

Allegro October 2008 Newsletter

Upcoming Payment and Form Deadlines:

October 6, 2008: Final Tuition Payment Due: Poco: \$125.00, Moto/Brio: \$250.00

November 3, 2008: Brio Tour Payment Due: \$200.00

**Upcoming Payment Date and Fundraiser List available on Website – Choir Forms Tab*

ALSO – THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN UPDATED ON THE WEBSITE – PRINT A NEW COPY!!

October

- 1** Brio Group Lessons at Christy's
10460 S. Deerfield, Olathe
Sign up on Sept 8 - Must attend one date
- 5** All Choir Special Rehearsal w/ Clinician--
Atonement
Poco, 1:00-2:30, Moto - 1:00-3:00, Brio – **1:30-5:30**
- 6** Final Tuition Payment Due:
Moto/Brio: \$250.00, Poco: \$125.00
Regular Rehearsal—All Fall Music Memorized
Make-Up Night - \$10.00 payable to Allegro
Poco - 6:15-6:45, Moto - 5:00-5:40, Brio - 6:00-6:40
Allegro Spiritwear Sale Begins
ALL PARENT MEETING - 6:15
- 13** Regular Rehearsal
Make-Up Night - \$10.00 payable to Allegro
Poco - 6:15-6:45, Moto - 5:00-5:40, Brio - 6:00-6:40
- 20** Regular Rehearsal
Allegro Spiritwear Sale Ends – Order & Pymt Due
- 21** Community Performances - All Choirs
Wear Full Uniform
Poco/Moto: Del Mar Gardens
12100 W. 109th St., OP
Warm Up: 5:30, Perform: 6:00, Done: 6:30
Wait Outside – Do not enter!
Brio: Stratford Commons
12340 Quivira Rd., OP
Warm Up: 6:30, Perform: 7:00, Done: 7:30
Wait Outside – Do not enter!
- 27** Dress Rehearsal – Atonement
Poco 5:00-6:45, Moto 5:30-7:30, Brio 6:20-8:45
Mandatory Uniform Check - Wear Full Uniform

November

- 1** Dress Rehearsal – Sacred Heart Catholic
5501 Monticello, Shawnee 66226
Wear Concert Shoes
Poco: 9:00-10:30
Moto: 9:00-11:00
Brio: 9:45-12:00
- 2** Fall Concert – Sacred Heart Catholic – 4:00pm
5501 Monticello, Shawnee 66226
Brio Warm-up: 1:30
Moto Warm-up: 1:45
Poco Warm-up: 2:00
- 3** Regular Rehearsal
Committee Head Meeting at 6:15
Moto C/D Sectionals 5:15-5:45
Brio C/D Sectionals 6:15-6:45
FUNDRAISER - Panera Begins
Brio Tour Payment Due: \$200
Winter Blessings Concert Ticket Sales Begin
PR Committee Concert Mailing Prep Night
- 10** Regular Rehearsal
Moto A/B Sectionals 5:15-5:45
Brio A/B Sectionals 6:15-6:45
- 17** Regular Rehearsal
Make-Up Night - \$10.00 payable to Allegro
Poco - 6:15-6:45, Moto - 5:00-5:40, Brio - 6:00-6:40
FUNDRAISER - Panera Ends
Allegro Spiritwear Orders Delivered
- 24** Regular Rehearsal
Make-Up Night - \$10.00 payable to Allegro
Poco - 6:15-6:45, Moto - 5:00-5:40, Brio - 6:00-6:40

Parent Meeting: There will be an All Parent Meeting this Monday, 10/6 at 6:15. This is your chance to get updated info and ask any questions you may have. Plan to attend.

Make Ups and Attendance: Our Final 2 Make Ups before the Fall Concert will take place October 6 & October 13. Remember that you must have no more than 1 whole un-made up Absence in order to be eligible to perform in the Fall Concert. To clarify, Missing Sectionals, Arriving Late & Leaving Early each count as 1/3 of an absence. When you reach 1 whole absence, you may need to attend a Make Up. Group Lessons and Community Service Performances each count 1 absence. Attendance is updated each Tuesday on the Choir Forms tab of the Website so that you can check how many absences you have. Remember that an Absence is an Absence- no matter what the reason. If you already have one absence – you might want to consider attending a Make Up. Make Up times are: Poco: 6:15 - 6:45, Moto: 5:00-5:40, Brio: 6:00-6:40. Bring \$10.00 payable to Allegro. If you forget your payment, come anyway - we will bill you. And please always notify the Attendance parent- NOT A DIRECTOR - if you are going to be absent. If you have been marked as absent and just forgot to check in, notify the Attendance parent at attendance@allegrocc.org.

Concert Tickets: Concert tickets for Fall are now on sale for \$10.00 each. Tickets will be available at each rehearsal or by contacting shari@allegrocc.org. We will sell them until they are gone – there may or may not be tickets available at the door. Get yours early! Winter Concert tickets will be available beginning November 3rd. Concert Invitations went home with all singers last week – if you need additional invitations, stop by the Check In Desk.

Concert Dress Rehearsals: Our Dress Rehearsals for the Fall Concert are October 27 at Atonement and November 1st at Sacred Heart. See the calendar for details. A REMINDER: DRESS REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY. You must attend the Dress Rehearsals in order to be eligible to perform. Exceptions are rare! Plan to be there!

All Choir Community Service Performance: Our first Community Service Performance is set for October 21st. Poco & Moto will perform at Del Mar Gardens at 6:00 (Warm Up at 5:30). Brio will perform at Stratford Commons at 7:00 (Warm Up at 6:30). **Please wait outside – DO NOT ENTER! Your Director will take you inside when she arrives.** See the Calendar for details. You need to be in your full uniform for this performance. So be sure your dresses/pants are hemmed and ready to go. Remember that if you miss this performance – it counts as an absence.

Allegro Spiritwear: For the first time, we will be offering Allegro Spiritwear. The profits from this fundraiser will be donated to support Moto choir member, Frances Neunuebel, and her family as she completes her Chemo treatments. We will offer Sport Gray T-shirts in Youth, Unisex and Ladies V Neck sizes with Allegro's Logo on the front and "Gro Your Voice" on the back, Sport Gray Sweatpants in Youth and Adult sizes with Allegro's Logo on the left leg and Black Canvas Bags with Allegro's Logo on the front and a water bottle pocket. They are the perfect size for your Allegro Music! Sample sizes of all items will be available. An order form will go home with Singers on 10/6 and will also be available on the Choir Forms tab of the website. Orders and payment will be due on 10/20. Contact shari@allegrocc.org if you have questions.

Thank you our Parent Volunteers! We have already had parents give their time to help with Uniforms, Music, Singer Birthday Cards and the Fall Concert Invitations! Everything is going smoothly because of all the help we have received! Your help is so appreciated!!! Remember to log your hours in the Parent Volunteer Notebook at the Check In table.

Fundraisers: Take advantage of the easy ways to put funds into your account!!!! Wouldn't it be great not to have to write a check for October's tuition payment? Here are 3 VERY easy, PROVEN and EFFECTIVE ways to fundraise for yourself:

1. Are you planning to buy pumpkins or Fall mums? How about friends, neighbors, and family? Allegro sells Johnson Farms gift certificates in \$10.00 & \$25.00 increments. Singers get \$1.40 credit for each \$10.00 Gift Certificate purchase and \$3.50 credit for each \$25.00 Gift Certificate purchase. Gift Certificates do not have an expiration date. See the Johnson Farms Notebook at the Check In Table for more info or contact Shari with questions - shari@allegrocc.org or 645-2794.
2. Have you been to Hyvee or Price Shopper without a coupon book?? Cost is \$5.00, you receive \$3.50 credit. Plus, the first coupon is \$5.00 off on grocery purchase on \$50 or more. Coupon Books are available at all rehearsals – see Shari to purchase. Sonic Discount Cards are also available.
3. We strongly encourage you to send out Sponsor Letters to Businesses/Family/Friends. Singers get 70% of all Program Ad/Donation money that comes in on their behalf and the sponsors receive tax or advertising benefits! Remaining 30% goes to Allegro's General Fund for all singers. Sponsor Form is available on the Choir Forms tab of the website. If money comes in on your behalf, you will receive notification via email from Shari.
4. Coming November 3rd: Our Fabulous Panera Coupon Strips!!!

Moto Symphony Updates: We have very important updated information. A separate handout will be given out at the Parent Meeting on 10/6 and/or given to singers. This information will also be emailed and posted online.

Moto Symphony Rehearsal Bus: If you signed up for the Moto Symphony Rehearsal Bus, Payment is due on November 24th – Watch for an email regarding the amount. If you did not sign up to take the Bus to Rehearsals – there is not room for you. Note – Bus Departure times have changed – please see the Calendar and Symphony update for details.

Moto Additional Community Service Performance: Moto will be singing for Atonement's church service on Sunday, April 19th. See Calendar for details.

Purchase CD's?: Several have asked about purchasing CD's from last year! Allegro 2007/2008 Fall Spring Compilation CD's are available for \$25.00. We also have Winter Blessings 2007 available for \$20.00 and Allegro Live - Favorites from 2004-2007 available for \$20.00. See Shari at the Check In Desk to purchase.

Name Confusion: We have many families whose Singer has a last name that is different than Mom and Dad's. If your singer's last name is different than yours, please help Shari out by including your singer's last name on all payments and correspondence. Thank you!

Checking In: It is your Singer's responsibility to check in, pick up any handouts and resolve any payment & paperwork issues. Please remember that your Rehearsal Parent does her best to help you get into rehearsal quickly – but she is only one person. Try to arrive a few minutes early to avoid the table rush!

Director Questions: Although our Directors would love to visit with all of you every week – please remember that every minute of our rehearsals are planned and scheduled. With the exception of questions on your music, Monday night is not a good time to talk to Directors. Please see Shari or Jane at the Check In table on Monday nights to get your questions answered.

Writing Competition: Are you a gifted writer??? Allegro needs you! We are looking for 3-4 singers for Fall Concert and 3-4 singers for Winter Concert to create a poem, paragraph or story about Love, Hope, Peace or Blessings. This can be serious or funny – whatever you want it to be. Winners will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to Cold Stone and the opportunity to read your creation at the concert. Deadline for Fall entries is October 20th - Winners will be notified by October 27. Deadline for Winter entries is November 10th – Winners will notified by November 17th. You can submit your entry to Christy at christy@allegrocc.org or bring your entry to the rehearsal check in table. **No late entries will be accepted.**

Calling All Males Voices!!: Grandpas, Brothers, Dads of Allegro Choir Members...Allegro is looking for at least 12 quality TTBB Male voices for a joint piece with Moto in our winter concert. You do not have to have a Moto singer to participate. Male Singers will need to commit to the following rehearsals:

- November 17: 6:15-6:45
- December 1: 6:30-7:30
- December 5: 6:30-7:00

Rehearsal CD will be provided. Sign up in the Black Book at the Check In desk. **Sign Up Deadline is October 27th.** Please consider sharing your voice with us.