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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Welcome back!

Congratulations on a fantastic start up week.

**The senior choir camp was inspiring.
The novice/junior zoom party was so much fun and full of spirit.
Parent Orientation was so warm and friendly, thank you all for your contributions
and leadership.**

**Senior Rehearsal this morning was beautiful.
Everyone so bright eyed and excited for our first early morning rehearsal.**

Here we go!

Congratulations to the **Optimus** for 2021-2022, Christopher Divéki
Congratulations to the **Optima** for 2021-2022, Pia Erwine

*****Sunday Morning 12 September -**

Seniors Only Singing by **advanced registration** (email P Allen)
so we may monitor the size and placement for covid protocols of the choir.

Registered so far:

Kadin, Cole, Oscar, Tanner, Chris
Pia, Amelia, Tess, Maeve

10:00 Call, enter at the main doors of the church being sensitive to the people exiting from the 9:00 service.

Turn Right and come to the South Transept to Vest. I'll meet you there.
Choristers who attended choir camp and Fridays rehearsal, your robes will be in the church, do not go in the honor room.

Choristers not at choir camp and HS Singers, go into the honor room to be vested. Stay six feet apart.

Warm Up will be in the Church.

11:00 Service done around 12:15.

Leave music in your seats.

Hang vestments back on the portable rack that will be in the south aisle by the piano. Do not go to the honor room to di vest, the congregation will be passing through to the reception.

Novice and Junior Choristers should sit with their families at the service this year.

*****An email from Dana Foote re: Start Up Sunday Sign up for post service reception - outside.....**

NEXT WEEK:

**Morning Rehearsals only, enter at the Chantry gate on Broadway.
7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.**

Tuesday, Senior Boys

Wednesday, Senior Girls (Senior Boys welcome)

Thursday, No Choir today, GCS closed.

Friday, Junior and Senior Girls

**Sunday 19 September, The Choir of Men and Boys singing.
10:00 Call/11:00 Service/ Lunch / Senior Rehearsal from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Coming Up:

First Junior Chorister Rehearsal Tuesday 21 September, 5:00 p.m.-6:30

(snack at 4:45)

First Novice Girls Rehearsal Wednesday 22 September at dismissal of GCS to 4:15

First Novice Boys Rehearsal Thursday 23 September at dismissal of GCS to 4:15.

Below under **Important Links** find **schedule/orientation summaries** of each division of the choir.

Have a beautiful and safe weekend, enjoy these last days of summer and.....

Let your light shine and heal the world. Give the gift of a smile!

Stay safe and well.

Love, Patrick

***Special Covid Updates for Choir Start Up - Saturday 28 August 2021**

Dear Choir Family Community,

As the start of our 127th Choir Season approaches it is necessary for everyone's safety to adjust our startup.

We will follow the guidelines and protocols established by Grace Church School.

* Everyone over the age of 12 must be vaccinated a minimum of two weeks prior to first rehearsal.

*Anyone ineligible for the vaccine or under 12 must have had a negative covid test not more than 72 hours prior to first rehearsal. If your child is a Grace Church School student, their school test submission is sufficient. If your child attends another school, please [submit](#) negative test results [here](#).

[Update from NY State via B. Reilly 28 August 2021](#)

[Covid Update from GCS, George Davison 24 August 2021](#)

*Masks will be worn at all times indoors.

*When singing a six foot distance will be maintained between singers.

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.

Important Links:

[General Choir Orientation Materials 2021-2022](#)

[Jr/Novice Orientation Materials 2021 - 2022](#)

[Senior Boys Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)

[Junior Boys Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)

[Novice Boys Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)

[Senior Girls Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)

[Junior Girls Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)

[Novice Girls Information at a glance 2021 - 2022](#)

Fall Choir Schedules:

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 (on temporary hold for Covid)

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 (on temporary hold for Covid)

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 (on temporary hold for Covid)

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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.

***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGN UP GENIUS**

Sign up genius has three links this year.

- 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:
Music at Grace Church in New York

***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 Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!

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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