Sept. 2012
Our 25th Year!

Dear New Chorus Families,

Welcome to the second half of PCC's 25th season!

We have a few details to share with you concerning our general operating procedures and other FAQs:

The "Purple Form"

Is your singer younger than 12? Would you like her/him to meet you in the parking lot after rehearsal? Then come in and sign a **purple form** on the hall table. If we don't have your purple form, you **must** come in each week and sign your singer out of class. This is a park district rule.

Absences

We excuse 3 rehearsal absences in any session. Singers who miss more may not be able to perform in our May concerts. The director(s) will judge the singer's knowledge of our repertoire. We always understand when school performances conflict with PCC, but note that the rehearsals in Cutting Hall before the concerts are ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY FOR ALL SINGERS.

If your singer will be absent, let us know. We prefer that you **email** either Diane at bdramsden@comcast.net or Sue Love at SueLove0817@aol.com. You can also call the Chorus Hotline at 705-5123 x 281. [This number is also on the front of your singer's music.] You can leave messages 24 hours a day. Letting us know about absences helps us keep track of all our singers and shows your commitment to our program.

Communication

EMAIL WORKS BEST. Most of you have given me your email addresses. I don't share them with anyone, even the park district. I promise to keep my emails short but it is truly the best way to give you information. For more immediate information on a performance day, call the Hotline 847-705-5123 x281.

Our Website…EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL IN 1 PLACE!

Have a question about a rehearsal time? A concert date? Uniforms? An upcoming performance? Go to our website www.thepcc.org and click on Singer Center. There you'll find everything you need! The calendar page is especially useful [use it on "month" setting] and for questions about a performance, look under "performance guides." It's up to date through June 30.

Canceling a Rehearsal

If a rehearsal is cancelled at the last minute, I'll email you, put it on the Hotline as promptly as possible, AND put notices on the entrances to the Community Center.

If District 15 is closed because of weather, PCC will not rehearse that afternoon/evening.

Our Music

Singers should practice their music at home and ALWAYS bring their music to rehearsal. Your singer's music belongs to the chorus and should be treated respectfully. You'll return it AND the red theory book before the final concerts. We perform all music from memory. Our music represents all time periods, all cultures, and all faiths.

Calendar

You might have a calendar on white paper. Although it was accurate in December when I created it, it is not accurate now. Always check our website calendar.

Facebook

We're in 2 places on Facebook. "Palatine Children's Chorus/Palatine Youth Chorus" is our fan page where we'll post concert videos and other general information. "Palatine Children's Chorus/Palatine Youth Chorus Current Singer/Family" group is meant to give you insider information like reminders about rehearsals, meetings, rehearsal cancellations, and other calendar updates. Just ask to become a member.

Uniforms

Our concert uniforms are from Formal Fashions Inc. Find the blue uniform packet on the hall table for information about what you need and how to purchase it. Order the concert uniform immediately so they're ready by April 16.

Right now, only Concert and Honors choirs need PCC red polo shirts this session.

Thanks for your patience with all these details. Did I skip something? If so, just email me or ask in person at a rehearsal. Also keep in mind that while I work *for* the park district, I DON'T HAVE AN OFFICE THERE. I'm only there for rehearsals [about 2:00 on rehearsal days]. I do most of my work at home.

We're anticipating a wonderful winter/spring season. We Dare to Dream!

Diane Ramsden, Executive Director [bdramsden@comcast.net]
and the entire staff of the Palatine Children's Chorus

website: www.thepcc.org voice mail: 847-705-5123 x281

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