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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

**Happy GCS HS Graduation time! Tomorrow is the day!**

**REMINDER: NO Morning Choir Friday 28 May due to graduation and GCS not having MS classes.**

**WELL DONE EVERYONE - WE DID IT!** Yesterday the Novices completed the afternoon choir rehearsal season for 2020-2021, our pandemic rehearsals.

The Juniors completed their season on Tuesday. Cheetos for everyone!

Thank you and hugs to all our families, the choir steering committee, and all the people at Grace Church and Grace Church School.

Through your hard work we completed the whole season, well, and full of fun and music.

Some 35 choristers participated live throughout the season with many more on line from home.

Now, in September, **EVERYONE** come home! We will be back in the saddle again. Recruiting interviews continue to take place and next year is already looking very exciting. We have a tour to Europe to plan and prepare.

**WELL DONE!**

Next week is the final week of morning rehearsals for this season.

**June 6th will be Choir Appreciation Sunday.**

A small group of senior choristers will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. service with the adults and we will recognize our 8th grade choristers.

It still isn't time to bring back the whole gang or our annual traditions at full strength but we are just about ready to do just that. I can't wait for September!

Gather around the organ console after the postlude for some personal presentations and passing out of mementos and awards.

No new news to report, just stay the course as the year finishes it's tasks and stay safe. Ask lots of questions and let your light shine. Love, Patrick

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**It's Recruiting Season for 2021-2022!** Hoping we are way post pandemic in September I'm excited for everyone to be back to in person rehearsal with bright shiny faces and letting their beautiful voices ring out. Y'all come on home!

Bravo to our Optimi Dream Team supported by Mary Cannon, Shingmin Lai, Shari Coats and Tunde Csonka who created a brilliant recruiting zoom spot to inspire new families and choristers to join us. You are the best recruiters - let your light shine!

You will receive a copy of the new recruiting brochure in the post. It's always good for everyone to see what and when things go out. Please share it with a family and invite someone to choir. Parents and Choristers are the best recruiters.

Let your choir lights shine.

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**For fall planning.....the hoped for "normal" schedule will be something like this:**

**Sunday Mornings September to June (When GCS is in session)**

**9:45 call for a 10:00 a.m. warm up for which ever choir is singing that morning.**

**11:00 a.m. Morning Service**

**Lunch after church for Senior Choristers**

**1:00 - 3:00 Afternoon Senior Rehearsal (will include HS Girls if girls are singing that morning)**

**Tuesday:**

**7:00 a.m. Doors open. Breakfast Club**

**7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal**

**At GCS Dismissal, After School Vocal Coaching by sign up genius until 4:30 p.m.**

**4:45 - 5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Snack time in the Honor Room.**

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal and Evensong (Boys and Girls 4 - 5th grades) with Senior Mentors.**

**Wednesday:**

**7:00 a.m. Doors open. Breakfast Club**

**7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Girls Rehearsal**

**At GCS Dismissal, Novice Chorister Rehearsal in the Chantry to 4:15 p.m. (Girls, 2nd and 3rd grades) with Senior Mentors**

**Thursday:**

**7:00 a.m. Doors open. Breakfast Club**

**7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Boys Rehearsal**

**At GCS Dismissal, Novice Chorister Rehearsal in the Chantry to 4:15 p.m. (Boys, 2nd and 3rd grades) with Senior Mentors**

**Friday:**

**7:00 a.m. Doors open. Breakfast Club**

**7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Girls Rehearsal**

**At GCS Dismissal, After School Vocal Coaching by sign up genius until 4:30 p.m.**

**All of this depends on the state of our lives with the pandemic and what is safe to accomplish.**

**If safe to offer "Choir Camp" will return on **Wednesday afternoon** this year with Choir Parents and Guardians Orientation around 5:30. (Tuesday is Rosh Hashanah)**

**The start to the 127th season of the choir is hoped to take place with everyone singing in Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday the 12th of September. 9:45 a.m. Warm up.**

**Fingers crossed.**

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**The Choir Handbook.**

**The Handbook was created when we revised the whole training curriculum of the choir many years ago.**

**Creating the Handbook was the original reason to establish the Choir Steering Committee which has continued to be so much a part of our life since that time.**

**It was once passed out each new season, but went green and onto the website where it still lives in the choir family area.**

**The Handbook defines our community, our purpose, who we are and how we are organized. At the time we thought that this would help focus our purpose and commitment to one another as the choir community and it worked brilliantly.**

**It's content lies at the foundation of all we are and do.  
I just remind all of it's presence and purpose. It is always there for you to review.**

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**Here are the links.....**

**[Music for Morning Rehearsals](#)**

**[Music for Morning Rehearsals Appendix A](#)**

**[Music for Easter](#)**

**[GCS Chapel Music May 2021](#)**

**[Jr / Nov Rehearsal Book 2021 \(bk3\)](#)**

**[Junior/Novice Music for Rehearsal 1](#)**

**[Junior/Novice Music for Rehearsal 2](#)**

**[Rose, Teach us O Lord](#)**

**[Jr Evensong Book 1](#)**

**[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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**\*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  
Hailey Popov, 5th  
Bordley Gushee, 5th  
Bellamy Stapleton 4th  
Phebe Phojanakong 4th  
Cassie Chin, 3rd  
Mila Coats 3rd  
Kiera Cryan 3rd  
Lily Dixon 3rd  
Claire Min 3rd  
Isla Popov, 2nd**

**BOYS Name / Grade**

**Sander Olinick 5th  
Pablo Bordes 4th  
Isaiah Collins, 4th  
Eamonn Hynes 4th  
James Gomez 3rd  
Jack Jedlicka 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**

Ava Appignani

Beatrice Delaney

Sconset Gushee

Amy Johnson

Victoria Lee

Josephine Lewis

Claire Pederson

Isla Popov

**Boys / 2nd grade**

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](#)**

**[Choir Handbook](#)**

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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**

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