# July 2014

Dear Capriccio Singers and Parents,

The summer days are quickly passing and while you are still enjoying the last days of summer we are busy getting ready for the start of the Girl Choir season.  We’ll begin the year with a half-day retreat and hope you can attend.

The retreat is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 20 in Room 156 of Shattuck Hall from 1:00-3:00p.m**.   Shattuck Hall is located on the Lawrence University campus behind the Chapel.  Please park on Washington Street and enter through the left- hand glass entrance doors at the top of the stairs.  Look for the signs that say GIRL CHOIR RETREAT.

At the retreat you will meet your conductor, Ms. Jaclyn Kottman, receive your music, do some singing, be fitted for your uniform, meet everyone in the choir, and get ready for the start of a new and exciting year.

We strongly encourage you to attend the retreat but understand that you may not be able to due to prior commitments.   If you are unable to attend please call Anne Powling, the Youth Ensembles Coordinator, at 832-7038 or e-mail at anne.e.powling@lawrence.edu to arrange for a time to be fitted for your uniform.  Please do not stop by the Academy without calling ahead.  **Please note: I will be on family vacation from August 1-10th and will not be answering calls or e-mails. However, I will be immediately available on my return on the 11th.**

## Things to bring to the retreat:

## Water Bottle

## Sharpened Pencil

* Sweatshirt (sometimes the rooms are chilly)
* 1/2 inch three ring binder to store music and notes. Your daughter will not be issued with music if she does not have a binder.

**Uniform**

At the retreat you will be fitted for your concert uniform. The Capriccio uniform is a red blouse and black skirt, provided by the Academy. Girls are asked not to alter the uniform in any way and to take responsibility for washing blouses and skirts between concerts and at the end of the season.

**Girl Choir Website**

If you misplace information sent to you from Girl Choir, you can always visit our website for the latest handout and additional information. Our website is: go.lawrence.edu/academy

Alternatively, log on to the Lawrence University homepage [www.lawrence.edu](http://www.lawrence.edu) and navigate to the Academy of Music where you will find a list of all of our programs.

We look forward to seeing you at the retreat and to an exciting year of singing.

Kind regards,

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