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excellence in music and God's love for all!



The Choir Family News

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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Happy Friday everyone!

The Choir Steering Committee just had a great fall meeting.

What a great week of new beginnings and the start of our afternoon rehearsal and coaching programs.

The novices are strong and talented and our older choristers are leading the way. I'm so proud of everyone.

Remember.....Recruiting is never over, it's never too late to join the choir. Spread the good word.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

1. Sunday afternoon rehearsals will end at 2:00 going forward.
2. Wednesday Novice Girls rehearsal will end at 4:00 going forward
3. Thursday Novice Boys rehearsal will end at 4:00 going forward

After watching this week, with masks, covid and our overall young median age it seems the most positive and productive use of time and for care of choristers.

Afternoon pickup is always at the honor room.

The Choir Steering Committee met this morning to review the start up of our season and look ahead. It was a great meeting. Everyone agreed to go forward with planning a concert tour to Europe Summer 2022. Stay tuned for details.....

After not seeing you all in person for so long, it just does me so well to re connect as we have over the past few weeks with the start of school. I'm so excited about the season ahead. Let your light shine and heal the world.

Big hug, love and smiles, p.

***THIS WEEKEND: Sunday Morning 26 September**

Sunday 26 September, The Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults singing.

10:00 Call/11:00 Service

No Lunch or Rehearsal today.

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday:

7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.

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

At GCS Dismissal, After School Vocal Coaching by sign up genius(see below) 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 (Boys and Girls 4 - 5th grades) with Senior Mentors. (Enter and Exit, GCS Gate to Huntington Close and Broadway Chantry Gate) ((No Evensong until 3 October))

Wednesday:

7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.

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

At GCS Dismissal, Novice Chorister Rehearsal in the Chantry to 4:00 p.m. (Girls, 2nd and 3rd grades) with Senior Mentors

Pick up in Huntington Close/Honor Room, enter at the Chantry Broadway Gate.

Thursday:

7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.

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

It is so important for the Junior Choristers to have this rehearsal time together with the Senior Choristers, please make an effort, all Junior Boys need to attend.

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Pick up in Huntington Close/Honor Room, enter at the Chantry Broadway Gate.

Friday:

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

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At GCS Dismissal, After School Vocal Coaching by sign up genius(see below) until 4:00 p.m. (Different than Tuesday as we are dismissed from GCS earlier)

Sunday 3 October, Senior Boys Only Singing (Required)

(In a few weeks we may begin including novice and junior boys)

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 yet vested, 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.

Lunch in the Honor Room/Huntington Close as weather permits.

Senior Boys Rehearsal in the Church until 2:00 p.m. Exit from the main Broadway Doors.

***All things Covid....**

We 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.**

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](#)

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:
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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 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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