

**The Choir Family News of
The Choirs of Grace Church in New York**

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music and God's love of all!**



Greetings Families of Junior Choristers,

Yesterday's first Tuesday afternoon rehearsal was really great. There were boys and girls with bright shiny, masked and shielded faces in the Church singing beautifully and Boys and Girls with bright shiny faces singing beautifully on Zoom! A great beginning for a very special 126th year of the choirs.

Two BIG notes:

1. There are no rehearsals on Wednesday or Thursday for now. We need to recruit our 2nd grade classes, that will come as we all settle into the rhythm of this special year. The door is open. For now interested 2nd graders should sign

up to attend Tuesday's rehearsal. When we have sufficient numbers we can begin the Wednesday/Thursday sections.

2. Friday After School Vocal Coaching is on this week. GCS Students should sign out of school and walk around to the Broadway Chantry Gate. Non GCS Students Should enter at the same location. All come to the Honor Room, Wash your hands and enter the Chantry carefully. I will greet you in the Honor Room between 2:40 and 3:00. After 3:00 I will be in the Chantry. Dismissal from Coaching is 4:00 p.m. Use the zoom link just below if you want to zoom into this session.

PHOTOS OF LOCATIONS With names just in case you don't know where something is!

ZOOM LINK FOR AFTERNOON REHEARSAL

Password if needed:
516484

MUSIC LINK FOR ZOOMIES

Just to review for next Tuesday.....

GCS Choristers Families - I need to give Mr. Riley a list of who is being dismissed from school to Choir on Tuesday mornings. Please confirm with me either your child will always attend Tuesday Choir Rehearsal if in school, or each week let me know. Either is ok, You get to choose. It is really important that we have an accurate list.

GCS students will be dismissed at the GCS Huntington Close Gate which is locked at 3:00 p.m.
Non GCS students will enter on Broadway at the Chantry Gate

Everyone comes through the Honor Room Door
Everyone washes their hands and gets their temperature checked.
If you have attended already, go to your assigned seat in the church, your snack, face shield, music and pencil are waiting for you.
If you have not attended yet, go to the electric piano in the church and wait for PA to seat you.

If you have anything with you from school, keep it at your seat, no piles in the Honor Room.

ZOOMIES: come in with the Link, find with the music page with the Music Link and be ready to find your music as it is announced.
Stay Muted.
When you are asked to sing or answer a question, un mute.
If you need to leave, just quietly sign out.
Be patient with your internet. There is nothing anyone can do when the system crashes, just be patient.
We are in it together.

Music, Pencil, Protective gear - shield - all stay at your choristers seat in the church all the time. It is never touched by anyone else or put away.
Please remind them not to take it with them or move it around.

EARLY PICK UP - Parents, if you need to pick up your chorister before 4:00, just enter the Church from the honor room and I'll dismiss them to you, please don't ask the children to dismiss themselves. I need you to enter and pick them up.

Parents, it is essential that you come in to pick up your child or designate an adult to pick them up for you. I can't dismiss the children to go out on their own.
Please enter and wait in the Honor Room, there are chairs there, please distance.
When we dismiss, come on in to the church and pick up your child.

GASP After School Program. At this time the directive from the school is that once a child is signed out, they cannot go back. Those of you who wish your child to go to the after school supervision program following, please talk with the school, I'm sure we can work it out, but I will need your approval to dismiss a child back to school and the procedure for doing it from the school.
I'll write Mr. Riley and look into it.
Please do not ask your child to tell me to do this, we need to communicate for this to work.

SMILE, Let your light shine.
Too many rules and regulations, but they are in place to keep everyone safe and to let the music bloom.

SIGN UP to Volunteer!

Love, pa.

23 Sept Version.
Most recent version. PA

Tuesday Choir Rehearsal Dismissal List
of GCS Students
(Does not need to include
non GCS Students, this is for
dismissal purposes at GCS)

29 September
Based on who attended on the 22nd
It's never too late to add in.....

GIRLS Name	Grade
Abby Gomez	5th
Annabelle Grace	5th
Bellamy Stapleton	4th
Claire Min	3rd

BOYS Name	Grade
Eamonn Hynes	4th
James Gomez	3rd
Thatcher Olinick	3rd
Luka Tanjga	3rd
James West	3rd

FROM LAST WEDNESDAY'S NEWSLETTER - JUNIOR/NOVICE START UP MATERIAL:

Greetings all!
I hope your week is going smoothly.
Take time for extra rest, it's important during this period of transition and new beginnings.

On Tuesday 22 September The Junior Choristers will have their first afternoon rehearsal.
GCS Choristers will be dismissed with their classes and I or a Choir Parent will meet them at the Huntington Close Gate as they come out of the school. From there we will walk into the honor room to have our practice.
Practice will start with water and a snack and end at 4:00.

Choristers able to attend from outside GCS or GCS Choristers who are not at school that day should enter from Broadway at the Chantry Gate and come carefully into the honor room.

Step one: Wash your hands
Step two: Distancing come into the church and I or a Choir Parent Helper will seat you.
Step three: Your snack, water, music, pencil and face shield will be at the place I seat you having rested for 48-72 hours.

Please do not bring anything other than your school bag/laptop and a coat or sweater with you.
DO NOT place them in the honor room - take them to your seat as you are seated.
DO NOT come into the church until you have washed your hands.
KEEP YOUR MASK ON!

That is the end of the DO NOTS

THE DOS.....
Be safe
Enjoy being safely together
Go slow and respect safe distances
Let's pick up where we stopped and make music together.

TURN IN your participation waver form to PAllen, see below for the download.

PICK UP.....Parents see below for pick up. Basically we ask you to come to the church from Huntington Close, entering at the Honor Room Door to pick up your chorister. They will be dismissed from their seats to avoid clumping and keep them at safe distances.

Once your chorister leaves GCS they cannot re enter until the next day. Parents should come to Huntington Close via the Broadway Gate. If it looks locked, push, it will be open. Please push it back as you enter to discourage anyone else from entering.

DETAILS:

Below is a list of the whole roll.

If anyone's name is missing or needs to be removed or corrected, just let me know.

I need to send an accurate copy to the teachers asap.

By Friday at noon, parents, please let me know if your child will attend Tuesday's rehearsal.

If plans change please email me when you know so I can notify GCS.

They will only dismiss approved choristers to me on Tuesday.

The Rehearsal will be Zoomed. If you can't make it, Zoom in!

Password if needed: 516484

You are also welcome to Zoom in the morning.

Password if needed: 922460

NOVICE NEWS: At the moment we have one boy novice signed up. This is understandable with all we have been through and all the transitions. Until we have more I'm going to ask him and his family to allow him to attend the Tuesday Jr. Rehearsal. Once we have a small group we can break out into sections again.

Should we have a really large group on Tuesday, I may open a second Jr. Rehearsal section to keep numbers smaller and ask the community to choose one day or another, but, we are not there yet.

ASK QUESTIONS, email, text and call. I love contact with you and it is the best way to find out what is planned, make suggestions and get the support you need.

917.733.5117

All my love and prayers, be safe, and relax into the new rhythms. Discover all the new possibilities that they bring. Look out for each other. Let your light shine. p

***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

SIGN UP GENIUS

Sign up genius has three links this year. Please note.

-Pandemic Parent Support for Rehearsals.

-Sunday and special choir event

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

-Tuesday Evensong choir parent helpers

-After School Vocal Coaching.

The links may be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

***SOCIAL MEDIA:**

INSTAGRAM

If you are interested in contributing to the choir Instagram account (or possibly taking it over) please contact me.

FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook:

***RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!**

This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms.

Recruiting is never over and normally we would be starting that phase of the season now. The brochure has been posted to school families. If you know of families not at GCS who should receive it, let me know and I'll will include them.

The brochure and letter invites interest and communication and let's people know we will do the public side in September.

Help me spread the word that families interested in joining should email or call me so I can put them on the mailing list for information and to get them in the loop.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!

The L's of Choir:

Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

The C's of Choir

Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity - Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Com

Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!

[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

Important Links:

[The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link](#)

[Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link](#)

[Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching](#)

[Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers](#)

LINK PANDEMIC PARENT SUPPORT FOR REHEARSALS SIGN UP GENIUS

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

www.gracechurchnyc.org

CLICK: MUSIC

CLICK: login

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Stanfordlives1894

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excellence in music and God's love for all!

The Reverend Thomas Szczerba , Assistant Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers
Rebecca Ehren, Organ Scholar

Contact the Choir
www.gracechurchnyc.org

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