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The Choirs of Grace Church in New York

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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Oh, what a beautiful morning.....

Happy and perfect beginning of autumn. What a great way to start the new season.

The Choir Steering Committee had a wonderful meeting this morning looking back, and looking forward to an exciting new season. With that meeting the start up is over and off we go.

Just some notes for this time of new beginnings.....

A new endeavor - We will be initiating "Choir Parent Captains" in the coming days. Right now I have asks out to fill these posts. There will be one for Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Novice Boys and Novice Girls. The Captains will be resource parents for other parents to help spread information, answer questions and support all our participation in the life of the choirs. I hope to announce them in the next newsletter.

Parents are always welcome at rehearsals. Feel invited to sit in, meditate in the beautiful spaces and enjoy the musical time of discovery of the choristers. Only parents have this possibility. For safe church and security, rehearsals are closed to everyone else without advance screening.

Afternoon Honor Room Arrival and Pickup during the week.

As we move past the pandemic lockdowns, choristers and parents feel free once again to enter and exit the honor room from the tower door entrance from GCS. Eventually we will move away from using the Broadway gate on weekday afternoons. It's better for many reasons. This won't occur until we all get back into the habit. Families from outside GCS, we will teach you, for now you can continue to use the gate.

Senior Chorister Lunch - Parent Volunteers. The Steering Committee decided this morning to go with only one parent sign up for this. If you are interested in signing up but worried about or need help doing the lunch talk with your Captain and we will work it out, no worries.

Last notice - Tour participants, please get all vestments and tour robe bags to the honor room by Sunday 2 October.

New Opportunity - have a chat with Patrick! On Friday mornings after the Girls' Rehearsal I'll go over to the Bean on 9th Street and have a coffee, come by and have a chat! (Friday's with Music Committee or Steering Committee like today or next Friday (3 times a year) I'll be arriving around 9:45 after those meetings end.

New Choristers:

Please welcome Yuli Davis and his mother Ewa.

Yuli is a friend of Cyrus Kuni, both are in the second grade at PS 40.

Stella Scarozza has joined the HS Singers. She with her family have just moved to the neighborhood. Her mom and dad, Jennifer Lane and David Scarozza are old friends and colleagues.

Alumni News - it's so great to be able to share the wonderful moments in choir alumni and families lives. Don't be shy, send me your news so I can share it with the community. See below from two Alumni.

Lucy Foote (Optima 2010-2011) is living in London, England working for Lattice Inc., Lattice is an HR software tech platform. Lucy stays in close touch with her fellow choir buddies: Lizzie Evans, optima 2010; Anabel Keany, Lucy Consagra, and Ashley Scully. she will be home for Grace Church School Sunday and is very much looking forward to it!

Benjamin Ford (Optimus i2005-2007) This past July, my now wife, Savannah, and I were married at Grace Church. We had an amazing service, Father Waring officiated and we were lucky enough to have Dr. Allen interrupt his summer travels to bless us with beautiful music. The reception was at my parents, Jan and Stefan Ford's home. We are currently living in Rochester, NY, where I am a resident in the general surgery

program at Strong Memorial Hospital and Savannah is working to complete her PhD in Public Health. While there may be plenty of snow in the winters, summers on the finger lakes can't be beat!

A repeat from last week with love and smiles.....

Y'all come - nothing makes a chorister more happy than to have their parents listen to them sing. Sign up to help before a service once or twice a year and **when your chorister is singing, come to the service and enjoy them.** Ask parents on this summer's tour, it's a moving and special experience. We all benefit by the connection and bond of being together.

Last Call.....Those who went on the tour to **Ireland** please bring your choir tour bag and cleaned vestments to camp or the first time you come to choir so we can store the bags for the future and re fit the choir for the new season.

***THIS SUNDAY, 25 September**
The Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults

Seniors Required
Novice and Juniors strongly recommended
9:45 call
10:00 Warm up
11:00 Service
Lunch after church for Senior and HS Girls
1:00 - 3:00 Senior and HS Girls Rehearsal

***THE WEEK of 25 September**

- ***Tuesday Mornings – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal.***
Breakfast Club in the Honor room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.
- ***Tuesday Afternoons, 3:20 – 4:30 p.m.***
After School Voice Coaching in the Chantry.
- ***Tuesday Afternoons – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Junior Boy and Girls Chorister Rehearsal (4th and 5th grade girls and boys)***
Evensong takes place October to December and February to May.
- ***Wednesday Mornings – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Girl Rehearsal***
Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.
- ***Wednesday Afternoons, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.***
Novice Girls Rehearsals. (2nd and 3rd grade)
Required for Girl Novices. Gather and dismiss in the Honor Room.
- ***Thursday Mornings – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Junior (4th and 5th grade) and Senior Boy Rehearsal.***
Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.
- ***Thursday Afternoons – 3:00 to 4:15 pm. Novice Boys Rehearsal.***
(2nd and 3rd grade)
Required for Boy Novices. Gather and dismiss in the Honor Room.
- ***Friday Mornings – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Junior (4th and 5th grade) and Senior Girl Rehearsal.***

Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

• *Friday Afternoons,*
No After School Voice Coaching today due to wedding rehearsals.

• *Sunday Morning 2 October*
The Choir of Men and Boys singing
Seniors Required
Novice and Juniors strongly recommended
9:45 call
10:00 Warm up
11:00 Service
Lunch after church for Senior Boys and Adult Choir
Preparation for the Oct 16th Evensong featuring Britten's
Rejoice in the Lamb
1:00 - 3:00 Senior Boys with Adults Rehearsal

Parents please sign up to be service helpers and for lunch
Please go to the Sign up genius page and sign up. It takes a community.

Grace Church Choir: After School Vocal Coaching 22-23 (signupgenius.com).

(Enter at 802 Broadway, come around the old way - back hall by the Music Room,
Nurse Wendy to the Honor Room)

Parents, please sign up to help with vesting/wrangling and all around have fun with
the choir and for after service lunch duty.

[Choir Orientation and 2022-2023 Schedules, Information and Links](#)

Parents are always welcome at rehearsals

Safe Church - Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors
a place that is free of abuse and harassment.

If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment,
or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at
Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage
you to notify us.

Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means
of providing feedback.

***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 we would be entering 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 2022-2023 - Remember/ In Sync.

Spring 2022 and Choir Tour Motto - Brand New Day!
The Tour of Love and Light

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](#)
[The Choir Handbook](#)

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