

Golden Star Choir 2021

We could not be more excited for the 2021 Golden Star Choir season!! We have a lot of fun ideas to make this year really special. ALL Wickliffe fourth and fifth graders are welcome to join, including our students who come to school in person and those in Online Academy.

Weekly Rehearsals: Our live rehearsals will be over Zoom on **Wednesdays from 12:05-12:35** in Mrs. Bennett's Zoom Room (<https://zoom.us/my/artbennett>). Our first practice is Wednesday, January 13. We anticipate and hope that we'll be back in hybrid, but will have practice no matter the learning mode. We will also share instructional choreography videos in case your child cannot make a rehearsal, or if they'd like some extra practice.

Music Videos: Since a big show is not possible this year, we will share our hard work with the Wickliffe community by creating 2 music videos. Our plan is to record each child singing individually (more on that below), and then film a big dance number outside on the Wickliffe campus. We are filming outside because it allows for us to be safe and ensure ample social distancing. Attendance at the filming is optional. If you're more comfortable with your child participating in a strictly virtual way, they can attend our Zoom rehearsals, record their singing, and still be included in the videos.

Solo Auditions: We will hold solo auditions over Zoom on Tuesday, January 19 from 12:05-1:05 and Thursday, January 21 from 12:05-1:05. Your child can join us on the day they're learning from home. This is very informal, and your child will sing one verse from either of our 2 songs.

Recording Audio: Mr. Stevenson will help us pull each child individually to record their audio in late February, early March. We will also be recording video footage of each child singing to include in the final product. Children in Online Academy can sign up for a time slot to come in and record, or we will work with your family to do this virtually.

Recording Dancing: We will film our big group dance number in person at Wickliffe (remember, this is optional—see above). We ask that if your child participates that

they attend both the dress rehearsal and the filming—it will be nearly impossible to catch everyone up and film in this short time frame.

T-Shirts: We will have a special updated t-shirt design for 2021. Each child will receive a shirt (compliments of PTO—thank you!) in the size they indicate on the Google Survey. They will wear their shirt to filming on April 8.

Dress Rehearsal: We will have a mandatory dress rehearsal (for those children whose families are comfortable participating in person) on Wednesday, April 7 from 5:30-7:00. We will have a rain date of Thursday, April 8. Please send your child dressed for the weather since we will be outside: coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots if necessary. We will make a call on the rain date that week and will email the address you indicate on your Google survey.

Filming Event: We will film on Thursday, April 8 from 6:00-7:30, with a rain date of Friday, April 9 from 6:00-7:30. Each child should come to Wickliffe wearing their Golden Star Choir t-shirt and dark pants (jeans or athletic pants are fine!) under any warm weather gear. Please feel free to layer up long sleeve shirts and/or long underwear underneath. We will do a run through with coats, and will film each song without coats so we can see the choir t-shirts. The children are welcome to keep on their winter hats, scarves, and gloves during the filming. We will provide hot chocolate between takes 😊 Parents are welcome to attend the filming or you may drop off your child at 6:00 and pick them up promptly at 7:30. If you choose to attend, please be sure to wear a mask and model social distancing. *If guidance on this changes and we aren't able to allow adults to attend, we will let you know ASAP.

Questions/Concerns: Feel free to email us!

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We are so excited to bring a fun Wickliffe tradition to a very unique school year and can't wait to share our final product with you 😊 We expect to share the music videos in a special virtual Town Meeting sometime in May.

Golden Star Choir 2021 Schedule

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in Mrs. Bennett's Zoom Room (<https://zoom.us/my/artbennett>)
unless otherwise noted.*

Wednesday, January 13	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Tuesday, January 19	Solo Auditions (optional) on Zoom	12:05-1:05
Wednesday, January 20	Zoom Practice Cohort 1 will Zoom from their classroom, Cohort 2 and OA will Zoom from home	12:05-12:35
Thursday, January 21	Solo Auditions (optional) on Zoom	12:05-1:05
Wednesday, January 27	No Rehearsal	Early Release
Wednesday, February 3	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, February 10	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, February 17	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, February 24	Zoom Practice Cohort 1 will Zoom from their classroom, Cohort 2 and OA will Zoom from home	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, March 3	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, March 10	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, March 17	No Rehearsal	Spring Break
Wednesday, March 24	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, March 31	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, April 7	Zoom Practice	12:05-12:35
Wednesday, April 7	Dress Rehearsal	6:00-7:30 at Wickliffe
Thursday, April 8	Video Filming	6:00-7:30 at Wickliffe
Friday, April 9	Rain Date	6:00-7:30 at Wickliffe

