



WELCOME TO
ROUGHNECK
CHOIR!!

Mrs. Robison
Director

Greetings to all Roughneck Choir members and parents!

I am truly excited to be here in the Columbia-Brazoria School District!! This will be my 7th year in the district and 13th to teach choir in Texas. I also have 5 years experience as a private voice instructor. Please know that I am here to help build a strong program that will meet all the Texas UIL requirements. No matter what has happened in the past, we move forward with positive attitudes and a song in our hearts! My door is open to all of my students and parents! Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by with any questions or concerns. I will be at the Junior High 1st - 4th period, and I will then come to the high school for the rest of the day. I have a conference hour 8th period at the High School.

My contact information is as follows: email kathryn.robison@cbisd.com, phone JH (979) 799-1700 ext 3401 HS (979) 345-5147 ext 2031, cell phone (806) 228-1839. Also, parents and students alike, please join our Sports You app using code 47YW-SKCS.

Our google classroom codes are Roustabout Choir nun4sxd and Roughneck Choir opd6v6h

Your's in Song,

Kathryn Robison

Director of Choral Activities CBISD

Class Room Rules and Procedures

All Choir students are held accountable to the District Policy for extracurricular activities.

Classroom Rules:

1. Be on time, ready to sing when the bell rings.
2. Show Respect.
3. No Cell Phones
4. No Gum, food or drink (except water)
5. Be POSITIVE, SMILE, LAUGH, **AND ENJOY**

Consequences:

1. Warning
2. Contact parent
3. Discipline Referral
4. Violating Extra Curricular code of conduct can result in being removed from the program

***Any violence, intimidation, truancy, cursing, destruction of school property, or direct disobedience of the teacher will result in an immediate discipline referral and trip to the principal's office. This type of behavior will NOT be tolerated.**

Classroom Procedures:

When arriving in the classroom:

1. Pick up any new materials from the table by the door. If you were absent, it is your responsibility to ask for new material.
2. Make sure you have a sharpened pencil. Mechanical pencils are acceptable.
3. Get your FOLDER!
4. Place backpacks in the designated area.
5. Go to your place on the risers and be ready for rehearsal.

Leaving the Room:

1. Wait for the instructor to dismiss you.
2. Put away all materials before gathering personal belongings and leaving the room.

Grading!

Grading Policy:

A=90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

F=69 or below

Grade Breakdown:

50% - Classroom participation

This is vitally important to the choral classroom! You will receive 20 points per day for a weekly total of 100 points. Points will be deducted for inappropriate behavior (talking, gum, class disruption, etc.), truancy, and disrespect to the teacher or fellow classmates.

10% - Quizzes, Small Ensembles, Homework Assignments

There will be occasional sight-reading tests, quizzes on musical theory and history. There will also be singing assignments on music we are rehearsing. All of the material will be covered in class. These grades are there to assure that all students are learning and retaining information, not to trick or scare you!

40% - Concerts and Tests

We are a performance based organization; therefore, it is **MANDATORY** that all choir members participate in the concerts. Work is **NOT** an excuse. Doctor's appointments, such as orthodontists, are **NOT** excused. An unexcused absence will result in a **ZERO** in the grade book. If you are sick the day of the concert, it is your responsibility to contact the director so that an alternate assignment can be arranged. If extra rehearsals are required, they will be a part of the overall concert grade. Dates will be given in plenty of time to schedule work conflicts.

All UIL eligibility rules apply to the ALL State Choir process, Solo/Ensemble, and any performance that charges admission.

There will be one Theory Test given during the 3rd 9 week period. We will have covered the material thoroughly, and a study guide will be given and we will fill it in class together. Each student should be prepared for this test. I never set students up for failure!!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL SINGER

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Texas Small School All State Choir Process

September 30, 2023: Region Choir Auditions Bay City High School

November 3, 2023: Region Clinic at First Baptist Church Bay City

November 4, 2023: Region Clinic/Concert Bay City High School

November 14, 2023: Pre-Area Auditions Sweeny High School

January 6, 2024: Area Auditions AC Jones High School

February 7-10, 2024: TMEA and All State Choir Concert

Solo/Ensemble

February 3, 2024: HS South Zone District Solo/Ensemble Bay City

May 25-27, 2024: STATE Solo/Ensemble*

*To go to State Solo/Ensemble contest, students must earn a Superior I Rating on a Class 1 Solo or Ensemble and be academically eligible to compete.

Freshman will not be allowed to compete on a Class 1 solo. When an individual receives a Superior Rating on a Class 2 Solo, he/she may compete on a Class 1 the following year. All Seniors are required to sing a Class 1 solo/ensemble.

Students may enter in two performances. One solo and one ensemble or two ensembles. The student may NOT perform two solos.

JUNIOR HIGH 7TH/8TH GRADE

All Region

October 28, 2023: JH TMEA All Region Auditions WBJH

November 4, 2023: All Region Clinic/Concert Bay City High School

February 3, 2024: JH UIL Solo/Ensemble Bay City High School

Letter Jackets

All High School Students have the opportunity to earn a CHS letter jacket through the Roughneck Choir!!

1. Make the All Region Choir
2. Compete at the UIL State Solo/Ensemble Contest
3. Compete in three UIL Concert/Sight-Reading Contests and Auditioned for the All Region Choir and/or competed in District Solo/Ensemble for at least two years.
4. Remain Faithful to the Choir Program all four years

Awards

There are other opportunities to receive awards in the choir program! These will be given at the Spring Concert.

It is also my understanding that the Booster Club offers certain scholarships and awards!

Hard Work and Dedication always pay off!



IMPORTANT DATES

September 5 – Tuesday:	Mandatory Parent Meeting	CHS Auditorium 6:00 pm
September 30 – Saturday:	SSC All Region Choir Auditions	Bay City High School
October 28 – Saturday:	Junior High All Region Auditions	West Brazos JH
October 23 - Monday:	Roughneck/Bouts Fall Concert 6-12	CHS Auditorium 7:00 pm
October 20 - Friday	Pep Rally/ Football game	Gym/Griggs Field 6:00 pm
November 3- Friday:	SSC All Region Clinic	First Baptist Church Bay City
November 4 – Saturday:	SSC/JH All Region Clinic/Concert	Bay City High School
November 14 – Tuesday:	SSC HS Pre-Area Auditions	Sweeny High School
December 11 -Monday:	Roughneck/Bouts Christmas Concert	CHS Auditorium 7:00 pm
January 6- Saturday:	SSC HS Area Auditions	Cuero HS
February 3 – Saturday:	JH/HS District Solo/Ensemble Contest	Bay City HS
Feb. 7-10- Wed – Sat.:	TMEA/ All State Choir	San Antonio
March 26 – Tuesday:	JH/HS UIL Concert/Sight Reading	The Clarion
May 6- Monday:	Pre-State Recital	HS Auditorium 7:00 pm
May 20- Monday:	Bouts Spring Concert	WBJH Gym/Caf 7:30pm
May 21 – Tuesday:	Roughneck Spring Concert	CHS Auditorium 7:00pm
May 24 – Friday:	Graduation	Griggs Field 6:30 pm
May 25-27 – Sat/Mon:	STATE Solo/Ensemble Contest	Pflugerville, Tx

Dates in **maroon** are MANDATORY for ALL Choir Students! All concerts will begin at 7:00 pm. Students should be in the choir room dressed and ready to go by 6:30 pm

Booster Club meets the First Tuesday of the month that the students are in school. Meet in the CHS choir room at 6:00pm. 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7

Concert Etiquette

It is the responsibility of students and parents to know how to properly behave in formal concert situations. When entering the auditorium, gentlemen should remove their hats. Please turn off all cell phones or at minimum shift to airplane mode if you would like to film or take pictures. If you have small children that are crying, please take them out of the auditorium quickly so that others can enjoy the performance. Please refrain from talking during the performance. Students have worked hard to learn the music and they deserve a chance to be heard. Please clap appropriately for each selection, but do not yell and holler, save that for marching band and all other athletic events! Only enter and exit the theatre in between songs as to not distract the performers. Most of all sit back and enjoy the music!

Concert Attire and Fees

ALL STUDENTS are REQUIRED TO BUY A CHOIR T-SHIRT

T-Shirts are sold through our Booster Club as a fundraiser, but they are part of every student's uniform. They are typically \$20.

All 7th-12th students will need **BLACK** shoes.

Gentlemen will need **BLACK** socks. Ladies will need **BLACK** hose.

6th Grade Students will need to wear Choir T-Shirt and nice blue jeans (no wholes).

Concert dresses and tuxes for 7th-12th will be provided by the school.

We will wear formal concert attire at the Fall concert, Christmas concert, and UIL contest. We will wear our choir T-Shirts for the Spring Concert.

Forms!!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE CBISD DRUG TESTING FORM

Click or paste in your browser the link below to go to the Rank One On-Line Forms

Website: <https://columbiabrazoria.rankonesport.com/New/Home.aspx>

1. Go to Electronic Forms and click on the “Drug Testing Signature Page”.
2. Enter the student’s information correctly so it matches up with the correct student.
3. Click on the link in order to read the policy.
4. Check the box and fill in the necessary information.
5. Both the student and the parent must sign.
6. Hit “Submit”
7. Type in an email address if you would like confirmation when the form is approved.
 - • Students will not be able to complete the on-line forms if they have not registered in CBISD. If they are new to the district, I will have to add them into the system before they can fill the forms out. If students have issues filling out the form on-line, they need to have their parents email me at amber.king@cbisd.com, or have the Band Directors check with me.
 - • If students have already filled it out on-line for Athletics or another activity, there is no reason to fill it out again for Choir.

Columbia-Brazoria Choir Handbook Form

My child and I have read the CBISD Choir handbook and understand fully the content contained and the spirit of intent by which it is written. We also understand that if at any time, and/or for any reason, my child cannot follow the policies and guidelines set forth by the Director, classroom teachers, or a school administration, he/she will be subject to consequences stated in this handbook as well as the Columbia High School Handbook.

Furthermore, we are all here to work together to make the Roughneck/Roustabout Choir an outstanding organization. Therefore, we also acknowledge our intent to contribute positively, as a parent and student, to the Columbia ISD Choir program.

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Student name (print)

Student's signature

Date

PARENT CONSENT FORM

This is to certify that my son/daughter _____
has my permission to go on **ALL COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL/Brazoria Junior High ROUGHNECK CHOIR TRIPS AND EVENTS** with the **COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL ROUGHNECK CHOIR.** I understand that he/she will leave and return **ON VARIOUS DATES AT DIFFERENT TIMES PER THE CHS CHOIR CALENDAR.**

I hereby release the Columbia-Brazoria Independent School District and the sponsor from liability and waive any and all claims against school authorities individually or collectively for any injuries which might be received during the trip either at the destination or in traveling to or from said destination.

Kathryn Robison has/does not have my permission (please circle one) to act in my place in any medical emergency.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date of signature

Student Signature

Roughneck Choir Boosters

Calling all Roughneck/Roustabout Choir Parents!!!!

For the Choir to grow and be successful, we need your support!! Your beautiful children are going to be presented with many opportunities to perform, audition, and travel, but none of it will be possible without the help of parents!!

Some of the ways you can support us include:

- 1. Helping pin uniforms so they can be altered*
- 2. Fundraising*
- 3. Chaperones*
- 4. Decorating for concerts*
- 5. Other things as they arise!*

The Booster Club will meet the first Tuesday of the month in the high school choir room at 6:00pm

Please complete and return

Student name

Parent name

Parent cell phone

Parent email

Join Booster Club Willing to help when I can I cannot help at this time