



## Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas

### **Tips and Tricks for Virtual Success!**

Welcome! Whether you're new to CCGD or have been with us a few years, this fall will be a different and exciting experience for us all! Since we're working with a lot of new technology this semester, here are some tips and tricks for virtual success:

1. Let your family know you are getting ready to go to CCGD online so you can have some peace and quiet!
2. Find a place to be where you feel comfortable singing out loud confidently. This is very important for your success in CCGD.
3. If possible, set your Zoom device up so that you can be sitting or standing in front of it looking straight on (your director might get dizzy looking at your ceiling fans!) A stack of books will work nicely to make it tall enough!
4. Always have your music and a pencil with you for Zoom as well as when watching and singing with the teaching videos.
5. Keep your music in your CCGD folder or punch holes in it and put it in a binder.
6. Earbuds or external speakers will work best. If you don't have earbuds, be sure the volume level is turned up high. Check this in your device's "settings."
7. Rename yourself in Zoom, First and Last name, if possible. Either way, wear your CCGD name tag! It was included in your folder.
8. Keep your microphone muted at all times unless called on by a conductor or assistant conductor. Keep your video turned on at all times.
9. If you have a question, raise your virtual hand and an assistant conductor will chat with you.
10. Software that you will use to access CCGD:
  - a. Google Classroom for your specific chorus: Prelude, Apprentice, Concert II, Concert I, Women's Youth and Youth Choruses.
  - b. Zoom meetings will be accessible via Zoom links or meeting ID and password. All Links will be found in your Google Classroom Chorus.
  - c. We recommend downloading the Zoom Desktop App to access meetings.
  - d. You can also join using a web browser or smartphone/tablet.
11. If you have Wifi connection issues and are dropped from the Zoom meeting, click the link again and your conductor or assistant conductor will let you back in. Try to set up as close to your internet router as possible.

We are all in this together! This is a new venture for CCGD. We know that issues with technology will happen. We will do our best to troubleshoot so that you can have an amazing CCGD experience.