



June 1, 2008

Dear Allegro Members and Parents:

WOW! Are you ready for our 9th concert season!! We are excited and honored to welcome our new and returning members to the Allegro Family. In an effort to reduce paperwork hassles and increase efficiency for you and our staff, please find enclosed a **Checklist** of items due to the Allegro Administrative Office no later than **July 1, 2008**.

Also enclosed is our 2008-2009 Proposed Concert Season Calendar. As you can tell by the calendar, we have an amazing season full of wonderful performance opportunities for your singer and the audience. Please note that our concert venues for this year are truly spectacular: Sacred Heart Catholic (Fall), Visitation Catholic (Winter) and possibly Village Presbyterian (Spring). Allegro Con Moto will also be singing with the Kansas City Symphony for the 5 performances of the Magic of Christmas! Don't let the size of the calendar overwhelm you. The calendar includes all of the "little details" such as addresses, make up dates, payment due dates, fundraiser dates and parent meetings. The majority of these dates are firm - so please add them to your calendar. A completely finalized calendar will be given to you on August 11.

I also wanted to make you aware of an exciting, unprecedented performance possibility for Allegro. I have submitted an audition CD for the National American Choral Director Association's bi-annual conference in Oklahoma City. This is unprecedented as it will probably not be this close to Kansas City in the next 20 years, and no choir program has ever showcased all of their choirs singing in a joint concert for over 20,000 choral directors from the United States and around the world. We believe that strongly in the talent, energy, and commitment of our singers! **If accepted, we expect the entire Allegro family to go!** The dates of the convention are March 4-7, 2009, and if accepted, we would sing 2 concerts somewhere within those dates. There is the possibility singers could miss a couple of school days. We will find out by July 1, 2008! If accepted, we encourage you to participate in Allegro's fundraisers to help reduce out of pocket expenses for your singer and for chaperones! If we are not invited, Moto and Brio Tour locations and dates will be discussed at the August 11 meeting!

During the week of July 1st, I will be sending the July Newsletter to the email address you currently have on file with us. **If you do not receive an email from me the first week of July, please contact Allegro at addresschange@allegrocc.org immediately so that we can make sure you get the important information in the July Newsletter and so that we can correct your email address in our files.** The majority of our communication throughout the year will be via email - so it is critical that we have an email address for you that is working and that you check frequently.

Finally, I look forward to seeing all of our singers and a parent at the Mandatory Parent/Singer Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2008 at Atonement Lutheran Church. Choir Meeting times are: Poco - 5:30 - 6:30, Moto - 6:45 - 7:45, Brio - 8:00 - 8:45. While parents are meeting, singers will have a "Mini Rehearsal" which will include activities to get to know one another as well as an introduction to their music. **Music Check Out and Uniform Fitting** will be ongoing all evening from 4:30 - 8:45. Make sure you save this date and plan to attend!

Joyfully in song,

Christy

The logo for "allegro" features the word in a lowercase, bold, sans-serif font. The letter "l" is stylized with a vertical bar through its center.

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