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REHEARSALS AT PHILHARMONIC HALL have been long, hard, and exciting. Last, Saturday's rehearsal was held at the Juliard School of Music. Before rehearsal time, all of the boys had the opportunity to go up in the bell tower of the Riverside Church and see the world famous set of carillon bells. It was a beautiful day and the view of the Hudson River and NYC was magnificent. Other points of interest visited were: Grant's Tomb, the "campus" of Columbia Univ., Union Theological Seminary, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. The boys did such an excellent job on Saturday that we did not have to return for Sunday's rehearsal. Monday was our first trip to Lincoln Center, a thrilling experience for all of us. We wonder how they will have everything completed for this Sunday night! Monday evening rehearsal was with Mr. Bernstein. Many of the boys had opportunity to meet Mr. Bernstein between breaks or after rehearsal. He is a pleasant man to work with. The Wednesday evening rehearsal was held with the three choirs together again and this time the soloists were added. The first rehearsal with the Philharmonic will be on Friday afternoon.

On Friday we shall all go to NYC and stay for the weekend. Boys may be reached at the Empire Hotel, Broadway at 63rd St.

A STUDENT HANDBOOK has been published this year. "Key Notes" is a collection and explanation of some of the rules, routines, and traditions of life at the Columbus Boychoir School. Parents will receive a copy of the booklet in the mail.

BLUE AND GOLD - The Student Body was divided into color teams this week, election of student officers for these teams will be held next week.

HONORABLE EFFORT RATINGS (from the Student Handbook - "Effort grades are recorded each week. Boys averaging 7.0 are listed as having "Honorable Effort". . . . If the work is difficult and a boy is trying, he gets credit . . . ") Boys between 6.0 and 7.0 this week were: Stephen Rhine - 6.0; Chris Kent - 6.0, Robert Lyon - 6.0, Milo Wadlin - 6.0, Jay Weiss - 6.0, David Elliott - 6.0, Phillip Hathaway - 6.0, Richard Haley - 6.0, Bill Porter - 6.0, David Rhine - 6.0, Dean Roush - 6.0, David Williams - 6.0, John Kelsall - 6.2, David Carter - 6.5, Tom Friedman - 6.0, Bill Price - 6.5, Randy Reeves - 6.0, Barry Yaches - 6.5, Jim DeLoach - 6.0, Rick Funk - 6.8, Michael O'Flaherty - 6.0.

A TWELVE PASSENGER INTERNATIONAL TRAVELALL has been purchased by the School. This is the same vehicle we had on loan from Mr. Irvin Raphael (son Gary in 6th grade) during the period of the summer camp. Many thanks to the Raphaels in helping us get this fine station wagon!

PARENTS have assisted us in these busy weeks of School - several mothers were here on opening day to assist the new and old boys who had to arrive on public transportation to get unpacked and settled in their rooms, several mothers have been on hand to mend vestments and see that they are all identified, this week a number of mothers assisted in putting name tapes on the items arriving for concert wardrobe. We are grateful for these extra hands during these busy days!

BILL JOHNSON is still in the Newton Hospital in Newton, New Jersey. He would enjoy hearing from his friends! Mark Leonard was discharged from Princeton Hospital last week and is now in the best of health.

BARRY YACHES will have his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday, Sept. 22. Congratulations to Barry (8th grade) and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Yaches, 1 Stevens St. North Brunswick, N.J.