

Name: _____

Class Period 1 2 3 4 5 6

Return this packet with ALL pages completed and signed, with choir fees in the attached envelope by **Wednesday, September 1st, 2021**.
The packet (not the Choir fee) is a grade. Don't be late! ☺

HOW TO TURN IN THIS PACKET AND MONEY!!!

Choir fees, t-shirt money, trip payments, etc. can only be paid with **CASH, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD**. Once you are in our Charms system, you should make CC payments directly in Charms. (SHS Choir never accepts checks.)

- If paying with CASH or MONEY ORDER complete the attached envelope, place payment inside and seal the envelope.

Do not remove or detach any pages of this packet or the envelope.

- If paying online using Charms, please write on the front of the envelope "PAID \$____ IN CHARMS". Make sure your name is on the envelope.

** Money concerns should be directed to your student's director by email or telephone directly from the parent/guardian on or before the due date. Verbal messages sent with a student will not be returned.*

**** Failure to turn in the forms by the due date will result in the student being dropped from the choral program.***

PRIVATE VOICE LESSON ENROLLMENT (optional)

If you are enrolling in the Spring ISD voice lesson program for the first time, attach a deposit CHECK for \$60.00 made payable to Spring Enrichment Fund along with the completed voice lesson application at the back of this packet. That application and deposit check will be removed by an SHS director and forwarded to the SISD office.

****Scholarship students are responsible for the \$60 deposit.**

All policies and forms referenced in this packet are available for parents to view/download at our website (www.springchoir.com). If you do not have internet access and/or you would like a hard copy of the choir handbook, please let a choir director know and we will be happy to send one home.

SPRING HS CHOIR FEES

PLEASE READ: Choir Student fees for the 2021-2022 school year cover uniform hemming, repair and cleaning of the uniform (at the end of the year), supplies, music, and a choir shirt. As per the Spring ISD Program of Studies, all choir students must pay the appropriate choir fee in order to participate in choir. Choir T-shirts are worn throughout the school year on designated days and for various activities. Shirts are available in the choir room and will be delivered to your student during his/her choir class period.

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Student Last Name	First Name	(circle one)

CHOIR FEE – Mandatory for ALL CHOIR STUDENTS \$50.00 = _____

There are TWO options to pay:

- 1) in a single \$25 payment due on/before 09/01/21 OR
- 2) you can split into 2 payments. The first \$25 payment is due on 09/01/21. The second \$25 payment is due on 01/12/22.

Student T-Shirt Size (unisex): S M L XL XXL XXXL
(Please circle a size for the Student - required and included in fee)

District Audition Fee (Required if auditioning for district, including all Chamber Choir members) \$20.00 = _____

Chamber Choir Shirt (Required for **NEW** Chamber Choir members) \$25.00 = _____

Additional Choir t-shirt/sweatshirt order: (PARENTS/SIBLINGS MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL CHOIR T-SHIRTS and/or SWEATSHIRTS)

THESE ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE THE ORDER DATE OR THEY WILL NOT BE ORDERED.

Choir T-Shirt S M L XL XXL _____ x \$10.00 = \$_____
(circle a size for additional shirts)

Choir Sweatshirt S M L XL XXL _____ x \$20.00 = \$_____
(circle a size for sweatshirt)

TOTAL PAID: \$_____

Payment Options:

CASH OR MONEY ORDER: Fill out an envelope and drop in the Choir safe Remember: WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHECKS.

PAYING ONLINE: Go to charmsoffice.com & click on "Login". Click on "Parents/Students/Members".
School Code: springchoir Student Area Passcode: your Student ID# (NO letters)
If you have changed it and can't remember it Ms Hicks/Ms Mel can reset it for you. Please remember that there is a \$5 charge for paying online.

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If you are having trouble paying the Choir Fee online through CHARMS, please email shicks1@springisd.org AND jmelanco@springisd.org for assistance.

PARENT AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM & CONTRACT

Please read all of the following carefully and then sign below.

Guidelines:

We understand the expectations, grading, attendance, and eligibility policies required for being a member of the SHS choir department as outlined the by choral directors. As the student, I understand what is expected of me as a member of the Spring Choral Department and agree to maintain the tradition of high musical standards. As a parent, I understand what is expected of my student and will help him/her follow the guidelines as outlined. We understand that failure to follow these guidelines may result in the student's dismissal from the organization. We understand that successful organizations require teamwork between school (teachers), students and parents.

Uniform:

We understand that the choir fee must be paid before a uniform will be issued, this will help cover hemming and minor repairs and dry cleaning at the of the year. We will be responsible for the up-keep and return of the choir uniform. We understand that the **replacement** cost of the uniform is as follows and we agree to make any financial restitution, if required.

Concert Women, Bella Voce, and A Cappella Women:	\$80.00
Concert Men:	\$120.00
Chorale Men:	\$140.00
Chorale Women:	\$80.00 (dress replacement) \$15.00 (jewelry replacement)

We understand that in order for students to clear their records and have no holds before graduation, we are responsible for having the dress/tux returned with the student's name on it and in good condition by the due date at the end of the year as determined by the directors.

Fundraising (check one):

Yes, my student will fundraise with post-paid products.

No, my student will NOT fundraise with post-paid products.

If we check yes above, we agree to all of the rules regarding fund-raising for the Spring High School choral department. We will meet deadlines for order forms, collecting money, and returning money in **cash or money order** to clear our records. If we fail to return money owed, a hold will be placed on our students' account that will impact whether or not they can walk at graduation. We understand that we are financially responsible for all fundraisers that we participate in and that if we do not meet payment deadlines, we may forfeit the opportunity to participate in the trips/activities by the choir and further fund-raising opportunities. Finally, we understand that **fund-raising is NOT a requirement to be in choir.**

Varsity Choir (Chorale) Students and Students Auditioning for District (check one):

_____ Yes, my student may provide his/her own transportation to and/or from approved events.

_____ No, my student may not provide his/her own transportation to and/or from approved events. His/her parent or guardian is the only individual allowed to provide transportation to and/or from these approved events where the district does not provide transportation.

_____ No, this section is not applicable to my student.

We understand that transportation is not provided for all specialty events such as elements of the All-State choir audition process. By checking yes above, we give our consent and permission to allow this student to provide his or her own transportation to these approved choir events. By checking yes, it is understood that SISD will not assume any responsibility in case of an accident, injury or other loss associated with transportation to the off-campus, school-approved facility for practice purposes. We hereby release the SISD, its trustees, officers, employees, or agents from any and all liability and any responsibility in connection with such trips, and we agree to indemnify and hold harmless all said parties from claims hereafter made by or asserted on behalf of the above named student or asserted by or on behalf of any other person where such claims arise out of an accident, injury, or loss, associated with transportation to or from off-campus, school-approved facilities.

Photo/Video Release for Spring HS Choir (check one):

_____ **YES**, we give our permission for the Spring Independent School District or Spring High School Choir to photograph/video and/or use a photograph of my child in publications, news releases, on the District web page, and/or for training purposes. **THE STUDENT'S NAME WILL NEVER BE LISTED ON THE CHOIR WEB PAGE WITH THEIR PHOTO.**

_____ **NO**, we do not give our permission for the Spring Independent School District or Spring HS Choir to photograph/video and/or use a photograph of my child in publications, news releases, on the District web page, and/or for training purposes. We understand that my student will not be allowed in any special group photos throughout the year and will be asked to step away when these photos are taken.

Field Trip Authorization Form:

We understand that choir students complete one authorization form for the year which covers all approved choir activities as listed on the approved choir calendar of events. This form (Form E) is provided in this packet. We understand that parents/guardians of Spring HS choir students reserve the right to amend or revoke this form at any time by providing a written request to the Spring HS choir staff.

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We have read, completed, and understand all of the information listed on both sides of this form. We understand that we may update this form at any time by requesting that the old form be revoked in writing and completing a new agreement form.

Please Print: _____ Class Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6
Student Last Name First Name

Please Sign:

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

PRIVATE VOICE INSTRUCTION

*Voice lesson **deposits** can only be paid with checks made payable to SISD Enrichment Fund – NO CREDIT CARDS. However, once enrolled, payments may be paid with check or by credit card.*

The choral department at Spring HS, in conjunction with the Spring ISD music enrichment program, allows students in music organizations the opportunity to further develop their musical ability through private music instruction.

Private vocal study is for the serious choral member. **It is a year-long commitment by both parent (finances) and student (practice time)** which is a necessity for positive vocal growth and development. In private lessons, students develop vocal techniques learned / taught during the choral rehearsal. Assistance is provided for auditions, district, region, etc., and through the learning of appropriate solo literature. Private voice students are encouraged to participate in Broadway nights, solo contest, and the end-of-the-year recital.

Students are allowed to receive their private instruction during their choir class one day a week. Lessons are also given after school, as schedules permit. Private instructors are approved by the choir directors and hired by the school district. All financial concerns are handled through Norma Rodriguez in the SISD Performing and Visual Arts office, not the private teacher or the choir director.

****IF A STUDENT FALLS 2 MONTHS BEHIND IN PAYMENTS, THEY WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE VOICE LESSON PROGRAM AND A HOLD WILL BE PLACED ON THEIR RECORD.****

Parents will receive a monthly statement from the Enrichment fund with specific billing instructions.

The cost for private instruction is \$22 per lesson. High school students take a 25 minute lesson. If you and your child are interested in private instruction, please complete the appropriate form in your FORMS PACKET and attach the \$60.00 deposit (cash, money order, or check payable to the Spring ISD Music Enrichment Fund) to that form. Your paperwork will be forwarded to the music office and lessons will begin in the third week of school. Those students who were enrolled last year through SHS may still be enrolled and you will be notified if this is still the case. Therefore, you will NOT have to pay the \$60.00 deposit.

Once enrolled in the voice lessons program you remain enrolled until you graduate or you contact the music enrichment program to drop.

Lesson days and times will be agreed upon by directors, teachers, and students. Preferential times will be awarded to those who are currently studying voice and/or those who turn their completed form and money in first. Lesson times are based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Private voice teachers are: Mark Swindler

Should you have any questions about the private lesson program, do not hesitate to call the choir office at 281-891-7061. Once your student has been enrolled in the private voice program you may contact Norma Rodriguez in the Performing and Visual Arts Department, at 281-891-6128 for questions regarding billing.