



KANTOREI

2009 - 2010 Procedures & Policies

Rehearsal Day Logistics

- Kantor Rosebrock will bring choristers from Hope School to Hope Church on Wednesdays when school is dismissed. Choristers are to meet outside the school office *promptly* after their classroom teacher has dismissed them. Those returning to Hope School for extended care may take their back packs down to the basement.
- Choristers not enrolled in Hope School should wait in the west parking lot with their parent or guardian until the remaining choristers arrive at approximately 3:15 p.m. Please do not enter the Church until the choristers from Hope School arrive.
- Church doors usually remain locked throughout the day. If you anticipate needing to enter the church prior to conclusion of a rehearsal please notify me or the church office in advance.
- On Wednesdays choristers will always leave through the doors entering upon the west parking lot.
- When picking your children up at 4:30 please park in the west parking lot as opposed to the south parking lot, I will not dismiss any chorister until I have seen their ride.
- Remaining choristers will return to Hope School for extended care *promptly* at 4:30. If you are running late, no problem, just know that you will pick them up at Hope School rather than Hope Church.

Service Day Logistics

- Please arrive *promptly* at the scheduled rehearsal time.
- Choristers are to have taken the time to use the necessary bathroom facilities *prior* to the rehearsal. As a rule, choristers will *not* be permitted to use the bathroom facilities during a service.
- Please pick your child(ren) up in the choir room following each service.

Please note that the above procedures are in place to assure that all choristers are under my care and supervision when participating in Kantorei rehearsals, services, and events. This is for their protection and for the consideration of all involved. It is very important that the choristers remain with me, with a faculty or staff member of Hope School, or with a Kantorei parent at all times.

Dress Code: For Wednesday rehearsals and all services

- Boys
 - ✓ The red *Kantorei* polo; cardigans or fleeces may also be worn on cooler days
 - ✓ Tan or navy chino pants or shorts
 - ✓ Belts must be worn
 - ✓ For services, dark dress shoes are preferred rather than athletic sneakers, absolutely no flip flops

- Girls
 - ✓ The red *Kantorei* polo; cardigans or fleeces may also be worn on cooler days
 - ✓ Tan or navy chino pants, shorts, or skirts
 - ✓ Belts must be worn when appropriate
 - ✓ Flat soled, dark dress shoes are preferred for services rather than athletic sneakers, absolutely no high heels, platform shoes, or flip flops
 - ✓ Longer hair should be pulled back out of the eyes and held securely with a pony tail holder

Please note that the dress code is provided for choristers to help them remain comfortable under their vestments at services and to remove any possibility of distraction or hazard (flip flops + cassock + steps = crashing chorister). It also serves to instill a sense of group camaraderie and pride in their involvement with the Kantorei.

Annual Benefit Reception

- On Epiphany – January 6th, the *Kantorei* sings at the 7:00 Festal Divine Service. At this service the offering is designated to the *Kantorei* choir program. Following the service a Benefit Reception is hosted, and a free-will offering is received for the *Kantorei*. This is the annual fundraiser that supports the *Kantorei* throughout the entire year. This assists with remunerating accompanists; purchasing music, books, shirts, and vestments; paying membership dues in the RSCM; and enables us to embark on additional ventures, like traveling and participating in conferences. The past two summers have provided wonderful and exciting opportunities for the older choristers. Parents are asked to assist in this endeavor by volunteering their time with this event. Also, please invite your family and friends to attend, PR postcards will be made available in November.

Family Commitment

- Once a chorister is enrolled in the *Kantorei* program it is expected that he or she will remain in the program throughout the entire choir season. Hope Church invests financially in each chorister annually by purchasing music, books, new vestments, etc. Young, first year choristers may "try it out" for a month before making the commitment. In order for the *Kantorei* program to thrive there must be commitment of all involved, including the Church, the choirmaster, choristers, and the parents.
- It is expected that choristers will attend all rehearsals (except when absent from school due to illness). It is expected that choristers will be present for all services throughout the year. An annual schedule is published every Fall in order to help families plan. Choristers are granted one excused absence at a rehearsal each year and one excused absence at a Sunday Divine Service each year (note, absences other than illness will *not* be excused on Christmas Eve, Epiphany, Holy Thursday, and Ascension). Choristers who do not meet this expectation will not be eligible for the white surplice after their first year or if they have already earned their surplice it will be withdrawn for the remainder of the year. Parents must notify the kantor when their chorister will be absent. Please notify the kantor by e-mail, phone, or written note. Do *not* "send word" with your child's homeroom teacher.