



(Outstanding Volunteers Assembled To Inspire, Organize, & Nurture)
Carmel High School Choir Department
Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting - Thursday, January 8, 2026

Board Meeting: 6:30pm –

1. Board Members – in attendance
 - a. Directors - Katie Kouns - Absent, Anna DeBard - Present Kyle Barker - Present
 - b. ACC - Ellen Gullett (Absent) - Present/Kelley Williams (Absent)
 - c. ALL - Tracy Chariton - Present
 - d. AMB - Rachel Pette/Erika Horan - Present
 - e. B&G - Nicole Reed - Absent
 - f. CP - Nathan Buonanno/Christie Buonanno - Absent
 - g. EXP – Kiki Malarsky - Present, Jenny Slye - Present, Nicole Spear - Present
 - h. GS – Deanna Boyce - Present
 - i. NE – Christina Reita (Absent)/Christine Anderson (Absent)
 - j. RH - Beth Sprunger - Present
 - k. SS – Leigh Roan - Present
 - l. Secretary - Heather Judy - Present
 - m. Treasurer – Lauren Walawender (Absent)

Budget – No questions asked

Board & Committee Chair openings for next year – Discussed open positions for next year in case are interested or know anyone that might be interested

Summer Camp Advertising – Summer camp applications opening January 30th – flyer in social media from newsletter

Dinner for judges for scholarship auditions 1/22 – Part of meal coordinator role so Ceri Gough will handle

General Membership: 7:00pm

-Holiday Spectacular Recap – It was a great Holiday Spectacular and for all those who volunteered to make it successful.

-Committee Chairs & Board Members for 26-27 School Year – let Heather Judy know if have any interest in an open position

- International Trip – Only open to sophomores – senior; Next year going to London and Paris over Spring Break 2027; Informational meeting with be in April; Need to indicate on audition from if interested in being part of this choir

-Information about choir audition process & timeline

[Audition information](#)



Description and expectations for each choir in the Carmel program

Allegro – Upper-Intermediate Treble Ensemble (*mostly concert choir with a bit of show*)

Accents – Advanced Treble Ensemble (*competitive in both concert and show choir*)

Ambassadors – Advanced Mixed Voice Ensemble (*competitive in both concert and show choir*)

Blue & Gold Company – Intermediate Mixed Voice Ensemble (*mostly concert choir with a bit of show choir*)

Counterpoints – Introductory Tenor/Bass Ensemble (*non-auditioned, mix of show and concert choir, focus on skill introduction and development*)

Expressions – Introductory Treble Ensemble (*non-auditioned, mix of show and concert choir, focus on skill introduction and development*)

Greyhound Sound – Intermediate Tenor/Bass Ensemble (*mostly concert choir with a bit of show*)

New Edition – Intermediate Mixed Voice Ensemble (*a bit of concert choir, but mostly show choir – minimal competition opportunities*)

Rhapsody– Developing Treble Ensemble (*mix of show and concert choir, focus on skill development*)

Select Sound – Advanced Mixed Voice Ensemble (*acapella genre, traveling and outside performances required*)

Applied Music– Solo Musical Theater Master Class (*simultaneous enrollment in a choir required*)

Dismissal for parents of students in non-competitive ensembles

Specific information regarding Semester 2 plans for Ambassadors, Accents, New Edition, & Allegro

Volunteer Opportunities:

-Committee chair, Carmel Choir roles or OVATION Board member 2026-2027

Upcoming events & performances

- Sunday, January 11 – Deadline for Scholarship/Solo Applications for Choral Showcase – online Google form to be completed
- Tuesday, January 13 – Blue & Gold/Rhapsody Mini-Tour and Field Trip
- January 16-19 – Applied Music Trip to NYC – Monday, Jan12th meeting to discuss
- Thursday, January 22 – Undergraduate Scholarship Audition 4:15pm – 8pm
- Friday, January 24 – Half Notes Event – 165 kids – largest number of kids
- Sunday, February 1 – Deadline to upload supplemental video auditions for consideration for 26/27 Ambassadors, Accents, New Edition, Select Sound, and/or Applied Music
- Saturday, February 14 - Chesterton HS Show Choir Contest (Ambassadors & Accents)
- Thursday, February 19 - Dance Audition for 26-27 Choirs (New Edition, Accents, Ambassadors)
- Saturday, February 21 - Northridge HS Show Choir Contest (Ambassadors & Accents)
- Thursday, February 26 – CHORAL SHOWCASE rehearsal 4:15pm – 6:30pm (dinner provided) followed by performance from 7pm – 9pm (Exp., CP, Rhap, BG, GS, & SS)
- Saturday, February 28 – Franklin Central HS Show Choir Contest (Amb., Acc., & NE)
- Saturday, March 14 – Brownsburg HS Show Choir Contest (Amb, Acc, NE, & All)
- Saturday, March 21 - Noblesville HS Show Choir Contest (Ambassadors & Accents)
- Thursday, March 26 – Student and Staff Preview of “Evening of Show Choir” 7pm CHS Auditorium
- Friday, March 27 – Evening of Show Choir Concert, 7pm (Amb, Acc, NE, & All)
- Saturday, March 28 – 26/27 Choir placements announced
- Friday, April 17 - “Ear Candy” – Select Sound in Concert 7:30pm
- Wednesday, April 22 – Spring Choir Concert Tech Rehearsal 4:15pm – 6:45pm
- Thursday, April 23 – Spring Choir Concert 7pm – 9pm
- Saturday, April 25 – ISSMA Organizational Festival (CP, Rhap, NE, All)
- Wednesday, April 29 – Mandatory Meeting for students & parents of Accents, Ambassadors, or New Edition 26/27, 7:00pm
- Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2 – ISSMA State Qualifier (Amb, GS)
- Sunday, May 3 – Choir End of the Year Awards Ceremony 6:30pm (Auditorium)
- Friday & Saturday, May 8 & 9 – ISSMA State Finale (Amb & GS)

-May 14-16 – Spring Musical “Anything Goes”

-June 1-4 – CHS Summer Spectacular Show Choir Camp