get the details.

WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

To stay informed about the Koala Choir you can visit our music class website, www.MrVansClass.com.

If you have a FaceBook account you can follow us there with instant updates. All you have to do is login to your account and search for “Mr. Van’s Music Room” or go to www.facebook.com/mrvansclass. Once you select the page from the search results you will click on “Like” and this will allow all music room related updates to be sent directly to your account. This is a group page and does not grant permission for anyone to view your account profile or page. It is strictly for posting information and updates to help keep everyone informed as to what is happening in choir and in the music classes.