



Children's Chorus of Carroll County
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Wow! Another year already! Let's all work together to make it the best yet. Speaking of working together, thanks to Board member and BC parent Donna Clarke, the community service aspect of the Chorus has been highlighted for me. Community service has always been a part of what we have accomplished, but its importance should be noted in a more obvious fashion. As you look at the calendar, you will see that, in addition to the two formal concert celebrations, there are seven community events that definitely fall under the category of service.

The first one of these is "With One Voice," held on November 22, 7:30pm, at the beautiful St. John's Catholic Church. This event brings together a variety of choral groups from our community, such as McDaniel's Madrigal Singers, The Old Line Statesmen, Carroll Singers, New Life for Girls Singers, and of course, our Chorus. People talk about this concert and how much they enjoyed it from one year to the next. However, the power of this event is inherent in its purpose: raising money for the local domestic safe house. (Of course, greater awareness of this pervasive problem is also a by-product of the evening.) The audience and singers truly come together as ONE VOICE in support of this worthwhile cause. It is powerful.

You don't want to miss this. The tickets are \$10 and will be available at November rehearsals. *Please invite others to join you!*

*Serving the Chorus and the Community,
Diane Jones, Artistic Director*

REMINDERS:

- Every family should have received a Handbook and Essentials sheet. If you did not receive these, Connie will be at Tuesday's rehearsal in the gathering space outside of Grace Hall.
- Our code for entrance to the church is listed in the "members only" section of the website. Also in the "members only" section of the website is the "uniform swap". Please visit this area if you are looking for "gently used" uniform pieces.
- Uniforms should be ordered at this time. DB and LPV girls can wear their black skirts from last year; BC girls skirts have not changed, but new members need to order their skirts through Connie. BC girls will need to order a new white concert blouse and **all members** will need to order a red polo. White tights for DB and LPV girls will be available through your Choir Coordinators – cash 'n' carry.
- Vests and ties will be distributed at a Tuesday rehearsal prior to picture day on October 25th. If you can assist us with distribution, please let your Choir Coordinator know. (Children must wear full formal uniforms for the photographs).
- Sign-In for DB and LPV will take place in the gathering area rather than the hall. Thanks for your patience as we all settle into the new building.
- The 1st Sing-In is Saturday, October 25th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. at Friendship Valley Elementary School. Directions to the school are on the website. Your Choir Coordinators will be organizing donations of snacks and drinks.

SAFETY Concerns

- There are some folks living in the area around the church who may approach you and request money. This is a sad and unfortunate reality of what the churches in downtown Westminster deal with on a regular basis. We suggest that you politely refuse to give them money so they do not persist in asking week after week. The

pastor of the church, Rev. Kevin Clementson, and the City Police have been notified and are actively involved.

CALENDAR:

Oct 25 Sing-In: LPV, DB, BC 1:00 – 4:00pm @ Friendship Valley Elementary. Group pictures; **2:45pm Music Maker** pictures and then special activities until 4:00pm:
Children must be in full dress uniform to be included in the photographs

Nov 15 Sing-In: LPV, DB, BC 8:30am – 12:00pm @ Friendship Valley Elementary.
Tim Gregory, clinician

Nov 22 With One Voice 2008: BC performance at 7:30pm: St. John Catholic Church; formal uniform

Nov 23 Grace Lutheran Church: BC's: assemble @ 10:30am; participate in the 11:15am service; formal uniform

Dec 4 Ladies of the Elks Club: LPV/DB's 6:15pm call; 7:00pm performance; formal uniform

Dec 9 Music Maker Party

Dec 12 Taneytown Business Breakfast, Taneytown Bowling Alley 7:30am: Annual performance of traditional Christmas carols and songs. Breakfast served to all of the Chorus members; informal uniform

Dec 13 AM Final Rehearsal for Winter Celebration; times to be announced

Dec 14 Winter Celebration 3:00pm: Big Baker Chapel @ McDaniel College; *call times to be announced*

Attention BC Parents:

These dates are not on the original calendar. Much more information about this event will be available by the end of September.

Apr 23-26 Heritage Festival: BC's; New York City; details to follow. We will travel to NYC as a group on a charter bus.