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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Happy, safe, healthy and dry Labor Day Weekend Greetings.

**I hope everyone is safe and sound after the horrible weather this week.
Please keep everyone impacted by these weather systems and the out of control fires in
your thoughts and prayers for healing and safety.**

**Here we go, next week our 127th Season begins. I'm so excited to catch up with
everyone and for our music to bloom.**

There are no changes in the start up schedule since the 28 August Update that you received last week.

It is re copied below.

To summarize:

- *8 September Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00 Choir Camp Only for Seniors, rsvp so we can know the size of the group and prepare for everyone's safety.
- *8 September 4:30 - 5:00 Novice/Junior Zoom Party.
- *8 September 5:30 - 6:00 Parent Orientation on Zoom.
- *10 September Friday 7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Combined Senior Chorister Rehearsal
- *12 September Sunday 9:45 Call, Sunday Service, Seniors and HS Singers only.

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.

1. 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.**

Update from NY State via B. Reilly 28 August 2021

2. Choir Camp must be scaled back to Senior Choristers only to limit the size of the group.

***Enter at the Chantry Chapel Gate on Broadway, do not come to 802 Broadway or through GCS School.**

***Time will be adjusted to 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

***Pick up by parents should be in Huntington Close, outside the Honor Room Door at 4:00 p.m. Enter at the Broadway Chantry Gate.**

***RSVP is mandatory for placement and number of participant protocols.**

3. For Novice and Junior Choristers, you are welcome to ZOOM in between 4:30 - 5:00 on

Wednesday 8 September to say hello and smile at me.

I can't wait to see you and hear you sing.

Password if needed: 427984

4. Choir Parent Orientation will take place via ZOOM on Wednesday 8 September from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Password if needed: 973205

5. Choir Rehearsal for Seniors only on Friday morning 10 September will take place.

No breakfast club for now.

Enter at the Chantry Gate from Broadway.

7:20 - 8:10 a.m.

7th grade GCS students will be dismissed at 7:55 p.m. for their early call time at GCS.

6. Sunday Morning 12 September - Seniors Only by registration so we may monitor the size and placement for protocols of the choir.

9:45 Call, 11:00 Service.

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

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

Boys

Thibault Antonio, 2nd grade
Teddy Armer, 2nd grade
Jack Avlon, 2nd Grade
Niall Harrington, 2nd Grade
Luca Schiff, 2nd grade
Theodore Nichols, 3rd grade

Decian Gorman, 5th Grade

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](#)

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[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

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

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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:
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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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