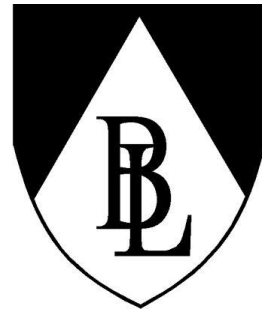


# CHOIR NOTES

February 15, 2017



Choir Notes is the newsletter for the Bishop Lynch Choirs. It comes via email, and the information is also posted on the Choir Website: <http://www.bishoplynch.org//page.aspx?pid=286>. If you still can't get enough, find us on Facebook ("Bishop Lynch Choir") and ask to join the group!

## This Week's Headlines



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## Poinsettia Wrap-up

The Bishop Lynch Choir Board would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped with our Poinsettia Fund Raiser. It was a huge success! We had countless volunteers working at the warehouse to unload the plant trucks, pull and organize the orders and load vehicles. Lots of food was generously brought in to keep everyone going!



***THANK YOU SO MUCH!***

Here's a quick snapshot of the results of the sale:

- ❖ **3,900** plants sold
- ❖ Total sales volume **\$69,000** for all plants
- ❖ **Donations** totaled over **\$2,000** for individuals and for the General Fund.

Look for the updated Student Travel Account information will be posted on the Bishop Lynch Choir website.



In addition to individual sales, the Parish Poinsettia Sales continues to be a large part of the fundraiser.

We would like to give a shout out to everyone who helped with the Parish Poinsettia Sales this year...from selling, to unloading, to delivering. Without each of you, the sale would not happen, let alone be a success!!

We would especially like to thank the Parishes who participated and the Captains who made that happen. You were a pleasure to work with!

- \*St. Patrick...Jennifer Clay and Genie Dunn
- \*St. Gabriel...Aimee Rodenroth
- \*St. Rita...Andrea Odegard-Begay
- \*St. Paul...Evelyn Campbell
- \*Mary Immaculate...Angela Mills and Susan Sabetti
- \*St. Thomas...Steve Earp
- \*St. Pius...Naomi Welch
- \*St. Monica...Jesika Land and Grace Maguire
- \*St. Mark...Laura Arnold and Ann Rossigno

Thank you to Anna Martinez for helping with coordinating the Parish sales this year. You are greatly appreciated.

Lastly, many of the Senior choir students sold poinsettias even though they knew they would not benefit from it personally. The unspent funds will transfer into the General Fund. This spirit of "Paying it Forward" exemplifies our Christian values and is greatly appreciated. Thanks, Seniors! Perhaps next year's Seniors will do the same!



## Mission Rally: Volunteers Needed



In an effort to support the BL Mission Rally on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, Choir is teaming up with the golf, powerlifting and tennis to run the dessert booth. We need **one** more BL Choir student to sign up for the remaining opening at the Dessert booth. Look for "Desserts- Tennis/Powerlifting/Golf/Choir" in Sign Up Genius to sign up for a 2-hour shift. Students can earn service hours- 1 service hour for every 2-hour shift. Once the dessert booth slot is filled, choir students are welcome to sign up in other "student" volunteer slots- as of now, there are 18 student slots to fill. Safe-environment cleared *parents* are also needed to work the event.

Volunteers are also needed to donate baked goods to the dessert booth. You should have received an email with a link to Signup Genius. Please sign up and contribute to the success of the choir's booth.

Please contact Karen Decker with questions at [Karen.decker@ymail.com](mailto:Karen.decker@ymail.com) or 214.923.8726.

Link to Sign up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445aeaf2b0-mission>

## Consider Joining Next Year's Choir Booster Board



Consider joining the Choir Booster Board. With a number of "senior" parents graduating this year, we have many positions available. You need to be able to attend monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month) and perform the duties of your role. The Booster Board is a great way to be involved in your child's activities, support the programs, and work with great people.

Contact Karen Decker at [karen.decker@cushwake.com](mailto:karen.decker@cushwake.com) / 214-923-8726  
OR Angela Aguirre at [gigim96@yahoo.com](mailto:gigim96@yahoo.com) / 713-301-6009.

## Support the Choir: Buy Groceries! And Gifts!

### Grocery Store Community Partners' Programs

The Bishop Lynch Choir Boosters Organization has established arrangements with Tom Thumb and Kroger wherein the choir benefits with a percentage of your purchases, once you have added the Choir to each store's community partners' program.



**Tom Thumb:** The BL Choir Good Neighbor Number for Tom Thumb is **2089**. Every Tom Thumb shopper can specify up to 3 different charities on their Good Neighbor Card.

**Kroger:** Kroger requires re-enrollment in the program every August.

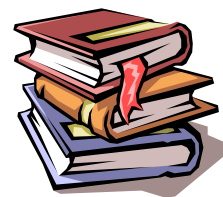
- 1) You need to have a Kroger Plus card in order to register (they are available at the service desk of any Kroger.)
- 2) Register online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) :
  - a. To create a New Online Account:
    - o Create an account by scrolling down to "Texas" and clicking "Enroll Now."
    - o Enter the requested information to create your account.
    - o A link to the My Account will arrive via email. Once you click on the link, next click on: "My Account" ... then "Account Settings" ... then "Community Rewards-Edit"
  - b. If you already have an online account, Go to "My Account" ... then to "Account Settings" ...then to the "Community Rewards- Edit" feature.
- 3) Enter the BL Choir Number: **91225**, or type in Bishop Lynch Choir, and click to confirm. You will then see Bishop Lynch Choir listed as your choice on your "My Account" page.
- 4) If you use your phone number at the register instead of your Kroger Plus card, call 1-800-576-4377, and select option 4 in order to get your Plus card number, then follow steps 2 and 3 above to register BL Choir as your Community Partner.
- 5) Use your Plus card (or phone number) at checkout, so your purchase can count toward each quarterly total.

Complete information about each program is on our website:

<http://www.bishoplynch.org/page.aspx?pid=945>. The dollars earned will benefit all students by enhancing the choir program and reducing your student's out-of-pocket travel expenses.

### **Amazon Smile Program: BL Choir's Newest Community Partner**

The Amazon Smile Program is a website, operated by Amazon, that allows you to shop as usual, but when you check out, the AmazonSmileFoundation will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the BISHOP LYNCH CHOIR (listed under Bishop Lynch High School, Inc.)



- **To register:** Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) (**NOT** the usual Amazon website). The first time you visit the site, you will be prompted to select an organization to receive your donation:  
**SELECT BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL, INC (make sure you select the "INC" option)**  
Eligible purchases are marked with the phrase "eligible for AmazonSmile donation" in the product detail or description area. Eligible purchases include items beyond books, so browse through Amazon, and help raise funds for the BL Choir.
- **How does the Choir receive the donations?** Amazon's Foundation will direct deposit a donation at the end of each quarter (actually 45 days after the end of the quarter.)

### **Dates for your Calendar**



Here is the choir calendar for the 2016-17 School Year. This calendar will be included weekly in Choir Notes and new or edited items (from the prior week) will be highlighted in yellow. Be sure to take a look every week!

Tue, Mar. 7:	7 pm - Choir Booster Board Meeting – Hinton Board Room (All parents are welcome!)
<b>Sat, Mar. 25:</b>	<b>Coffee House: "Movie Music" Theme</b>
Thu, Mar. 31 or Fri, Apr. 1 (tentative):	Concert & Sight-reading Contest/Houston – ALL CHOIRS (tentative)
Tue, Apr. 4:	7 pm - Choir Booster Board Meeting – Hinton Board Room (All parents are welcome!)
April Date TBD:	Middle School Choir Festival – BLHS, All Choirs will assist
Wed, May 10:	4-8 pm - Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert ( <b>MANDATORY</b> ), Theater
<b>Sun, May 14:</b>	<b>Time TBA - Spring Concert - This is the students' final exam!</b> (Call times will be earlier)
Thu, May 18:	Junior Ring Ceremony, During the School Day, time TBD (JV Choir and sophomore girls sing for this event)
Sat, May 20:	7 pm, Baccalaureate Mass at St. Pius Church, ( <b>MANDATORY</b> performance for A Cappella, call time will be earlier)