



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



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***P. Allen Greetings**

What a great week.

Now over a month into start up of live rehearsals everyone has done a brilliant job of following protocols, working as a well balanced team and caring for one another.

Musical work in rehearsals keeps growing as we learn how to work in our masks, shields and re organized in safe distanced numbers.

Our Zoomers have adapted brilliantly to their challenges and are singing over the air waves with great spirit.

Bravo everyone!

Good news at every corner.

May it continue as we head into middle of October.

Welcome new GCS Third Grade student [Jack Jedlicka](#) and his family Adriana and John into the

choir. Jack came to his first Junior practice Tuesday. It's great to have him in the choir.

Congratulations to our Chorister Executive Committee for 2020-2021.

The Choir of Men and Boys

Jonas Coats, Optimus

Christopher Diveki, Optimus

Theo Cannon, Lead

The Girls' Choir

Maeve Cannon, Optima

Vivienne Skrypek, Optima

Tess Gola, Lead

This year I have expanded the number of chorister leadership roles in the choir to cover all the support needs brought on by the pandemic and that are too much for one or two choristers.

I am grateful we have such a talented and able team to support us all.

They did a brilliant job making presentations to the 2nd and 3rd grade parent nights at GCS this week to support recruiting of new choristers from those classes.

Well done everyone. We have one more presentation to make next week at 4th grade parent night.

Thank you parents and Mother Julia for all your guidance and support.

Our two Choir words for this year are:

SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY

Remember:

Slow and Steady

Let your light shine and

Spread the Love

Have a safe and rest filled Fall Holiday Weekend.

Love, p.

***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

PA Cell phone in case you can't find us or need to get in: 917.733.5117

***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 11 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
Jack Jedlicka 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

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[The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector](#)

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

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

[Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers](#)

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