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The Choirs of Grace Church in New York

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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Here we go, the final weekend of this extraordinary choir/school season. I can't begin to communicate how much I enjoyed removing all the pandemic links and information and schedules from our materials today. Prayers and hopes that in September we will be in a much more "normal" life rhythm.

Have a safe and beautiful weekend. Looking forward to seeing you all in the coming week at all the closing exercises and celebrations.

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

This Sunday is our annual choir appreciation Sunday. It will be pandemically informed. Only a small group of senior choristers will sing in the service, no vestments, no processions.

10:00 a.m. warm up in the Church for the 11:00 a.m. service.

We will recognize our graduates and a small number of annual awards will be made. If you are in attendance, gather around the organ console at the conclusion of the service for some personal presentations and passing out of mementos and awards.

Next week on Wednesday 9 June there is a special morning rehearsal before school for those senior choristers including all 8th graders that will sing graduation on Thursday.

7:30 a.m. Call at the Broadway gate Wednesday 9 June.

By Tuesday 8 June, [The Goggle Cal](#) and [Sign Up Genius](#) pages for 2021-2022 will be 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!

Let your light shine and heal the world. One small step and smile at a time.
Love, Patrick

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
Jack Avlon, 2nd Grade
Niall Harrington, 2nd Grade
Theodore Nichols, 3rd grade

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.

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.

***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 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](#)

***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](#)

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