



A community for everyone celebrating
excellence in music and God's love for all!



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***P. Allen Greetings**

Happy October everyone! Where did September go?

I hope all of you had a safe, healthy and beautiful week.

This week has gone more beautifully than those before. Thank you for all your flexibility and communication. Working together we can accomplish anything.

FLEXIBILITY! The name of our game. Made possible by your extraordinary self discipline and commitment to the community. Everything is always possible, Everything is always on the table for discussion. Don't be afraid to bring something up.

Remember, if the targeted rehearsal for your chorister doesn't work for your family right now, let's find an alternative session based on all our offerings. Go with the flow....

Listen to your body and heart, listen to your child's also. Take it one day at a time right now and allow yourselves what you need to support each moment and day. Get your rest! If not at night, there is no crime in finding a nap period!

Choristers are welcome to zoom in at any time and depart the zoom at any time. They don't need to be present at the beginning or stay to the conclusion. They do need to have the music link open to find the music we are rehearsing.

RECRUITING! Is never over, and for this our 126th year, we need to begin! Please spread the word to new school families and 2nd grade families, we are looking for choristers to join. Parent nights at GCS are coming up in the next two weeks. If you are present, spread the word. We are working to have some brief chorister presentations at each of these.

Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and well. Please keep in touch and let me know how you are doing.

All my love, fear not! and let your light shine!
p.

***Optimae for 2020-2021**

This year is a special year so it calls for a special type of announcement and appointments of our Senior Chorister Executive Committee made up of the Optimae and Lead Choristers of both choirs.

We can't do our traditional pattern of announcement, so I'd like to call a Zoom Chorister Meeting for all choristers and parents to make the announcement.

This Sunday at 5:30 will be our zoom meeting for this great and exciting moment.

THE OPTIMAE ZOOM LINK

Password if needed: 462171

***PANDEMIC LINKS:**

MUSIC LINK FOR ZOOMIES

PHOTOS OF LOCATIONS

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

MORNING REHEARSAL LINK, Password if needed: 922460

AFTERNOON REHEARSAL LINK, Password if needed: 516484

REHEARSAL WAVER DOWNLOAD

LINK FOR 5 PACK of face shields

***SENIORS**

Tuesday through Friday Morning Rehearsals, Live or Zoom

Chantry Gate opens at 7:15 a.m., temperature check, enter at the Honor Room Door, wash hands, come to Chantry.

Rehearsal 7:30 - 8:25 a.m.

Dismiss from Chantry Door to Chantry Broadway Gate, walk to GCS Check in or "Broadway"

Friday After School Vocal Coaching, Afternoon Choir Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

Please sign up with Sign Up Genius, 2 choristers live are required for the session.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Chantry.

Check out of School walk around to the Chantry Gate, enter the Chantry Door for Choir Check in.

Flexibility: Seniors are welcome at all choir sessions morning and afternoon. Especially during this pandemic, choose what works for the rhythm of your family.

Just let PAllen know what you are doing so he won't worry and can be prepared to support you.

***JUNIORS**

Tuesday After School Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

(At this time 2nd grade novices are also welcome at this rehearsal)

At GCS dismissal until 4:00 p.m.

Please let P Allen know by 5:00 p.m. on Monday each week if you are planning to have your child attend and they are not on this list. If they will attend weekly, we will add them, if occasional, please communicate for each week. This is only necessary for GCS Students so teachers can be authorized to dismiss students to choir at the Huntington Close Gate.

Once students are dismissed from school they may not return.

Exception, if parents make arrangements with GASP for after school play at 4:00, with GCS permission and telling us the procedure, they may attend that program.

PARENTS and Non GCS Choristers, do not try to come through the school at any time. They are busy cleaning after dismissal.

ENTER AT THE BROADWAY Chantry Gate for all access to the Church.

ACCESS to the Church via the Honor Room Door in Huntington Close

Wash Hands

Take Seat

Enjoy your snack until rehearsal begins

PICK UP at 4:00 p.m. All parents or designated adult must come into the Honor Room to pick up their Child. Parents should wait with careful distance in the Honor Room. Please do not ask them to run out to the car.

Rehearsal officially runs from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

**For 4 October
Based on who attended on the 29th of September
It's never too late to add in.....**

**GIRLS Name Grade
Eva Dixon 5th
Abby Gomez 5th
Annabelle Grace 5th
Bellamy Stapleton 4th
Kiera Cryan 3rd
Lily Dixon 3rd
Claire Min 3rd**

BOYS Name	Grade
Sander Olinick	5th
Pablo Bordes	4th
Eamonn Hynes	4th
James Gomez	3rd
Thatcher Olinick	3rd
Luka Tanjga	3rd
James West	3rd

***NOVICES**

**We are in recruiting mode at this time, but at the moment no rehearsals are taking place on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons.
Until those rehearsals resume, all novices are welcome at Tuesday's afternoon rehearsal.
Just let PAllen know so you are on the GCS dismissal list for your teachers.**

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

**If you are interested in doing so singing/coaching, contact P Allen directly to schedule something.
Please stay safe and take good care.**

***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:
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***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.

Help 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 Community.**

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

User Name: helfenstein

Password:

Stanfordlives1894

Contact:

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[The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector](#)

[The Reverend Thomas Szczerba , Assistant Rector](#)

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