CHORISTER SNACK
SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES
MCS 2019-2020

Please see the attached calendar for your scheduled days to provide snack for the choristers and alter servers throughout the upcoming school year. A master calendar is posted on the MCS website at utmcs.org>parents>choir snack and a copy will be kept at the Main Office Desk as well.

If you cannot provide snack on your assigned day(s) – IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SWITCH DATES WITH ANOTHER PARENT!

Please notify Shannon Baker at baker_shannon@msn.com ahead of time about any snack assignment changes so proper reminders can be sent. Snack reminders will be emailed each week, however it is ultimately your responsibility to make note of (and remember!) your assigned snack dates. Please keep in mind that the choristers and alter servers tend to be hungry after school; if a parent forgets or fails to provide snack on his/her assigned day, it makes for a long afternoon for everyone involved.

SNACK TIME!
Snack is served after school prior to the 5:15pm and 6:00pm masses, at most concerts, and for late night Holiday masses. Other snack days may be added along the way if the choristers are expected to stay on campus or at the Cathedral longer than originally anticipated.

For the 5:15pm Masses: Snack should be ready to serve promptly at 3:30pm in the school cafeteria.
For the 6:00pm Masses: Snack should be ready to serve promptly at 3:30pm in the school cafeteria. We ask that you provide a fuller snack (closer to a meal) for later masses since the choristers remain on campus and will not be finished with Mass until about 7:15pm.
For concert snacks: Contact Melanie Malinka for serving time & location.

“HEARTY SNACK”
We ask that you provide a hearty snack for all of the choristers singing and for the collegium students serving mass that day. The definition of “hearty snack” is up for debate. A good rule of thumb is to ask your chorister what he/she would like to eat.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO NUTS!
Some suggestions for snacks are:
Lunch meats/cheeses and rolls
Meatball sandwiches
Hot Dogs
Baked potato bar
Soup and bread
Sloppy Joes
Bagels with cream cheese
Taco bar
Bread and cheese
Mac and cheese
Pasta
Pizza
Plus, drinks and fruit for each snack
A word on drinks: The choristers should all have a water bottle with them, so please avoid bottled water to save on plastics. Consider juice or milk or other drinks.

Paper Products: You are also responsible for all paper goods, utensils and items used in preparing and serving your food. There is a “Choir Snack” bin in the kitchen where extra paper goods may be left for future snack use. You may want to check the supply of paper items prior to your assigned snack day.

Please have the kitchen, all utensils, cafeteria tables and floors clean when you leave. The choristers should help you clean up before they go outside.

The number of snack days assigned to each family is based on (a) the choir your child is assigned to and (b) the number of choristers in your family. For instance, Gregory and Cecilia sing more Masses than Nicholas, Therese and Hildegard, so Gregory and Cecilia families serve more snacks than the other choirs. Also it may be that if your child is in a large choir that does not sing as often, you may not serve snack at all this year.

NUMBER OF CHORISTERS

The number of choristers in each ensemble is listed below. Please bring enough food for the choir, mass servers, and choir supervisor. The number of choristers is subject to change throughout the year. Feel free to inquire ahead of time if you need to have an exact count.

Gregory: 28 (+ 8 Bosco on Mondays)= 36 on Mondays and 28 on Wednesdays
Cecilia: 27
Nicholas: 24
Therese: 32
Hildegard: 35
Schola: 25

*****Plus 4 mass servers from Collegium on all days*****

If you are serving snack for a combined choir day (i.e. BOTH or ALL), please remember to add the number of choristers from each ensemble so you can be sure to have enough food.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

*If you are scheduled to bring a snack for a concert, a smaller specified snack of cheese sticks, fruit and drink is requested. Please contact Melanie Malinka for the serving time and location (typically Cathedral cafeteria) in advance of these events.

*On occasion the choristers will sing a Mass or have rehearsal at 7pm or later on a school day. The choristers go home after school, so choir snack is not provided on these days.

*Finally, please remember that the time you take to prepare choir snack (shopping, cooking, serving, etc) counts toward your required service hours for MCS. Don’t forget to log your hours! Thank you for your help in providing a healthy snack for our choristers and altar servers this upcoming school year! Your donation of time and food is greatly appreciated by all. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Baker, baker_shannon@msn.com