

News & Notes

Unique Qualities



Freeman Academy functions as family. Cliché, I know, but this means we care about the finer details of our students and community. Every morning our staff meets for devotions, prayer concerns and praises that include the general welfare of each student, staff member and extended community. Content material in our classrooms is important, but our students' general well-being is of greater importance.

Students at Freeman Academy are not a number, but are known by name and personality. Parents devote hours to the school and helping their children. Parents who gather to prepare lunches so

students will be insured nutritious food on game nights is one example of community effort. Devoted parents and staff are at a premium.

For a school our size, these unique qualities present us with opportunity for success. Our students are extremely fortunate to have family, staff and community supporting them. Students might not recognize the premium commodity currently offered, but years of wisdom will help them realize the richness of their experience. Thank you to the community of Freeman Academy for providing these qualities.

Pam Tieszen

Students Selected for MS All State Band

Four FA middle school students earned places in the SD Middle School All-State Band. This event is open to students in grades 6-8; they are selected from taped auditions that include chromatic, major and minor scales, and two difficult etudes. Two bands are formed from the selected students - an Honor Band and a Festival Band. Our students will travel to Pierre on Friday, March 5, to rehearse. The concert will be at the T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre, on Saturday, March 6, at 4:00 p.m.

Please congratulate:
 Clara Koerner, 7th grade daughter of Todd and Suzanne, 1st chair bass clarinet, Honor Band
 Brennan Waltner, 7th grade son of Don and Sonja, 1st chair euphonium, Festival Band
 Brooklyn Ries, 7th grade daughter of Duane and Donna, 6th chair trumpet, Festival Band
 Bethany Wollman, 6th grade daughter of Craig and Lois, 9th chair trombone, Festival Band.



February 2010

Active love is the response Jesus wants us to have even toward our enemies. Our love is to be independent of the attitude of the other person. We are to love simply because God wants us to reveal ourselves as true sons and daughters of our heavenly parent by this love.

Richard McSorley

*If you love those who love you,
 what reward do you have?
 Do not even the tax collectors
 do the same?.*

Matthew 5:46, NRSV

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Notes & Reminders



Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Mid-term for the second trimester was January 14. Mid-term report cards will be available at conferences Friday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. All conferences will be held in the Dining Room of Pioneer Hall. Parents of students in grades 5 and 6 will receive appointment times

from Mrs. Schrag. **Parents and students in grades 7 – 12 have no set appointment times and are asked to limit your conference to 5 minutes per teacher per student. If you need a lengthier conference, please schedule an appointment for an in-depth meeting with that particular teacher on another date.** Your cooperation in these matters is much appreciated by the teachers and other parents.

Please note the following schedule exceptions for that day: Nathan Epp will be available until 5:15; Donna Ries will be available from 2:00 – 6:00, and Cindy Graber will be available from 10:00 - 3:00.

Thinking Ahead for Benefit Auction 2010

The Benefit Auction committee encourages all parents to consider purchasing new, small appliances or unique items that could be donated to the 2010 auction for use as raffle prizes or placed on silent auction. This is the time of year when many stores are selling items at greatly reduced prices to clear their shelves for new merchandise. Please contact DelVonna Wentz at dvwentz@hotmail.com if you have any questions or find items to donate.

Dining Extravaganza Assistance Needed

Waiters and waitresses are needed for the Dining Extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 20. Janette Epp is coordinating workers for this fundraising event for Freeman Academy. Please contact her at 925-7635 and leave a message. Even though tuition reduction hours are NOT available, this is an opportunity for a little work and a GREAT MEAL!

Booster Club Pizza Night – Feb. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents are needed to help at the annual pizza fest sponsored by the Booster Club. This fundraiser aids the athletic department in supplying equipment and replacing uniforms, as well as debt reduction on Sterling Hall. Please contact Kris and Brad Carlson at krisbrad@svtvm.com or 648-3910 to offer your assistance.

Fruit Sales are scheduled to begin on Feb. 3 with orders due on Feb. 19 and delivery on Mar. 10. All students are involved in these sales with prizes awarded to the top salespersons! The class with top sales receives a pizza party for those in the class that participated. Elizabeth Janssen and Anita Eisenbeis are chairing this fundraiser. Students will receive order forms in school on February 3.

Schmeckfest Workers

Have you signed up to work at Schmeckfest? Freeman Academy's major fundraising event will be held on Mar. 19 & 20 and Mar. 26 & 27, 2010. The Freeman Academy Auxiliary plans and directs the activities held, but it takes the FA students, staff, parents, and the larger Freeman community to ensure a successful, enjoyable festival!

We need adults from each Freeman Academy family to help at least one day of each weekend. Opportunities are available in the kitchen, waiting on tables, or helping in demonstrations. Contact Vernetta Waltner, 925-4237, ext. 235 or vwaltner@freemanacademy.org for more information or to volunteer your time.

Students and staff are assigned specific job sites and shifts each of the four days of Schmeckfest. **Since this event helps reduce tuition costs, each student is responsible to work his/her shifts EACH DAY during EACH WEEKEND.**

Brochures are available in the school business office and at several businesses and the local banks. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.schmeckfesttickets.com.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

It's time for spring housecleaning of the Dining Hall kitchen in preparation for Schmeckfest. Please pick up baking dishes, etc. that were left in the kitchen from Yuletide Banquet. **They need to be claimed by March 1. Anything left will be donated to the Etc. Shoppe.**

Coaches Needed

The athletic department is in need of people interested in helping coach the following activities:

- assistant high school track
- assistant middle school track
- assistant golf

If you are interested, please contact Nathan Epp at 925-4237, ext. 233.

News from the Enrollment Office

Please welcome two new students to the Freeman Academy student body!

Amber Dissing, a freshman, joined Freeman Academy December 1, 2009. She is the daughter of Stan and Cyndi Dissing of Parker and has been home schooled prior to her enrollment at Freeman Academy.

Jun Lee is a sophomore from South Korea who resides on campus in the dorm. He began school with us on January 4 and had the opportunity to experience a nice South Dakota blizzard shortly after his arrival.



Music Notes

Pep Band

Pep Band is scheduled to play Friday, February 19.

Instrumental Contest

High school students are busy preparing for the high school instrumental solo and ensemble contest scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, at Vermillion High School.

Region I Vocal/Piano Contest

Each year the music department participates in the Small Group/Ensemble Vocal/Piano Contest facilitated by Region I. **The contest is held in Yankton, SD on February 10.** Each member of the HS Concert Choir will participate in at least one ensemble that day. Students also sign up to take a vocal or piano solo. This year we have approximately 23 vocal soloists, six piano soloists and eleven ensembles/groups participating. **After the schedule is finalized, parents will receive a letter regarding transportation to and from contest that will require a response.**

SDSU Choral Day, Mid-Winter Inservice

Elementary Festival Honors Choir

SDSU hosts an annual three-day mid-winter inservice in Brookings, SD. The conference is held February 11-13. In conjunction with the conference the **Elementary Festival Honors Choir**, under the direction of Ruth Dwyer, meets on **Thursday, February 11**, to rehearse and give a concert scheduled for **4:45 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on the SDSU campus.** Selection was based on a taped audition sent in October; 185 students were selected to participate. Five FA students will be participating in the Elementary Honors Choir: Polly Carlson, grade 6, daughter of Kris and Brad Carlson; Sarah Miller, grade 6, daughter of Jenelle and Craig Miller; Bethany Wollman, grade 6, daughter of Lois and Craig Wollman; Hannah Yoder, grade 6, daughter of Barb and Maynard Yoder; and Marissa Hofer, grade 5, daughter of Kristie and Wayne Hofer. This concert is open to the public.

Festival of Voices

A Festival of Voices will also take place on February 11, under the direction of Dr. Kevin Fenton and Dr. Steven Grives. Four FA students will participate in the festival choir: Carl Lehmann, Aaron Tschetter, Aprille Hofer and Brittney Ries. The concert will take place at the PAC at 7:30 pm.

Bierocks Bake Date—February 18

To help defray the costs of our choir trip, the **chamber choir** will once again be making Bierocks! Last year each member made two (2) recipes each and we sold all of our Bierocks. We will again ask each chamber choir member to bring two recipes to put together on February 18 in the Pioneer Hall Kitchen and Home Ec. Room. Parents are welcome to come and assist in the kitchens. It is a great time of fellowship and learning! Please find attached a letter and a recipe for these yummy morsels. Please call 925-4237, ext. 240 or email ahofer@freemanacademy.org should you have any questions.

South Dakota ACDA High School Honors Choir Audition Registration

Each year Juniors and Sophomores from across the state are invited to audition for the SD HS Honors Choir. This is a live audition scheduled for April 23 in Yankton, SD. Students are asked to prepare a solo, and a patriotic song. Also included in the audition are exercises in sight-singing, tonal memory and a music terminology exam. The registration due date is March 1. The registration form and check must be returned to Amy by **February 24.** Please find attached the audition form and a letter regarding this great event.

Studio Subscription Series

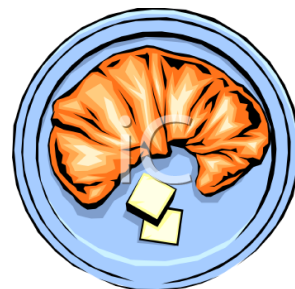
February 27, 7:00 p.m. Pioneer Hall

Willson and McKee are two voices with Hammer Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Celtic Harp, Accordion, Irish Bouzouki, Bodhran and Guitars! This duo has won four top honors at the International Songwriting Competition at the Milwaukee Irish Festival, the largest Irish festival in the world! Along with stellar songwriting skills, they showcase instrumental award winning talents such as the 2002 National Dulcimer Champion and many others. Blazing instrumentals, warm harmony vocals, and a lot of laughter complete the Willson & McKee experience.

This concert is open to the public and, as always, FA students receive free admission. Tickets for the event are \$12/adult and \$6/students (K-12). Admission price also includes a dessert reception.

Butterbraids for Sale

The chamber choir will be selling Butterbraids from February 16 – March 3 as a fundraiser to help finance the upcoming MSC trip. Butterbraids are delicious pastries, with a filling of your choice, topped with frosting. Butterbraids come frozen, are easy to thaw and pop in the oven. This year the price has increased to \$10/Butterbraid. Delivery is scheduled for the week of March 17-24.



Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

January

- 28 **Regional 1-Act @ Brandon**
- 28-30 **BBB TVC Tournament**
- 29 **No School, Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 10:00-6:00 DH**
- 30 All State Band Auditions
Pvt Res tba VisCtr

February

- 1 **Discovery Day, Grades 4 & 5, 10:00 - 3:30**
MS BBB v. Irene-Wakonda @ Irene, 6:00 pm
BBB @ Centerville 6:15 pm
Board Mtg 6:45 MH
- 2 Communications Mtg 10:00 am CH
- 3 **Fruit Sales Begin**
- 4-5 **No School, MSC Educators' Conference**
- 4-6 **State One-Act Play Competition @ Brandon**
- 4 BBB @ Wagner 6:30 pm
- 5 GBB/BBB (H) v. Viborg, JV's 5:00 pm
Pizza Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm DH
- 6 MS BBB Gayville-Volin Tournament tba
- 8 GBB @ Centerville 6:15 pm
BBB @ Flandreau Indian School 6:30 pm
Finance Comm. Mtg 7:30 pm MH
- 9 **Early Dismissal 2:50 pm, Staff Mtg 3:00 pm**
MS BBB (H) v. Gaville-Volin 6:30 pm
- 10 **Region I Vocal & Piano Contest, Yankton**
- 11 GBB v. Irene Wakonda @ Irene 6:15 pm
- 12 BBB v. Irene Wakonda @ Wakonda 6:15 pm
- 13 GBB/BBB @ Menno, JV's 4:30 pm

- 15 GBB/BBB @ Marion, JV's 5:00 pm
- 16 GBB @ Canistota 6:15 pm
- 17 Career Fair @ Cntrvle 9:00-11:00 am, Jrs & Srs
- 18 MS BBB (H) v. Centerville 6:30 pm
Bierock Baking DH & Home-Ec Rm
- 19 **Early Dismissal 12:30, NCA Work Day**
Fruit Sheets Due
GBB/BBB (H), JV's 5:00 pm
- 20 MS BBB FA Tournament 9:00 am
Dining Extravaganza 6:30 pm DH
- 21 Growing Dreams Waffle Feed tba DH
- 22 **GBB Districts @ Menno**
- 23 **Prayer Mtg 6:30 pm CH**
Board Mtg 7:00 pm MH
- 25-26 **GBB Districts @ Menno**
- 27 MS BBB TVC Tourney @ Gayville 9:00 am
SSS: Willson & McKee 7:30 pm PH

- 10 **Fruit picked up & delivered by students**
- 12 **FA Music @ Oakview 2:00 pm**
- 15 **Winter Sports Banquet 7:30 pm DH**

ADM	Administration (Classroom Building)
CH	Chapel
FH	Frontier Hall (dormitory)
MH	Music Hall
PH	Pioneer Hall
SH	Sterling Hall
VisCtr	Visitor Center
Arbor	Arboretum
Amph	Amphitheater

March

- 1 **End of 2nd Trimester**
- 1-3 **BBB Districts @ Freeman**
- 2 **No School, Teacher Work Day**
- 3 **Region I Instrumental Contest, Vermillion**
Third Trimester Begins
- 4-6 **MS & HS Regional NC-ACDA Honors Choir**
BBB Districts TBA
- 5-6 **MS All-State Band, Pierre**
- 6 **MS BBB Camp, grades 4 - 8, 9:00 - 12:00 SH**
Noodlemaking DH
- 8 **Development Mtg 7 pm MH**
- 9 **Early Dismissal 2:50 pm, Staff Mtg 3:00 pm**
Enrollment Steering Comm. Mtg 6:00 pm

Calendar Reminders

Jan. 29 — No School --
Parent/Student/Teacher
Conferences 10:00 a.m. –
6:00 p.m. - Dining Hall

Feb. 4 & 5 — No School --
Mennonite Education Conf.

Feb. 9 — Early Dismissal
2:50 p.m. - Staff Mtg.
3:00 p.m.

Feb. 19 — Early Dismissal
12:30 p.m. - NCA Work Day

Mar. 1 — End of Trimester

Mar. 2 — No School --
Teacher Work Day

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Juniors & Seniors

**A Career Fair is scheduled for Juniors and Seniors
in Centerville on February 17, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

Visit Freeman Academy's website for information on:

Scholarships

**College Scholarship information is located on the
Student Resources page of FA's website.**

**Fill out FAFSA forms for college financial aid
as soon as possible**