

April '09 Newsletter
Children's Chorus of Carroll County
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The following Chorus members have distinguished themselves in various musical endeavors. What talented young musicians we have!! On behalf of the Chorus, **heartfelt congratulations!**

Jennifer Adams (DB): Eisteddfod

Danielle Angeloni (BC/VV): Third place winner, Junior Division, Barnes-Ferencz Piano Competition

Alison Larsen (BC): All-County Middle School Band

Lauren Mulcahy (BC): All-County Middle School Orchestra

Emma Neubert (DB): Eisteddfod

Zach Pittinger (BC/VV): All-County Middle School Orchestra and Band

Lillianna Righter (DB): Eisteddfod

Michaela Robertson (DB): Eisteddfod

Wesley Robinson (BC): All-County High School Chorus

Dakota Ruby (DB): Eisteddfod

Rebecca Russell (DB): Eisteddfod

Aubrey Serafin (BC): First place winner, Senior Division, Barnes-Ferencz Piano Competition

Amanda Smith (BC): 3 yrs. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Singer, Frederick County 4H demonstration day; Eisteddfod; honored singer w/ Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM ADS: Don't forget to solicit an ad. It can be your hair dresser, church, a favorite restaurant...the sky's the limit! Russ Vriezen is the point person for this, so please get those ads and turn-in the form (available on line) and money into Russ. Please remember that instead of getting an ad, you have the option of donating \$35.

REMINDER: There is a container for used printer cartridges and cell phones in the common area outside of Grace Hall. If it is not out, please give your articles to the Choir Coordinator.

ATTENDANCE: All Chorus members are recognized and congratulated at the Awards Ceremony. Students who have *perfect attendance* will receive a special award. We understand that there are legitimate reasons for absence during the course of the year, but for those few who attend all rehearsals and all performances, there will be special recognition.

Ugandan Children's Choir: The Children's Chorus has been asked to partner with the Ugandan (that's right: Africa) Children's Choir this coming summer. Twenty children, ages 6 to 11, will be in our area from June 18 until June 29 or 30. We would provide housing with families (each family would have two or three children) and breakfast, a packed lunch, and dinner. Children will need to be transported to a rehearsal place in Westminster during the day, recognizing that many of our parents work outside their homes. A complete package of "how-to's" will be given to everyone who is involved.

Teen Expo 2009: BC's received information about this on March 31. **We need people**, adults and teens, to help set-up the exhibit in the evening of April 10 and to be at the exhibit table on April 11. Please contact Diane Jones, mssmusic@gmail.com to volunteer! It will be a fun day!

Auditions for new members of Chorus: Parents and singers, help us spread the word about the Chorus! Refer anyone who is interested to the website, cccnotes.com for details. Posters will be available at the Sign-In tables by mid-April.

Auditions for new students who will be completing grades 1 – 11 will be held on **May 11 and 12**, Cranberry Station Elementary. **Music Makers wishing to try-out for LPV will need to audition at this time.**

New student registration for the Music Maker program will take place on Tuesday, April 21st from 5-7 PM, Grace Lutheran Church. Please help promote this group by distributing posters that are available at the Sign-In tables now.

Updated Calendar of Events: please review carefully

Apr 1 Restaurant night at Legend's Café: 4 – 9pm. Dine-in or carry-out: Mention the Children's Chorus to benefit the BC's travel group to NYC. (Legend's Café is located on Rt. 140 in Westminster between Heritage Honda and McDonald's – in the old DMV building where Maria's used to be)

Apr 3 7:30pm Alumni Hall, McDaniel College. Trombone Recital presented by Jim Mayola and friends. Jim is a Board member Chorus Board member and friend. Come hear great music of many types, bring your friends and plan to have fun!

Apr 14 Current MM I members will register for next year's MM II program. Music Makers who want to audition for LPV's will need to attend an audition on May 11 or 12.

Apr 17 Friday evening All-Chorus Rehearsal at Big Baker Chapel, 7:00 – 8:00pm. (Do not wear uniforms – just street clothes)

Apr 18 Final rehearsal for Spring Celebration; LPV 9:00 – 10:00am; DB 10:00 – 11:00am; BC 11:00 – noon; VV noon – 12:30pm (Students not attending will be unable to sing in the Spring Celebration; do not wear uniforms – just street clothes)

Apr 19 Spring Celebration, "A Little Latin": 3:00pm: Big Baker Chapel @ McDaniel College; Call times: LPV's: 2:30pm, DB's: 2:30pm, BC's: 2:15. Formal pressed uniform

The weekend of our concert is very special. There should not be sleep-overs or other tiring activities. Food and adequate hydration are also really important. We all need to be our best!

From the Handbook:

Performance Procedures

Singers should arrive 10 minutes before the performance call and immediately check-in with the adult in charge, usually the Choir Coordinator. (Arriving after a performance has begun may exclude a singer from participation in part or all of that performance. A later arriving singer must never go up on the stage after a concert has begun.)

- All performers must arrive attired in proper concert dress. Failure to wear proper concert dress will result in non-participation in the performance.
- Singers should conduct themselves at all times in a calm, polite and professional manner. They must give their undivided attention to the director or person in charge at all times.
- Each singer is personally responsible to develop a confident command of the concert repertoire over the course of the semester. Failure to demonstrate this at the Final Rehearsal may result in release from the upcoming concert.

A well-groomed choir is essential for a truly professional and artistic experience. The Chorus uniform is a public statement about each individual member and the entire Chorus organization. What the audience "hears" is greatly influenced by what they "see." For that reason and for developing a sense of pride in the Chorus, parents, please carefully assist your Chorus member in dressing for all performances.

Check the uniform NOW to make sure it still fits. Students grow a lot between December and April. If you need assistance, consult you Choir Coordinator.

Apr 21 5:00 – 7:00pm **Registration and placement for new Music Makers**
7:00 – 8:00pm Rehearsal for all New York-bound Bel Canto's: this will be at GRACE LUTHERAN, not Westminster Methodist Church.

Apr 23-26 Heritage Festival: New York City. BC's and parents

Apr 28 Awards Night for MM, LPV, DB and BC. Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church: Each Chorus member will be individually recognized, but must be in attendance to receive awards.

All Chorus music, materials and uniforms are to be returned by this evening.

If a Chorus member is not returning to Chorus for the next season, all materials must be returned before the \$25 Materials Fee can be refunded.

May 11 – 12 GENERAL AUDITIONS FOR CHILDREN'S CHORUS, Cranberry Station Elementary, 505 North Center Street, Westminster. 6:00-7:00 PM for students entering grades 2 – 5; 7:15-8:30 PM for students entering grades 6 – 12. Music Makers wishing to try-out for LPV will need to audition at this time.