

Student Worship 101

Parents and Students,

The Prestonwood Student Worship Ministry is an involved and growing ministry, and we understand that Fall Kickoff can be a whirlwind, teeming with new information about events that you may or may not have even heard of before! In an effort to define and simplify a few PSWM buzz words, we've prepared this document, which will hopefully make things a bit easier for our new families! Having said that, if you have any questions whatsoever, please e-mail studentworship@prestonwood.org, or check our website prestonwoodstudentworship@prestonwood.org! We're always glad to help.

Here's a quick guide to all things PSWM!

FALL FOLLIES

Fall Follies is our annual fundraiser for missions! This year, the Follies will be October 15–16, and ticket sales will begin in mid-September. Auditions for the Follies are held at our Fall Kickoff, and everyone who auditions for a dance part will receive one! As there are only a handful of vocal parts, not everyone will receive a vocal part, but everyone who participates in Fall Follies will sing in the Follies choir, when not on stage. For this reason, we ask the entire cast to bring an all-black outfit to wear in the choir loft. Audition results will be released in early September, and will include all of the important dates, from the first dance rehearsal on September 11 (save the date!), through the end of the show! Please note that dates are subject to change, and if any details change – time, location, etc., we will always notify you via e-mail or text.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS (GOC)

GOC is one of the crowning points of the Christmas season at Prestonwood! There are 14 shows over the course of two weeks, with a total audience of more than 70,000. The Student Choir has the opportunity to perform in two different portions of the show, and though it's a significant commitment for all of the rehearsals and performances, the effort is worth it, as we see many come to saving faith in Jesus every year! We'll send a text later this fall with a link to RSVP for a spot in GOC, and we will use your fall dance score to cast. Rehearsals will begin after Follies!

MISSION TRIP

Our annual mission trip is why we do what we do! Everything on the PSWM calendar leads to the mission trip. Though we've combined high school and junior high mission trips for the past two years, this year we will be returning to a two-trip model, which is

fantastic news! The junior high mission trip has traditionally been a long weekend in late spring or early summer, and we've served in cities such as Austin, Nashville, New Orleans, Houston, St. Louis, and other great cities. Our high school mission trip is a week-long experience in mid-July, and we've served in cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, Denver, Miami, and across the pond, in the United Kingdom, Germany and Hungary! We will announce the locations and open registration for students at Fall Follies 2022!

STUDENT-LED-WORSHIP

The Prestonwood Student Choir exists to craft confident, passionate worshippers of God, and the goal of everything we do is to build up the church through worship. Though we do this weekly from the pews, we also have the opportunity to lead our church in worship (traditionally, once per quarter). These are always sweet times of worship and an encouragement to all of our church family!

HOW WE COMMUNICATE

We send a ministry-wide e-mail every Thursday from studentworship@prestonwood.org to both parents and students, which includes information concerning the coming weekend, as well as a 40,000-foot overview of what is coming in the weeks ahead. Additionally, we're always sure to send a quick, Saturday text reminder to parents and students about Sunday's upcoming choir rehearsals, though it may often include a link with a summary of additional upcoming specialty rehearsals (if applicable). Please note that the replies to our mass texting system are not monitored, so it is best to reach out to us at studentworship@prestonwood.org with any questions you may have!

Lastly, we send a monthly newsletter, In-The-Loop, which serves to give both parents and students a brief summary of the previous month, as well as an overview of all that's to come in the month ahead.

NORTH CAMPUS-SPECIFIC DETAILS

The Prestonwood Student Choir is ONE choir, but it does rehearse in two locations! Sunday afternoon choir rehearsals are campus-specific, but specialty parts (dance, solo, etc.) do require rehearsals at the Plano Campus, even though we make every effort to hold rehearsals at each campus, whenever possible. Along with the audition results, we'll be sure to include a map of our Plano Campus building to help everyone find their rehearsals. Though we do not provide or organize transportation from the North Campus to the Plano Campus, there are plenty of carpoolers, so there's no reason you should have to drive to Plano alone! Let us know, and we'll be glad to help you find

some carpool options. Please note that we do ask students to attend weekly choir rehearsals at the campus they attend on Sundays.

We hope this has been helpful, friends! As always, if you have any questions, be sure to shoot us an e-mail at studentworship@prestonwood.org!

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