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excellence in music and God's love for all!



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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

**Let it snow.....**

**and it did! I'm looking out my office window at the moment at beautiful snow on the bushes, like a Christmas Card.**

**I hope everyone had beautiful Hanukkah celebrations and that the dreidels are very happy. Greetings as the Winter Break begins and we prepare for Christmas and New Year's Celebrations.**

### **An Autumn Miracle!**

**Congratulations on a brilliant, safe and healthy fall term. You did it!**

**I am so proud of everyone and all the effort put into keeping the music flowing and everyone safe. Let us all pray that we see the pandemic falling apart by the end of the spring term and finished by September.**

**Please join me in thanking the Choir Steering Committee for the work and planning they put into creating this safe environment for us all. I want to especially thank Veronica Maginnis, Karen Gorman and James Gomez who were our ppe team.**

**Everything has been cleaned up from the fall term and new ppe will be issued when the choristers come back on campus sometime in January.**

**Beginning January 5 we will be on line only - regular pandemic schedule.**

**So to recap:**

**Morning Rehearsals Tuesday to Friday from 7:30 - 8:25 a.m.**

**Afternoon Rehearsals Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Vocal Coaching by sign up genius on Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**When GCS opens for on campus live learning, we will return to our co live/zoom format.**

**I know it's confusing, please ask questions.**

**If your chorister was on leave in the autumn, consider coming back this winter and spring!**

**I've missed those of you who have been away.**

**No pressure, there are lots of variables, your chair is waiting when you can return.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**The Traditional Carol Service will be live streamed at 8:00 p.m.**

**It will not be open to the public.**

**We are watching the Governor and Bishop of New York's guidelines very closely.**

**A small choral ensemble will participate at the offering (at least as of this writing).**

**Forgive me for not being able to open up the opportunity to participate to all senior choristers.**

**I've had to severely limit the number of participating singers to stay within the guidelines we are following for everyone's safety.**

**[Christmas Eve Service Booklet for Choristers 2020](#)**

**[Click here and sing along at home.](#)**

**God bless you everyone.**

**Season's Greetings with so much love, Patrick**

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### **\*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 WAIVER 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**

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**\*TREBLE CONCERT NOTE 2021**

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**It will take place the traditional week in February.**

**Tuesday through Friday 2 through 5 February**

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**\*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.**

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## **\*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)**

**GIRLS Name / Grade**

**Eva Dixon 5th  
Abby Gomez 5th  
Annabelle Grace 5th  
Bellamy Stapleton 4th  
Mila Coats 3rd  
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  
Wallace Lai 3rd  
Austin Lai 3rd  
Thatcher Olinick 3rd  
Luka Tanjga 3rd  
James West 3rd**

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**\*NOVICES**

**Rehearsals on Wednesday's after GCS dismissal.**

**GCS Students will be brought by their class to the Honor Gate where I will meet them and take them into the Honor Room.**

**Choristers coming from outside GCS will come up the path from the Chantry Broadway Gate to the Honor Room.**

**There at a safe distance we will take temperatures, wash hands and have a snack.**

**Then we will go slowly, single file into the Chantry put on our protective shields with our masks and practice.**

**Each chorister will have their own seat, music, pencil and shield that only they will touch.**

**Between rehearsals they will live on the rack under their chair.**

**Dismissal will be from the Chantry.**

**Parents enter from the main doors of the Chantry, you will hear us and we will dismiss from there one family at a time.**

**Once rehearsal begins I will lock the honor room door to the garden for security.**

**The main Chantry doors will be open for the whole rehearsal to let fresh air move more freely.**

**When the Wednesday Section fills up we can open up a second section on Thursdays at GCS dismissal.**

**We might even make one boys and one girls, but that is getting ahead of ourselves.**

**Girls / 2nd grade**

**Beatrice Delaney**

**Amy Johnson**

**Victoria Lee**

**Josephine Lewis**

**Claire Pederson**

**Isla Popov**

**Boys / 2nd grade**

**Grayson Hurd**

**William Naples**

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#### **\*HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

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

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#### **\*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.

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#### **\*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.

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## **CHOIR ESSENTIALS**

**The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY!**

**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](#)**

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## **\*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](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)**

**CLICK: MUSIC**

**CLICK: login**

**User Name: helfenstein**

**Password:**

**Stanfordlives1894**

**Contact:**

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