# July 2014

Dear Primo 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 8:30-12:00**.   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, Mrs. Karrie Been, receive your music, do some singing, be fitted for your uniform, meet everyone in the choir, have a snack provided by the Academy 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)
* ¼ inch three ring binder to store music and notes. Your daughter will not be issued with music if she does not have a binder.
* Girls are also asked to please print out the attached activity, add your name to the top and answer the questions on the blank just below them.  Bring the sheet with you to the retreat and you will add names of other girls in the choir who enjoy the same things as you do on the numbered lines.  It will be fun to find other new friends who have similar interests!

**Uniform**

At the retreat you will be fitted for your concert uniform. The Primo uniform is a red jumper, provided by the Academy, and a **white long-sleeved round collared blouse provided by the parents**.

**Uniform Sales**

Primo blouses can be found in the J.C. Penney catalogue. There will also be a list of on-line suppliers distributed at retreat.  We are inviting parents who had girls in Primo last year to sell their “gently used” white blouses from 8:00-8:30 a.m. outside of rooms 156 and 163 behind the chapel stage on the morning of the retreat.  If you are interested in purchasing one of these blouses you may want to check this out.  Please note that the amount you pay for the white blouse is between the seller and you.  The Academy is not involved in the sale; we are only providing the space.

**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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