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Atta Boy!

Marcus Dalton (Concert) made the All East Choir for Middle School as well as the Honor Roll at his school

Tyler Giuliani (Concert) made the Honor Roll

Andrew Randall (Cantabile) recently completed his requirements and has been approved for the Boys Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout

Matthew Randall (Cantabile) recently performed as a drummer with the orchestra in the Chattanooga Theatre Center's recent production of *The Music Man*

Christopher Randall (Concert) recently advanced to First Class Rank in Boys Scouts

Dakota Doss (Mozart I) made the Star Roll for making straight A's on his report card

Michael Dance (Concert) earned his official title as MAP at the Creative Discovery Museum by volunteering and completing special tasks in the Museum Apprentice Program

Zachary Byars (Schubert) made the Honor Roll

Cameron Close (Schubert) made the all A Honor Roll and continues to have the highest AR points in the school

Asa Albritton (Concert) made first chair tuba in the 7th grade band at Ringgold Middle School

SCT Mugs for Sale!

2007 Singing Christmas Tree commemorative mugs are on sale in the office for \$5.

Mozart & Schubert to Carol

Members of the Mozart and Schubert choirs will be caroling at Elmcroft Assisted Living on Thursday, December 6th at 4:00pm. Boys should arrive wearing their performance attire (white, long-sleeved, button-down shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes, black belt). They will be finished approximately 5:00pm. Please let us know as soon as possible if your chorister will or will not be able to attend.

Both choirs will have a combined rehearsal and celebration on Monday, December 3rd. Please watch the weekly memo for the time of this rehearsal / celebration.

Singing Christmas Tree Week

Its hard to believe that by the time the next newsletter is released the Singing Christmas Tree will be over! In the Members section of the website you will find a brochure with all you need to know about Singing Christmas Tree Week including the schedule, what to wear, food, check-in and dismissal procedures and much more! Also on the website you will find the Dismissal Form that must be turned in to the CBC office by November 16. Here's the schedule to keep handy:

Monday	Schubert, Handel, Concert	BUMC	4:30-7:00
Monday	Mozart I & II	BUMC	4:30-6:00
Tuesday	All Choir Rehearsal	BUMC	4:30-7:00
Wednesday	All Choir Rehearsal	Tivoli	4:00-7:30
Thursday	Dress Rehearsal	Tivoli	4:00-7:30
Friday	School Performances	Tivoli	9:00-1:30
Saturday	Public Performances	Tivoli	1:00-4:15
Saturday	Public Performances	Tivoli	6:30-9:15

Pecan Update

How are we doing? We're doing pretty well, though we got off to a slow start. The choir is on track to meet its goal. Historically, nearly half of our sales occur once the nuts arrive and are out in the community.

Are there more nuts? Yes! We ordered plenty extra, so if people ask you for more nuts tell them yes! We'll put in an additional order for more nuts if one seems to be needed. We'll also keep you posted when we start running low on particular nuts.

When is the sale over? When the nuts are gone! Generally, we sell through the Singing Christmas Tree.

When will Top Seller Awards be announced? Sales through November 27th count towards the top seller awards. The winners will be announced at the dress rehearsal on November 29th.



Our goal is 10,000 bags
We've sold: 3,045 bags
(as of printing on 10/31/07)

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Happy Birthday!

Tad Black	11/3	Daniel Molnar	11/12
Asa Albritton	11/6	Ben Caldwell	11/17
Kyle Duckett	11/6	Brady Fryar	11/18
Collin Lindgren	11/6	Brandon Milner	11/24
Cameron Close	11/11	Austin King	11/25
Jalen Ponder	11/11	Michael McFalls	11/25

Early Arrivals

The office has received some complaints, including some from the church staff, regarding the use of the building during choir time and they primarily concern boys who are being dropped off early. While it is certainly okay to bring your chorister to rehearsal a little bit early, please review these guidelines with your chorister. Remember that the artistic staff is preparing for rehearsals and the office staff is usually occupied with parents, so the boys are not supervised until rehearsal time.

- Choristers arriving more than 5 minutes early should check-in at the table and go straight to the Open Door Room. Choristers are not permitted, at any time, to be downstairs in the church

While in the Open Door Room, please observe these rules:

- Choristers should have something quiet to do—homework, a book to read, music to review, etc. There should be no horseplay at any time
- Food and drink is okay, however, please clean up after yourself. Check on the floor and remove any crumbs that may have fallen. Clean up any spills.
- Chairs or any other items that are moved should be returned to their original place.
- Anyone using the blackboard should erase it before they leave.

We hope that with your help we can continue to provide a place for choristers to stay should they arrive early. However, if these rules are not adhered to we will need to modify our early drop-off policy. We are appreciative of the extra space that the church allows us to use on rehearsal days and thank you for your help in being respectful of their building.



Singing Christmas Tree Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets can be purchased through the Memorial Auditorium Box Office, by calling 757-5050, or online at www.etix.com.

Get the Word Out

Help us get the word out about the Singing Christmas Tree. Your choristers will be coming home with two Singing Christmas Tree posters to put up around town—a favorite restaurant, the office, your place of worship, etc. There are plenty available in the office if you would like more. Last year, one poster that was up in a parent's place of business resulted in four tickets to the Singing Christmas Tree, two bags of nuts and two auditions! You might not think that hanging one poster will make a difference, but it does!



On A Mission

The mission of the Chattanooga Boys Choir is to positively influence and develop the lives of boys by providing a music program of the highest quality which includes education, appreciation, and performance.

While music is certainly at the core of the CBC, the main purpose of the CBC is to positively influence and develop the lives of boys. While many have noticed the CBC's subtle influence in their chorister's life, many others might not realize that positively influencing and developing the lives of boys is the CBC's purpose for existing. For youngsters in this day and age there are so many "things" competing to influence their lives, some good, and some not so good. Television, movies, books, religious organizations, friends, family, schools, and many others all directly or indirectly set examples that youngsters must wade through and decide whether or not to emulate.

How does the CBC go about influencing boys lives and what characteristics does it try to instill? Simply put, the CBC strives to teach by example leadership, teamwork, confidence, caring, respect, and hard work. Throughout rehearsals, concerts, tours, camps and other activities, choristers who exhibit these qualities are commended. In fact, the Bishop Henry Award is awarded to a Concert Choir member, elected by his peers, for demonstrating those traits. Touring provides the largest opportunity for growing those core characteristics – from going through customs and converting currency to jobs like luggage loaders and room captains – choristers gain a confidence from living in another state or country without their parents.

How has the CBC positively influenced your chorister's life? We'd love to include your stories in next month's newsletter, so send us an email or a note!