

Dear Choir Parents and Students,

We had a wonderful week with the live online classes. So many students were able to interact, and feel a part of the program they so desperately miss, and I confess we miss having everyone here too.

We have been asked by just about everyone, "How do you teach online choir? Is it even possible?" Well, yes, it is. However, nothing is better than singing with each other in person.

All students are asked to learn their part in the choral music and eventually download and send to us (Mr. DeValk and Mr. Hebert ONLY). From there, we will put together a virtual concert for this first quarter. So....please remember the following:

1. Set yourself up in a place you can sing in the house. If this is not possible, please contact us and let us know how we can help. :)
2. Do not eat during singing. Having food in your mouth doesn't help you sing.
3. Keep your screen on at all times. If there is a problem with your camera, please text us, or put a note in the group chat.
4. Please keep the group chat for only relevant choir class specific questions.
5. If we let you out a little early to finish an assignment, that does not mean go get a sandwich or go back to bed. It means DO THE ASSIGNMENT (cough, cough, the assignment on History of Western Music?). :) We will still stay online for any questions, but just want to allow those to go at their own pace. :)
6. Please try to come to class with a professional mindset. Many of you have beds right next to your desks, and that is SOOOO tempting to just see that bed and want to go back to it. So, maybe, make the bed, shower, eat, and then come to school works better than rolling out of bed. This is just a gentle recommendation. ;)
7. Like your academic classes, we need you to go all out in choir so that when we come back you will not be behind. :)
8. Please sign up for REMIND (both parents and students) if you have not done so at this time. Please see homepage: <http://www.cdschoir.com/>

We can't wait for the virtual concert!! :) Start memorizing words to the songs, playing the parts, etc. This coming week will be more learning the songs, sight-reading, etc.

Mr. Hebert & Mr. DeValk