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The Choirs of Grace Church in New York

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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Greetings and Happy Friday everyone for a beautiful, peaceful and healthy long autumn weekend. May the leaves be colorful and the apples ripe. If your traveling, be safe and enjoy.

NOVICE CHORISTERS from last season - current third grade choristers -
I thought we had corrected the distribution error in the spring allowances.
We were launching a new excel system and some addresses imported incorrectly.
The name and amount on the checks is correct.
It was the addresses that got mixed up.

If your chorister got someone else's check, please return it to me and I'll sort it out.
If you chorister hasn't received their spring allowance, please let me know.
I apologize for this mix up.

SENIOR GIRLS: We will move our big rehearsal for the Britten Project from 31 October to **17 October! 1:00 - 3:00** after lunch after church.
All Alumni, HS Singers are welcome and encouraged to attend so you can prepare to sing with us for the 12 December offering at 4:00 p.m.
We will cancel the rehearsal and lunch after church on Halloween.

HS Young Men - the response from last week's shaving club announcement was good. Weekends seem best.
Could we try to have a shaving club rehearsal from 2:00 - 3:00 on a Sunday afternoon following one of the afternoon practices that ends at 2:00?
We could work from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Let's find a first date and start and schedule from there.

Big hug, love and smiles, let your light shine and heal the world, p.

***THIS WEEKEND: Sunday Morning 10 October**

GCS Holiday Weekend, Adult Choir singing

TOMORROW and NEXT WEEK:

Friday: 8 October

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

7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Girls 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 Girls need to attend.

No Afterschool Vocal Coaching today as it's a Holiday Weekend.

Sunday 10 October, GCS Holiday Weekend, Adult Choir singing

Tuesday: October 12, GCS on Holiday, no choir activities.

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:

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No Afterschool Vocal Coaching, there is a wedding taking place in the church.

Sunday 17 October, Senior Girls and HS Singers Only Singing (Required for Seniors)

(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 and HS Girls Rehearsal in the Church until 3:00 p.m. Exit from the main Broadway Doors. Special Rehearsal for the Britten Project in December with the Adult Women.

COMING UP:

Sunday 24 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.

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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

Sunday 31 October, Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults Singing.

Sunday 7 November, All Senior Choristers (Boys and Girls) Singing.

Sunday 14 November, The Choir of Men and Boys Singing.

Sunday 21 November, GCS Sunday, ALL CHORISTERS SINGING - **EVERYONE! (2nd grade and on up - Covid allowing)**

***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:
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](#)**

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

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[Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers](#)

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