



## Northwest ISD Northwest Children's Chorus

Dear Northwest Children's Chorus Families,

The Northwest Children's Chorus Team would like to congratulate your child on being selected as a member of the 2018-2019 Northwest Children's Chorus. We are excited to begin with this group of talented singers and to see them grow together throughout the semester!

Our first rehearsal will be on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Love Elementary School. We will begin with a mandatory parent information meeting from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. The first rehearsal will be after the meeting from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Parents may leave after the meeting and return at noon to pick up their child.

Below you will find a list of documents that provide more detailed information about the Northwest Children's Chorus. Please read each one and check that you have read and agree with the information when you complete your online registration.

- Welcome Letter
- Rehearsal Schedule/Calendar
- Commitment Form
- After reading the information above, go to <https://tinyurl.com/nccreg> to complete your child's online enrollment. **Enrollment deadline is November 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- Directions to Love Elementary

A t-shirt/supply fee of \$25 **CASH** will be collected to cover the cost of the supplies (printing, supplies, etc.) and t-shirt for the choir. Please bring the money in an envelope marked with the student's first and last name and the name of their campus to our first rehearsal on January 12<sup>th</sup>. If a payment extension is needed and/or you have any questions, please speak to Marie Nassiff, Operations Managers.

Thank You!

Northwest Children's Chorus Team

*Jennifer McKee: Head Director*

*Vickie Adams: Assistant Director*

*Accompanist-Dorenda Green*

*Sylvia Bonniwell: Sectional Director-Love Elementary School*

*Rebekah Miller: Sectional Director-Haslet Elementary School*

*Marie Nassiff: Operations/Attendance Manager-Prairie View Elementary*

## **Northwest Children's Chorus Rehearsal/Performance Schedule:**

All rehearsals will be held at LOVE ELEMENTARY, unless otherwise noted. All Thursday rehearsals, the Monday rehearsals in February, and the dress rehearsal on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and end promptly at 7:00 p.m. Students need to be in their spot on the risers at 5:30 p.m. ready to rehearse. Doors will open at 5:15 to allow students time to go to the restroom and get to their spot by 5:30.

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING/REHEARSAL**

- 9:00-9:30 a.m.-MANDATORY PARENT MEETING – \$25 Uniform/Supplies Fee Due
- 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.– First student rehearsal

Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

**NO REHEARSAL MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>-SPRING BREAK**

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: DRESS REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD AT EATON HIGH SCHOOL'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (EHS PAC) from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** This is a mandatory rehearsal. Students who do not attend may not perform with the choir on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Concert at Eaton High School's PAC.**

**6:00 pm: Students arrive in concert attire**

**7:00 pm: CONCERT BEGINS**

**Although this is a rigorous and demanding schedule, the quality of our performance depends on the responsible participation of EVERY 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Only a limited number of students will be selected, and it is imperative that students who are selected are able to fulfill the demanding commitment that will be necessary for our Northwest Children's Chorus to be a success for everyone involved. Please check your calendar to assure your child will be able to attend all rehearsal and concert dates. Those who do not fulfill their commitment will be keeping another student from participating in the choir.**

**Attendance Policy:**

1. All rehearsals, (Mondays, February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays from January 17<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday-January 12<sup>th</sup>), and the final performance should be attended by all students in their entirety. Arriving late or leaving early from rehearsal will be documented and result in an absence when the time adds up to an hour and a half. Families who have other siblings in multiple activities should seek help in car-pooling to avoid NCC members from coming late and/or leaving early from rehearsal.
2. Students should only be absent from rehearsal in cases of illness or family emergency, and a phone contact or email prior to rehearsal should be made to the \*Attendance Manager, Marie Nassiff at [mnassiff@nisdtx.org](mailto:mnassiff@nisdtx.org) or (817) 215-0562. (**DO NOT CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S MUSIC TEACHER**)
3. Following an absence, the student must check in with Mrs. Nassiff upon arrival at the next rehearsal. This will help everyone be aware of exactly how many absences are on record.
4. Each student is only allowed 2 absences-excused or unexcused. Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> absence, the student will be dismissed from the NCC. In extreme emergencies it will be up to the discretion of the NCC team as to whether the student may be able to continue to be a part of the choir.
5. Every choir member's attentive presence is essential to productive rehearsals. If students have been asked to correct their behavior and the behavior continues, parents will be contacted. After two parent contacts, the student may be asked to not participate in NCC any longer.

**\*CONTACT FOR REPORTING ABSENCES:**

Marie Nassiff; [mnassiff@nisdtx.org](mailto:mnassiff@nisdtx.org); (817) 215-0562

**CONTACT FOR UNIFORMS AND FEES:**

Marie Nassiff; [Mnassiff@nisdtx.org](mailto:Mnassiff@nisdtx.org); (817) 215-0562

**2018-2019 Northwest ISD  
Northwest Children's Chorus  
Commitment Form**

The goal of the Northwest Children's Chorus is to provide an enrichment choral ensemble performance experience for advanced 5th grade choir students from all across the district. Members of this prestigious ensemble are expected to make a commitment to the following terms and conditions:

- Students are required to attend all rehearsals listed below at Love Elementary School. **Students need to be on time and remain at rehearsals for the entire time.**
- **Required dates for all choir members:**
  - o First Rehearsal: Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:30 a.m.-Mandatory Parent Meeting/9:30 a.m.-Noon-Rehearsal.
  - o Weekly Thursday Rehearsals from 5:30-7:00 p.m. January 17<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be 2 Monday rehearsals in February due to a conflict on Thursday of that week.
  - o Dress Rehearsal: Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 p.m. @ **Eaton HS Performing Arts Center**
  - o Concert: Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. @ **Eaton HS Performing Arts Center**
- NCC students must participate in their campus choir for the entire performing year.
- Transportation to and from rehearsals will be the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian. Appropriate arrangements should be made to make sure students are dropped off and picked up on time each week.
- Student's attendance at each rehearsal will be recorded and students will be dismissed from the choir on their 3<sup>rd</sup> absence. (Late arrivals and early releases for non-school related activities will be documented and counted as an absence when the time accumulates to an hour and a half.)
- In extreme emergencies it will be up to the discretion of the NCC team as to whether the student may be able to continue to be a part of the choir.
  - Please contact Marie Nassiff at [mnassiff@nisdtx.org](mailto:mnassiff@nisdtx.org) or (817) 215-0562 in advance of a missed rehearsal. **Do not contact your child's music teacher to report an absence.**
- Students must maintain passing grades in all of their classes.
- Students are required to pay a \$25 t-shirt/supply fee.
- Students/Parents are also required to purchase the following uniform items: black dress pants (no jeans or leggings), black closed-toed shoes (no high heels, sandals or boots), black socks and black belt. **Please have these items by the time we return from Spring Break.**
- Students will be required to be on their best behavior during choir rehearsals and performances. Students whose parents have been notified twice, in writing, of behavior problems during choir activities will be subject to removal from the choir.
- Bring a pencil and folder with music to rehearsals each week. Folders and music will be returned at the end of the semester. **A fee of \$15 will be charged for music that is lost, not returned or not in good condition.**

If you have any question/concerns please contact the \*Operations Manager, Marie Nassiff.

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Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/nccreg> to complete your child's online enrollment by midnight, **Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**. By submitting the online enrollment form you are hereby, agreeing to all of the terms and conditions of the Northwest Children's Chorus set forth by Northwest ISD.

Thank You!

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## **Directions to Love Elementary (IN HARRIET CREEK SUBDIVISION)**

### *Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures*

Love Elementary School  
16301 Elementary Drive  
Justin, TX 76247  
Phone: 817-698-6600

***\*Directions from Roanoke/Trophy Club Area:*** Go west on HWY 114. Turn right on Harriet Creek Drive and then left on Elementary Drive (first left).

***\*Directions from Rhome/Newark Area:*** Go East on HWY 114. Turn left on Harriet Creek Drive and then left on Elementary Drive (first left).

***\*Directions from I-35 W, North or South:*** When you get to Hwy 114 go west and turn right on Harriet Creek Drive and then left on Elementary Drive (first left).

***\*Directions from HWY 287S OR 287N:*** At HWY 287, go north on Bonds Ranch Road. Continue on Bonds Ranch Road and turn left on HWY 156. Go over the bridge at HWY 156 and HWY 114 and then turn left toward HWY 114. Turn right on HWY 114W. Turn right on Harriet Creek Drive and then left on Elementary Drive (first left).

### **Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures**

Drop off and pick up will be at the back of the school. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. for drop-off and directors will be there to greet you. For pick-up, please make sure your child's name sign that you received at our parent meeting on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> is visible from the front windshield. **For the safety of each child, we will not release any child without verification (name sign or Driver's license).** If you do not have your child's name sign you will be asked to park and come inside while we check your identification. If someone else is picking your child up, they will need the name sign and must be listed on your child's registration showing that they have permission to take your child home. A written note is needed if your normal pick up is going to be different. If you need to come inside and pick your child up, please be sure to bring your child's name sign or your driver's license with you.



## Sign up for important updates from Mrs. Nassiff.

Get information for Prairie View Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.

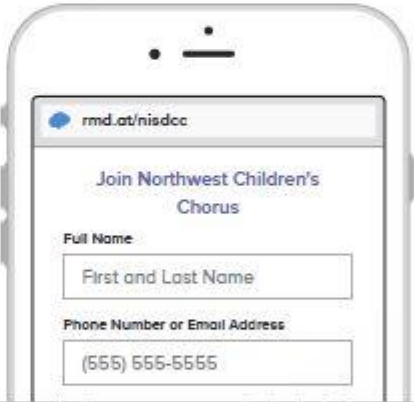
Pick a way to receive messages for Northwest Children's Chorus:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/nisdcc](https://rmd.at/nisdcc)


Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @nisdcc to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @nisdcc to (646) 679-2411.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/nisdcc](https://rmd.at/nisdcc) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Communication with parents is very important to keeping everyone informed of important NCC information. Signing up for remind text and email messages will ensure that you will be kept up to date on NCC information.