

Claremont High School

An International Baccalaureate World School

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Dear Chamber Singers Students and Families,

We are thrilled to announce that Chamber Singers will be traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana from March 26–29, 2025 to participate in the WorldStrides National Heritage Festival! This is an incredible opportunity for our students to perform, learn from leading choral professionals, and experience the rich cultural heritage of one of America's most historic musical cities.

At this time, the estimated cost of the trip is \$1,230 per student **without airfare**. Once flights are secured, **the final price is expected to be around \$1,800 to \$2,000 maximum**. We anticipate having a confirmed cost within the next two weeks after deposits are finalized. The total includes: festival fees, workshops and clinics, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, most meals, and sightseeing opportunities around New Orleans.

To help families plan, here is the recommended donation schedule (subject to adjustment once the final price is confirmed):

September 30 – \$350

October 31 – \$350

November 30 – \$350

December 31 – \$350

January 31 – Remaining balance

All contributions may be made via check payable to “Claremont High School Choir” or by credit card through the donations page at chschoir.org. Please note that these are donations, not fees, and are tax deductible. No student will be excluded from participation due to financial need; our booster program and fundraising efforts exist to help all families.

Family Planning Form – Required

In order to plan fundraising and booster support effectively, we ask that all families complete the form linked to the attached QR code. This form will help us understand each family's financial approach to the trip. Families will be asked to indicate whether they:

- Plan to pay the full cost out of pocket,
- Will participate in program fundraisers to supplement costs, or
- Will require additional booster support.

Your timely completion of this form is essential in helping us ensure every singer is able to participate.

We strongly encourage students to take ownership in raising funds for their trip. Ideas include babysitting, yard work, car washes, bake sales, recycling drives, or requesting trip contributions in lieu of holiday or birthday gifts.

Parents, we need your help! If you have ideas for fundraisers, access to auctionable items or services, or connections to potential business sponsors, please reach out. We are committed to reducing costs as much as possible to make this trip accessible for everyone.

This promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our Chamber Singers, and I look forward to working together to make it possible. Thank you for your continued support of our choir program!

With gratitude,

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New Orleans Cost Form



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