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excellence in music and God's love for all!



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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

**Greetings all, I hope this email finds you all healthy and well as we end the 2nd week back to school and approach being back on campus next week.**

**With the return to campus of GCS students, choir will resume in person rehearsals as we did in the fall. All are welcome. If you took the autumn off to see how it goes and get used to a new norm, take this time as an opportunity to jump back in.**

As before, this year everything is optional, I only ask for a heads up so I can plan for the size of each group and have ppe and music prepared for everyone's safe use. If you are not sure what to do, just ask.

All rehearsals will be zoomed so you can also continue to participate in that fashion with the codes and music links below.

**\*\*\*At the steering committee meeting we discussed adjusting our ppe for the new term. The idea on the table is to stop using face shields and go to mask only or with protective glasses (If we adopt the glasses, choir will provide them). We found the face shields problematic with condensation on the inside and as a distraction to the children. Before making a decision I'd love any thought or concerns you might have with this course change. Please respond to me by Sunday at 5:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*Where was the photo above taken ? What year? The Steering Committee met this morning and it is official, we will postpone the summer tour that was to take place this summer to summer 2022. All choristers who would have attended in 2021 are welcome in 2022. HS Singers you are always included and now even more so.**

**\*\*\*GCS YEARBOOK PHOTO! We have been trying to figure out how to do it safely? Our traditional format won't work, but.....it has been proposed for each chorister to take a head shot at home (perhaps wearing a black shirt?) and we will assemble a collage of the photos to create a portrait - like "doors of new york" but with choristers. It would be a special way to symbolize this very different season. Please take a head shot of your chorister and send it to me. The more photos the better, so everyone please join in. Can I ask this to happen by February 1? We will need time to edit and create the final product.**

Have a great MLK weekend. Reach across the road to a neighbor, reach across the aisle to someone who has a different perspective than you and build bridges. Share the love, let your light shine and be part of the healing and care of our country. Be an agent of change and awakening.

All my love, Patrick

Here are the links.....

Music for Morning Rehearsals

Music for Morning Rehearsals Appendix A

Junior/Novice Music for Rehearsal 1

Junior/Novice Music for Rehearsal 2

MORNING REHEARSAL LINK, Password if needed: 922460

or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85021917167?pwd=TXpGS1JpYlV4ZWJEaW85T3FtUzJUdz09>

AFTERNOON REHEARSAL LINK, Password if needed: 516484

or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88528882444?pwd=MlpBeW82N0JGelpnM1A3VnhDUUs1dz09>

For more details see below.

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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**

**I hope we will offer a special pandemic version of our February Treble Music Project in 2021.**

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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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**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**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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**[The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector](#)**  
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**[The Reverend Thomas Szczerba, Assistant Rector](#)**  
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