



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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MYC News

Dear Youth Chorale,

Thank you for a terrific rehearsal on Tuesday night! It was great to start the year with such a productive rehearsal. I can already tell from the sounds we made that this is going to be an outstanding group this year. I am very excited to see what we can accomplish this year.

Don't forget that you can use the reference recordings I have provided on my Shorewood site <http://bit.ly/shorewoodvox> under the MYC tab. You may also You Tube some of the songs as some of them are available there too, especially Banks O' Doon. Good luck preparing.

MYC Retreat THIS Saturday from 9-4:

Don't forget that our annual retreat is scheduled for this Saturday, September 10, from 9-4 at MYAC (where we rehearsed Tuesday night). The day will be filled with music learning, team building, and opportunities for us to get to know each other better. I do expect most of you to be there and for those who have other events that day, I hope you will find time to come to some of the days' activities.

Don't forget to bring a closed water bottle and disposable bag lunch to the retreat on Saturday! You also need to bring your music. Finally, be sure to wear comfortable clothes.

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Tomorrow, Saturday, September 10, 9:15-10:15am- Includes info regarding choir tours.

MYC and MCC Facebook Pages:

Please remember to become a friend of MCC on Facebook, so we can, in turn, invite you to be a part of the MYC group. We'll be posting these notes and other important information there each week to keep you informed.

Attendance:

A reminder that in order to perform in any concert you need to attend at least 75% of rehearsals. I will be planning for a few make up rehearsals to help you reach that number, as I understand how incredibly busy you are. In addition, please take the time to let us know if you will miss a rehearsal. My knowing who will be in attendance at rehearsal from week to week does affect how I plan rehearsals. I really appreciate it when you take the time to communicate your absences in advance when you can.

Rehearsal Plan – September 13:

1. Banks O' Doon
 - Solidify the first section of the piece and work for strong part independence
 - Focus on: Phrase shape, Vowel uniformity, Balance & Blend, Embracing Dissonance
2. Just as the Tide
 - Work for more accuracy of pitch and rhythm of the first and second verse
 - Stronger independence and ability to sing both verses a cappella
 - Start learning the third verse

3. Bill Baily

- Review beginning two segments
- Learn last half of the piece focusing on style, blend, balance and tuning.

Have a great end to your week. I look forward to seeing you Saturday and next Tuesday.

Mr. Clark

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

September

- 6 - First Rehearsal and Uniform measuring / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal
- 10 - (Saturday) All Day Retreat and Uniform measuring (9a-4p) at MYAC, Mandatory Parent Meeting (9:15a-10:15a) - Includes info regarding choir tours
- 13 - Regular Rehearsal and Uniform measuring / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal
- 17 - (Saturday) New Auditions at MYAC, 12:00p- 1:00p. This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 1st semester.
- 20 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - Regular Rehearsal / Florentine Studio Artist Presentation, 7:15-7:45 (parents welcome). Rehearsal will end at usual time of 9:00 p.m.

Office News

MCC Website & Email: Please note that the MCC website is scheduled to go down Friday afternoon, Sept. 9 for maintenance. It could be back up within two hours...or it could take two days! Please be patient with us as we make some necessary upgrades. In the meantime, if you have questions, please call the office at 414-221-7040 or Mr. Clark.

Open Enrollment: MYC has one more week of open enrollment. If you have a friend at school, church, or in the neighborhood that loves to sing, please have them contact MCC for membership at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org. Or better yet, bring them to next week's rehearsal!

Choir Handbook: Our choir handbook will come to you via email within the next week. It will also be posted on our website.