

**Welcome to Choir!!**

We are so glad you have joined us for this season and are looking forward to creating beautiful music together. Please take a look over the included information in this notice with your parents/guardians.

**INTRODUCING YOUR COROVOCE TEAM FOR 2023/2024!**

Ms. Fierro (aka Mrs. Jukich – Fierro) – Conductor

Ms. Ishii – Accompanist

Mr. Nguyen – Manager

Caeden Lau – Manager, accompanist, percussionist

**THE COROVOCE BLOG AND E-MAIL** – is the best way to communicate with you all about important information and updates you need to be successful in this choir. We will add you to our list as soon as we have your email addresses. If you are not receiving a notification let us know as soon as possible. You can also copy and paste the link here. <http://sd41blogs.ca/jukicht/>

Or, simply go to the South Slope Website, click on staff, scroll down to Mrs. Fierro, Corovoce blog and you’re in!

It is very very important that you check the blog every week! It’s the quickest way to communicate with everyone! If we have a snow day, I will try and make the decision and post by 1:00 p.m. of the snow day.

**CALENDAR** – Included in this packet is a calendar for the fall season. Please check it carefully and add the dates to your own calendars so you stay on top of all current information. We realize families are busy and so we have given you lots of time to make sure you are able to fulfill your commitment to our group. If you spot a major conflict between your calendar and ours, please let us know by email as soon as possible.

**ABSENCES** – Just as missing multiple sports practices can have an impact on your own abilities and your team, missing too many choir rehearsals will adversely affect your ability to participate in choir. We need you here at rehearsals!! However, if you are feeling sick we encourage you to **stay home** and get well. **Just send us an email and let us know.**

**MUSIC AND FOLDERS** – Please handle your music with care. It is very expensive and we’d like to use it again in a few years. DO write notes in pencil, however, on your music to help you remember rehearsal tips and repeats, or changes etc…We have some folders for your music that we can provide for you to keep your music safe. We may also have the opportunity for you to purchase and keep your own folder. Stay tuned.

**PRACTICE….IT’S NOT JUST MONDAY FROM 3:30 TO 4:45.** – You will need to spend some time each week working towards memorizing your notes and words. We make MUSIC when we have internalized all the notes and words, and we sing from our heart, connecting with each other, and the music. Go online to listen to other choirs sing our songs as most of our arrangements can be easily found on YOU TUBE, or use your piano to remind your ear of the notes in your part. The numbers will also be posted on our blog. It’s important to spend some time at home reviewing what we have done during our rehearsal. We have quite an ambitious repertoire for Christmas and only **8 rehearsals** before the concert!

**OUR VENUE IS SOUTH SLOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**– Our home this year is my home school, South Slope Elementary. It’s directly behind Metrotown, near the corner of Rumble and Sussex. It also says BCSD on our sign which is the BC School for the Deaf.

Address - 4446 Watling Street, Burnaby.

Phone – 604 296 – 9062 or my cell 604 831-4080

Place – Gym and Music Room 201

We have a parking lot beside the school and the gym is right there so you are welcome to drop off and wait for your students outside the gym. **Please** be on time picking up as your Corovoce Team also needs to get home to their families.

**THE FEES -** Corovoce is a District sponsored event and the $100 fee covers you for the entire year. It helps pay for music, venue rentals, t-shirts and professional development for the team. Please pay online using OnlineSchoolCash, if you possibly can, or bring cash or a cheque made out to the Burnaby School Board as soon as you can. The link is available on the blog, or by going into OnlineSchoolCash and clicking on the District Items tab.

**WE ARE VOLUNTEERS** – Your Corovoce Team members are all volunteers. Some of us are still teaching and giving up our own time to work with your children. NO ONE is getting paid! All we ask is that your children be kind to each other and the Team, respectful of the space we are using, and share their love of singing with the world!

We look forward to an exciting and fantastic year together! Thank you in advance for helping us make beautiful musical experiences with your child!

In song,

Ms. Ishii, Mr. Nguyen, Caeden, Ms. Fierro

If you have any questions, please send me an email @

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**COROVOCE CALENDAR FOR FALL 2023**

**Monday, September 18– First Rehearsal at South Slope!**

3:30 – Come into the gym and line up with your registration form filled out.

- Make your name tag! Introduce yourself to 3 new friends.

3:45 - Introductions and Expectations

4:15 – Preview of music.

4:45 – Choir is dismissed to parents/guardians

**Monday September 25** – Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 4:45

**Monday, October 2 – NO REHEARSAL – Truth and Reconciliation Day**

**Monday, October 9 – NO REHEARSAL - Thanksgiving**

**Monday, October 16 –** Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 3:45

**Monday, October 23 –** Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 4:45

**Monday, October 30 -**Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 4:45

**Monday, November 6 –** Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 4:45

**Monday, November 13** – **NO REHEARSAL – Remembrance Day**

**Monday, November 20** – Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 4:45

**Monday, November 27** – Rehearsal at South Slope 3:30 – 4:45

**\*\*\*\*please bring your music to this rehearsal as we will be collecting it and handing out our spring repertoire**.

**TUESDAY, November 28**– Joint Rehearsal at Marlborough 3:30 – 4:45

**\*\*\*while this is an optional rehearsal, and we understand students may not be able to attend, we hope to have as many there as possible**. **It is TENTATIVE at the moment.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4** – Our joint concert featuring Soundwave Handbell Choir, Corovoce, and Piccollini.

6:30 p.m. at the Michael J Fox Theatre(Burnaby South Secondary)

**3:30 – DRESS REHEARSAL** – Come in your WHITE TOPS AND BLACK LEGGINGS, PANTS, SKIRTS promptly at 3:30. We rehearse first, then we have the mass rehearsal of our joint numbers.

**4:45** – Pick up your child outside the theatre and take them for a small dinner or snack or just a break.

- Return by 6:00 to the Green Room at MJF.

**6:30 – Concert**

**Monday, December 11 and 18 – No rehearsals.**

**Next Rehearsal is Monday, January 8, 2024!!!**