

Student Choir 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 email studentworship@prestonwood.org, or check our website, prestonwoodstudentworship.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, Follies will be on October 14-15, and ticket sales will begin in mid-September. The auditions for Follies are held at 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, though 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, which they'll wear in the choir loft. Audition results will be released in early September, and will include all the important dates, from the first dance rehearsal on September 9 (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 email, or text.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS (GOC)

GOC is an absolute monster of a show! In fact, there are 14 shows over the course of two weeks, with over 70,000 in attendance. The Student Choir gets the opportunity to perform in a couple different portions of the show, and though it's a significant commitment, 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, which includes a link to RSVP for GOC, and will use your fall dance score to cast. Rehearsals will begin, after Follies!

MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip is why we do what we do! Everything on the PSWM calendar leads to Mission Trip. Junior High Mission Trip has traditionally been a long weekend in late Spring/early Summer, and we've served in cities such as Austin, Nashville, New Orleans and more. High School Mission Trip is a week-long trip, in mid-July, and we've served in cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, Denver, Miami, and across the pond, as far as the United Kingdom! We will announce the locations, and open registration for students, at Fall Follies 2023!

STUDENT-LED-WORSHIP

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

HOW WE COMMUNICATE

We send a ministry-wide email 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 Saturday text reminder to parents and students, which is just a quick reminder 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!

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, and we make every effort to hold rehearsals at each campus, whenever possible. We'll be sure to include a map of our Plano Campus building within audition results to help everyone find their rehearsals. Though we do not provide or organize transportation for rehearsals at the Plano Campus, we can tell you that there are PLENTY of carpoolers, and there's no reason you should have to drive down, alone! Let us know, and we'd be glad to help you find some other carpoolers. *Please note that we do ask that students attend choir, 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 email at studentworship@prestonwood.org!

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