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excellence in music and God's love for all!



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**\*P. Allen Greetings -**

**Here it is at long last - Summer has begun.  
You did it with grace, courage and love, the 2020-2021 Pandemic year is in the can and  
we are still standing, still singing.**

**I am so grateful and so proud of everyone for holding together and letting the food of  
love, Music, sing and play on.**

**If music be the food of love,  
Sing on till I am fill'd with joy;  
For then my list'ning soul you move**

To pleasures that can never cloy.  
Your eyes, your mien, your tongue declare  
That you are music ev'rywhere  
*Henry Heveningham*

Congratulations graduates. This is a very special class of 8th graders. Please join me in love, prayers and big yahoos for:

Maeve Cannon  
Jonas Coats  
Sydney Davey  
Tess Gola  
Clementine McCoy  
Tenley Seirer  
Vivienne Skrypek  
Daveonna Vincent

[The Goggle Cal](#) and [Sign Up Genius](#) pages for 2021-2022 are finished and active for family planning. Please remember to refresh your goggle cal now and then to keep it current. [Kathy's link](#) is very handy for looking at the calendar. Just activate the one(s) you want to see. All the links may be found towards the bottom of this document.

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.

HAPPY SUMMER! Please write, send photos and let me know how you are. The Newsletter will return to refresh our thoughts on the new season in early August. Until then.....

Let your light shine and heal the world. One small step and smile at a time.  
Stay safe and well.  
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 received 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.

The following students have already indicated a desire to join us in September:

## **Girls**

**Annalise Arena, 2nd grade**  
**Delphina Bragen, 2nd grade**  
**Esme Hynes, 2nd grade**  
**Eloise McGrath, 2nd grade**  
**Niwako Inoue, 2nd grade**

**Bela Claire, 4th Grade**  
**Amalya Murjani, 5th grade**

## **Boys**

**Thibault Antonio, 2nd grade**  
**Teddy Armer, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**  
**Jack Avlon, 2nd Grade**  
**Niall Harrington, 2nd Grade**  
**Theodore Nichols, 3rd grade**  
**Luca Schiff, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

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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, 8 September** 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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**\*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 Word for 2021-2022 - LOVE**

**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](#)**

**Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:**

**[www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)**

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