# WARREN CHOIR CHRONICLE



### A Note from the Directors

Warren Choir Family,

It feels like we blinked in August, then opened our eyes and found ourselves nearing the end of another incredible year together. UIL has now come and gone (read about our students' amazing accomplishments on the next page), and we are hard at work preparing for all of our end of year activities, from choir banquet to pop show and more.

Thank you for taking this journey with us this year. Though we are in the home stretch, there is still much to do. As always, we couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

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Head Director

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# CLEAN SWEEP FOR EVERY WARREN CHOIR AT UIL

### PROGRAM MAKES HISTORY WITH SCHOOL FIRST

For the first time in program history, Warren High School took four choirs to compete at UIL Concert & Sightreading and each group earned a 1 - the highest possible score - from each of six judges. Every choir had the honor of bringing home a UIL Sweepstakes trophy to add to the Warren Choir collection and sign their name on, a Warren Choir tradition.



### **Varsity Mixed Choir**

The streak continues! The Warren High School Varsity Mixed Choir has earned a Sweepstakes trophy every year since 2015. They have earned a "clean sweepstakes" – meaning they earned the highest possible score from every single judge – every year since 2019. Though students commented on the challenging sightreading material they were presented with this year, they relied on their skills and each other to emerge victorious, earning compliments for their attention to detail and musicality in their performances.

### **Non-Varsity Treble Choir**

Warren High School's Non-Varsity Treble Choir has done it again! This is the ensemble's third consecutive sweepstakes AND third consecutive "clean sweep"! The group - made up of only treble voices - earned high praise for their musicality and blended tone. We can't wait to see what they accomplish next.



### **Non-Varsity Tenor Bass Choir**

It's been 10 years since Warren took a tenor bass choir to perform at UIL, and their comeback this year was triumphant! These young men earned Warren High School's first non-varsity tenor/bass sweepstakes award in program history, and the first for a tenor/bass choir of any level since 2005!

### **Sub Non-Varsity Treble Choir**

For the first time since 2016, the Warren Choir program prepared a sub non-varsity treble choir for UIL Concert and Sightreading. Many of these students are beginners who have never participated in UIL, but they didn't let that stop them from earning the program one of its FOUR CLEAN SWEEPS this year!



# ZERO HOUR SHINES AT DISTRICT/CAMPUS EVENTS



It's been another busy few weeks for Warren's Zero Hour a capella ensemble! The group was invited to perform at Northside ISD's Educator of the Year Ceremony, where they met Superintendent John Craft and shared a message of gratitude for all NISD educators.

Zero Hour also performed at "Mr. Warren", an annual contest among male students at WHS. Zero Hour provided music and cheers of support to all students competing for the coveted "Mr. Warren" title.

Finally, Zero Hour joined ensembles from Marshall High School and Jay High School for the second annual Northside ISD Choral Extravaganza! Each group performed a set of their jazz/pop repertoire in a show of district camaraderie, friendship and support.







# **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

# EASTER SOCIAL

In the Warren Choir, we believe that music not only enriches our lives but also brings us closer together as a community. That's why we're passionate about creating opportunities for our members to bond and connect beyond rehearsal, breaking barriers between our different classes. One such occasion was our Easter social! The highlight of the event was the Easter egg hunt and cracking of cascarones! Through events like these, the Warren Choir doesn't just make music together—we build lasting bonds and cherished memories that unite us as a tight-knit community.















Ms. Santos supporting our feeder programs at UIL

# **CLUSTER CONNECTIONS**

In addition to building connections within the Warren Choir program, we're always excited to get to spend time with students at our cluster middle schools! Ms. Santos and Mr. V spent time with the Jordan, Connally and Zachry Middle School choirs before UIL, then went to cheer them on at their performances. Congratulations to all of these future Warriors!

# "SING YOUR WAY HOME"

Warriors return for launch of alumni choir



It may not be homecoming season, but the Warren Choir room was filled with the sounds of WHS alumni harmonizing together again on Thursday, April 18. Alumni from the classes of 2018 - 2023 came together to form the program's first-ever alumni choir. The group will perform at Pop Show on Tuesday, May 21.

In addition to learning music, the alumni reminisced about their favorite choir memories over pizza while sharing what they're up to now. The alumni are now music educators, college students, welders, and more, but what they all continue to have in common is their love of music and singing, and the life lessons learned in the choir room that they carry with them everywhere they go. Welcome home, Warriors! It's great to have you back.



"I was so happy when I saw you were starting this because I miss it so much. Choir was the best thing about high school."

-Julia R., Warren Choir Alumna

# **BURGERS & BALLADS**

### COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER

On April 10, the Warren Choir Booster Club orchestrated a lively fundraiser at Burger Boy, transforming the eatery into a hub of musical merriment and community spirit. Choir members and booster club supporters alike descended upon the venue, armed with enthusiasm, posters and a shared commitment to bolstering the choir program. As guests savored delicious meals served up by Burger Boy, they also had the opportunity to make a meaningful impact by contributing to the choir program. A portion of the proceeds from each purchase went directly toward supporting the choir's initiatives. Bonds were forged, friendships were strengthened, and a sense of pride swelled among all those present, knowing that they were making a difference in the lives of young musicians. Special thanks to all who chose to eat at Burger Boy that evening, and to our amazing booster club!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Fiesta Social

April 23 | Warren Choir Room

All students are invited to the choir room after school for fun activities, eats and camaraderie!

#### **Choir Banquet**

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:30 PM | Choir Room
Our next booster club meeting will be held May 8.
Officers for the next school year will be nominated and elected. Don't miss your chance to support our Warriors!

#### **Choir Banquet**

Friday, May 17 | 6:30 PM | Holiday Inn Express Student won't want to miss our final social gathering of the year! At our choir banquet, we'll distribute awards, watch an end-of-year slideshow, and dance the night away!

### Pop Show Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory)

May 20 | Warren Auditorium

Before our final show, we'll meet after school for a dress rehearsal. At this mandatory rehearsal, students will review choreography, entrances, check sound and more, in preparation for Pop Show.

### Pop Show (Mandatory)

May 21 | 7 PM | Warren Auditorium

Our final concert of the year is one you won't want to miss! Enjoy solo acts and some of your favorite radio hits. Plus, help us celebrate our seniors and send them off with lots of love!

### Middle School Choir Camp

June 12-14

Spread the word! We'll be back for our third annual Middle School Choir Camp this summer! All students going to Jordan, Connally or Zachry Middle School in the 2024-2025 school year are invited to attend at no cost! This event is mandatory for the new Zero Hour. Graduated senior members of Zero Hour are encouraged to attend.

## REYNA ACOSTA STUDIO RECITAL

The stage was set, the lights dimmed, and the air was filled with anticipation as the talented students of the Reyna Acosta Voice Studio at Warren High School took center stage for their most recent voice recital. On this special evening, friends, family, and music enthusiasts gathered to witness firsthand the remarkable progress and sheer talent of these vocalists, who performed in front of a panel of esteemed judges.

The evening was not only a showcase of musical talent but also a celebration of the supportive community fostered within the Reyna Acosta Voice Studio at Warren. Encouragement and applause echoed throughout the venue, creating an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie that buoyed the performers as they took to the stage.

Beyond the technical instruction and vocal coaching, private lessons offer students a myriad of benefits, including personalized attention, tailored instruction, and the opportunity for artistic exploration and growth. The progress achieved by each vocalist in between performances is always remarkable.

Congratulations to all students in the studio on a fantastic recital!



# **GET INVOLVED**

The Warren Choir is always looking for supporters willing to donate time, skills, talents or funds! Click the links below to join the cause!





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- Warren Choir Handbook
- Warren Choir 23-24 Calendar
- Region Audition Information
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### **GET IN TOUCH**

We're here to provide the best choral education that we can for our students. Feel free to contact us (info below) if you have any questions or concerns.

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