



Parent's Newsletter – October 2011

♪♪ A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR ♪♪

Wow! We have already finished the first six weeks at school. Where does the time go? I hope you are having a great school year and are really in the swing of things. We are certainly in the swing here at Brenham Children's Chorus. Rehearsals are going great with choreography time with Mrs. Amy, sectionals with Mrs. Steen and Mrs. Freeman, choral rehearsal with Mrs. Young and Mrs. Haydon (even when the stage was an oven) and BBK has been getting in the groove as well. Mrs. Patrick has been blocking Act 1 and working with costumers and things are looking great for the staging of our Christmas extravaganza. Santa's Holiday Playlist is going to be so much fun for our audience and I know they will be touched and inspired by the international music and costumes of our second act. Karrusell Kids and Singenspiel singers are making beautiful music in their classes as well. What an exciting time of year for all of us. I love spending time with our delightful group of singers!

Don't forget to practice your music at home and please remember to bring your chorus folder every Tuesday. December will be here before you know it.

Keep on Singing,
Pam Bennett Young

Pick-up after Rehearsals

To all Singenspiel, BBK, and Chorus Parents:

When you pick your child up on rehearsal days, please help us by doing the following:

1. Pick your child up promptly on time: 5:00 for Singenspiel and 5:30 for BBK and BCC
2. If you park and come in the building, please park on the hill – not in the back parking lot.
3. Please use the car line on the side of the building – do not wait for your child in the back parking lot.
4. Please be on time! Car Line parents and staff have obligations and families they need to get to.

We are very fortunate to be able to use the Community Ed Building and we want to be respectful of the other activities that take place here. There are classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings and we need to keep the parking areas free for those participants. Please help us keep our singers safe during pick-up and help things run smoothly during that time. Thank you.

★ CHAPERONE – SECURITY UPDATE ★

If someone else is picking up your child after rehearsal, please remember to send a written note. Your child cannot be released to another adult without your written permission or a

call to the office staff. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.
Singenspiel

Singenspiel Singers and Parents,

October already! Hard to believe, but with everything your singers have already learned so far maybe it's not so hard after all. They are already reading rhythms and writing their own patterns. We have a name chant using all of our names that we will be putting notes to soon. We will actually be starting on Christmas music this week and various other fun holiday activities as the weeks go by. We sent home folders last week with several sheets of music and worksheets included. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR SINGER BRINGS THEIR FOLDER EVERY WEEK! They are writing rhythms and tonal patterns on their own, and it is crucial that they have their worksheets with them. Thank you for all your hard work so far!

Jill Stewart
Singenspiel Director

2nd Annual Drive-Thru

The BCC Board of Trustees is hosting its 2nd Annual Chorus Drive-Thru dinner on Thursday, October 27 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at The Cannery Kitchen. Our first dinner was very successful and we are looking forward to another one. Each family in Singenspiel, Karussell Kids, and the Chorus has received 10 tickets to sell (10 tickets per family). The tickets are \$8 each and the proceeds go to the general operating fund of BCC. If you need more tickets, please contact the Chorus office at 979-277-3897. The meal includes a bar-be-que sandwich, chips, and a dessert. The top seller in each choir will receive a gift certificate to a local business.

Uniform Try-on

The wardrobe committee will be holding uniform fittings for all members of Singenspiel and for some of the singers in BCC. The dates for the uniform fittings are as follows:

Monday, October 17 and 14: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 18 and 25: 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Please call the Chorus office to schedule an appointment time for your child. Members of BCC that need to be fitted will be notified. If you have not turned in your verification form, please do so asap. When new singers turn in their forms with the t-shirt size, they will receive their Chorus t-shirt. Thanks so much!

Snack Volunteers

We still need parent volunteers to sell snacks before rehearsals on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please consult the snack schedule and notify Louise Goodrich at marylouise01@sbcglobal.net or the Chorus office at 979-277-3897. Thank you!

Monday, Oct. 3	Tiffany Baker	Tuesday, Oct. 4	Louise Goodrich
Monday, Oct. 10	Holiday	Tuesday, Oct. 11	Jennifer Danysh
Monday, Oct. 17	Patrice Summerour	Tuesday, Oct. 18	Joanne Reyna
Monday, Oct. 24	Kim Jones	Tuesday, Oct. 25	Chandra Jones
Monday, Oct. 31	Tricia Trostle	Tuesday, Nov. 1	Staci Redmond
Monday, Nov. 7	Michelle Zschech	Tuesday, Nov. 8	Emily Harmel

October Car Line

Please mark your calendars with your date to serve as car line chaperone. If you are unable to chaperone on that day, please switch with another parent and notify the Chorus office. BCC parents should contact Patrice Summerour at summerour@broadwaves.net and Singenspiel parents should contact Jennifer Scheffler at jscheffler@texasbb.com. The car line volunteers are:

BBK

Monday, Oct. 3	Weatherby
Monday, Oct. 10	Holiday
Monday, Oct. 17	Villegas
Monday, Oct. 24	Upchurch
Monday, Oct. 31	Taylor
Monday, Nov. 7	Spencer

Singspiel

Hord, Jones
Holiday
Martin, Mercado
Renken, Ortiz
Pieper, Searle
Trostle, Zscheck

BCC

Tuesday, Oct. 4	Cavanaugh, Chovanec
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Conner, Currie
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Dansyh, Goerlitz
Tuesday, Oct. 25	Dyer, Hamff
Tuesday, Nov. 1	Gonzales, Jantzi
Tuesday, Nov. 8	Harmel, Jenkins

Monday Karussell Kids

Karussell Kids Parents:

We are having a great time in class on Mondays. We are at full capacity with 15 enthusiastic kids. I think our favorite song right now might be "Frog in the Meadow" and we are singing "Five Little Pumpkins" in honor of Halloween. We like playing the instruments and with so many kids we can make quite a joyful noise!!! Please remember to send a quick snack (or \$.50 to purchase a snack from the Chorus). With such a short class time, we need to eat quickly so we can start making music.

Happy Singing!

Ms. Rettig

NOTE: If your child is not riding the bus to Community Ed and you bring your child to Karussell Kids, please enter through the door closest to Room 7 (Standing in the back parking lot, it's the door on the right, closest to Sixth Street). On Mondays, room 7 is used for Yoga classes after our class, so it is very important that you pick your child up promptly at 4:30 (not 4:45). Sometimes, the children worry when they are not picked up on time, so it helps everyone to be prompt. Your child will be waiting for you in the classroom or on the outside steps with Ms. Rettig.

Advertisers

If you own a business or work for someone who would be interested in advertising in our concert programs or sponsoring one of our concerts, please contact the Chorus office and we will send them information about advertising and sponsorships. Revenue from program advertising helps defray the cost of the concert. All ad information is due in the Chorus office by November 1. Thank you!

Wednesday Karussell Kids

Welcome to all of our new and returning Karussell Kids. We are so happy to be at St. Paul's and thank them for letting us use their music room.

We had fun singing, playing the instruments and moving to the music. The children love to direct the music with our light up baton. They are very creative with their movements with scarves to all different types of music. Please feel free to stick your head in the class at any time. We would love to have you join us... even if it's just for the Goodbye song.

If you are picking up your Karussell Kid after our session, please park your car and come inside to the music room by 4:15pm. We will leave the music room shortly after 4:15pm to get the other children back to their various extended care rooms/playground.

Feel free to call at anytime with questions. If your student is going to miss a class, please let the Chorus office know. (979-277-3897) I do ask that you do not send tuition in your child's backpack. We want to try to keep from any mix ups with St. Paul's items. All Karussell Kids tuition and paperwork should go to the Chorus office.

Thanks and happy singing!
Deidra Mearns

The Brenham Children's Chorus Drive thru Dinner



Thursday, October 27, 2011

4:30 - 6:30 pm

The Cannery Kitchen

314 E. Alamo

Bar-be-que Sandwich, Chips, & Dessert

Tickets \$8 each and

available in the Chorus office or from any chorister