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OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to all our choristers for their excellent performances during the Christmas season. All concerts were absolutely outstanding thanks to the hard work of our choir members and the staff. Special thanks go to Annetta Whetham, assistant director, to Murray Jull and Eric Dewdney for accompanying the choirs on the piano and the organ. All of our soloists were amazing and also did an outstanding job! We are grateful to our parents, grandparents and friends for driving the boys to all the events. Thank you to all the parents who helped with taking tickets, distributing programs, and selling items at our concert on December 11th. All the practising we did in the fall certainly paid off.



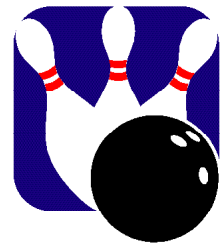
NEW CHORISTERS INVITED TO JANUARY 9TH PRACTICE

We are inviting new choristers to join the choir on January 9th. If you know of boys in grades 3 through 12 who would be interested in joining the choir, please bring them out to one of the first two practices of 2017. If a boy joins on either January 9th or 16th, the fee for the remainder of the year will be discounted to \$ 150.00. Please encourage any family who has a boy interested in singing to join the choir or at least come out to the special practices on January 9th and 16th.

BOWLING-BRING A FRIEND!

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 p.m - 3:45 p.m.

Our annual Bowling Day is being planned for Sunday, January 29th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. ...and Boys are all invited to bring one friend each free!!!! The afternoon will include free bowling, free shoes, pizza and pop. We hope every boy brings a friend. The main object of this is to have fellowship and to introduce other boys with musical talent to the choir and we would appreciate parents' assistance in guiding their sons towards this. Let's enjoy an afternoon at I-BOWL, 10 Parkhill Road East, Cambridge-Galt between Ainslie and Water Streets. Please drop the boys off at the I-BOWL at 2:00 p.m. and pick them up again at 3:45 p.m. Free bowling shoes are included and all boys will be treated to pizza and pop so they do NOT need any spending money. This is a great opportunity for the boys to get to know each other better. Those boys who join the choir that were at the Bowling Party will be admitted for a discounted rate of \$ 150.00 for the second term.



ANNUAL SINGATHON

Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m - 2:30 p.m.

This year's Singathon fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 4th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided at 12:15 and will consist of pizza, pop, and dessert. Sponsor forms will be sent out immediately after you receive this newsletter and extra ones can be run off by you or you can ask Mr. Kropf for them. The boys should get as many sponsors as possible and make sure every thing is clearly printed on the sheets as income tax receipts can be requested by sponsors. The money raised by each boy will be used to assist with his expenses for our annual concert tour.

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CHOIR UNIFORMS



Please contact Tracey Klassen (519-651-0218) if your son needs a larger jacket, tie or trousers. She also has used trousers, belts, white shirts, shoes, etc. If you can't get the size you need from the Klassens, please purchase them through R. J. McArthy Ltd., 44 Saltzman Drive in Cambridge (519-453-0628) as they have the proper colour of trousers. Please be sure to get your son's proper size if he has outgrown his last one. You must tell them that the trousers are for the Cambridge Kiwanis Boys Choir. When we give a concert, it is imperative that all the boys wear the same trousers. When you buy them elsewhere, they may be different shades of grey. Please note that boys must order their uniforms by April 1st in order to get them in time for the tour to Quebec. Your son will need two pair of choir grey trousers for the tour.

TOUR TO QUEBEC CITY AND ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE

Friday, May 19 - Monday, May 22 inclusive

We are looking forward to our tour to Quebec City and St. Anne de Beaupre. Marg Ronald has been working hard to be sure payments are made on time. We are grateful for her assistance. Back packs and water bottles will be supplied to all boys who are new to the choir this year. These are the only back packs and water bottles permitted. Your son's choir number will be printed permanently on the back packs and bottles. The bottles fit properly into a carrier built onto the outside of the back packs. The back packs are blue in colour. We will also be distributing navy blue hats to the new boys. Boys who were in the choir last year should already have choir hats. Again, we expect all choristers to wear these. **We will be having a meeting for all those going on the tour on Monday, April 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Avenue Road Baptist Church.** We would like all choristers and those going on the tour to be there if at all possible. Also, if your son is going on the tour by himself, we would like one of his parents at the meeting. We hope to be out by 9:15 p.m.



FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Singathon: Saturday, March 4, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Singathon, our annual major fund raising event, will take place at Avenue Road Baptist Church on Saturday, March 4th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sponsor sheets are included with this newsletter and we encourage you to help your son get as many sponsors as possible. Please be sure you **PRINT** neatly and include all the necessary information. Marg Ronald will be giving you the income tax receipt forms for your sponsors and you are expected to be sure they get them as soon as possible after the event. Please be sure that all money earned for the Singathon is handed in to **Marg Ronald** or her designate by Monday, March 27, 2017. **All boys are asked to bring their sponsor sheets with them to the Singathon as copies will be made by Marg Ronald.** The copies will be sent home so you can collect any money you still have to collect. The boys will be given a lunch during the Singathon at around 12:15 p.m. The lunch will consist of pizza, pop, and dessert. We will make every effort possible to see that all meals served to the boys are nut free. We expect all boys will participate in this event.

Recordings

The choir's newest C.D. recording "A Tribute to Canadian Veterans" sells for \$ 10.00 each. For this recording only, your account will be credited with \$ 5.00 for each one sold. They make super gifts for family, friends, and neighbours. You can purchase this new recording along with others through Marg Ronald or one of the other staff members at all choir practices or concerts. The choir has several other recordings for sale. Association members (parents) get 50% credit for all sales of choir recordings. Recordings available include: Christmas Favourites, The Lord's Prayer, Canada: Our Home, and And the Angels Sing (cassettes only). If you are interested in purchasing any of these recordings see Laurie. These C.D.s sell for \$ 10.00 each. Cassettes sell for \$ 5.00.

Pepperettes and Chocolate Bars

Pepperettes will be sold again this year. You were just notified by Tammy Donahue about this. It is a great fund raiser for the choir. More details will be sent out as soon as dates are chosen. There are still Thomson Chocolates available for purchase. If interested, please call Tammy Donahue at 519-651-1718 to order.

Special thanks to Tammy Donahue for all the work she does to help parents with fund raising activities.



CONCERT AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING, 2017



Please note that locations and dates can change as more concerts are added.
Please be sure to update your calendar every time you receive a new newsletter.

** means wear concert uniform

Notes: ARBC means Avenue Road Baptist Church

<u>Mon., Jan. 9, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC and Welcome Night for New Choristers
<u>Mon., Jan. 16, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC and Welcome Night for New Choristers
<u>Mon., Jan. 23, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Sun., Jan. 29, 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.</u>	<u>Bowling Day at I-BOWL at 10 Parkhill Road East, Cambridge-Galt</u>
<u>Mon., Jan. 30, 6:25 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon., Feb. 6, 6:15 p.m. 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon., Feb. 13, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon., Feb. 20, NO CHOIR DUE TO FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY</u>	
<u>Mon., Feb. 27, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Sat., Mar. 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.</u>	<u>ANNUAL SINGATHON AT ARBC with lunch provided. Please remember to bring your sponsor sheets with you at 10:00 a.m. so copies can be made.</u>
<u>Mon., Mar. 6, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon., Mar. 13, NO CHOIR due to March Break Holiday</u>	
<u>Mon., Mar. 20, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon., Mar. 27, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon., Apr. 3, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.</u>	Rehearsal at ARBC
<u>Mon, Apr. 10, 6:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.</u>	<u>Rehearsal at ARBC until 8:00 p.m. followed by the Meeting for the Choir Tour to Quebec City. At least one adult for each boy should be present at this important meeting. A tour itinerary will be handed out plus some rule requirements, etc.</u>

Please note that the remainder of the schedule will be sent out by March as details have not been made for all the concerts. Some concerts coming up are:

****Sunday, June 4, 3:00 p.m. SPRING CONCERT at Avenue Road Baptist Church** Tickets will be sold for this concert.

Monday, June 5, 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ANNUAL FAMILY POTLUCK SUPPER AND AWARDS NIGHT at Avenue Road Baptist Church