

News & Notes

Thank You, Freeman Academy Students



Be it parental influence, teacher instruction, or self-motivation, our students make it a pleasure to be a chaperone at school events. They genuinely strive to be their best in performance and behavior when representing Freeman Academy at music, sports events, field trips or choir tour.

I am grateful we have caring, involved parents who support their students. From the attire worn to the language spoken, we have a great group of students. Our students

proved themselves good representatives of the school at the girls district basketball games. During the game, I sat in a place where I could observe our crowd and students, and I was pleased by the behavior demonstrated by all, especially when provoked.

Thank you to parents, teachers, staff and students for the way you represent Freeman Academy!

Pam Tieszen

Grades 5-8 Vocal Solo Pre- Performance Days: April 14 & 16

Students in grades 5-8 will be presenting their solos to an adjudicator who will give them feedback on how to improve their solo for contest. This is an opportunity for the student to have an unbiased person listen and critique them as they prepare for the annual Tripp-Delmont elementary contest scheduled for May 7.

Please note the following expecta-

tions for presenting solos. Students should be dressed appropriately. Dresses are not required for the girls. No blue jeans or t-shirts for either boys or girls. Students should try to have the majority of their songs memorized to allow them to sing more freely. Thank you for your assistance in this.

Enclosures

- April Activity & Menu Calendars – subject to change
- February 1, 2010 Board Minutes



April 2010

Many people among us are full of hope. . . . These peacemakers are not waiting for The Big Powers to achieve The Peace. They know that peace begins in each of us, in our hearts and homes, and that peace, like love, is often hardest to achieve with those closest to us.

Pat Corrick Hinton

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8, NRSV

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Notes & Reminders



Severe Weather/ Tornado Info

April 26-30 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in South Dakota. Please speak with your children informing them what to do if they are at home and severe weather is predicted. Freeman Academy will be conducting a tornado drill

in conjunction with the statewide drills held that week.

Tissues Needed

In the March newsletter, we requested additional boxes of tissues for the classrooms. Thank you to those

who have dropped off another box or two. It is greatly appreciated by many noses. The supply is still rather small, so if you had intended to drop off a tissue box donation and forgot, please feel free to make your donation at the Academy Administration office or send them with your child. Thank you for helping the children and teachers with this necessity.

Congratulations 2009-10 FA Scholarship Winners

Sanctity of Life Scholarship sponsored by Kim and Loralie Kaufman: Bethany Wollman, daughter of Craig and Lois Wollman

Ed and Alma Preheim Scholarship: Jeffrey Preheim, son of Tyrone and Carolyn Preheim

Brockmueller Scholarship: Kristin Waltner, daughter of Don and Sonja Waltner; Aaron Tschetter, son of Gary Tschetter and Pam Tieszen

From the Development Office

Dear Parents,

DO YOU. . . Buy groceries, clothing, medical prescriptions, plants, gifts, dine at restaurants, etc.?

THEN . . . YOU could be using SCRIP!

I would like to invite your participation in an exciting new program that would contribute to Freeman Academy families' tuition. Freeman Academy is considering the implementation of "SCRIP," a fundraising program that partners with BOTH local and national businesses to assist families accumulate tuition dollars for their students. "SCRIP" is a term that means "substitute money." When "scrip" is purchased, it is used like a gift certificate or prepaid card, just like cash.

Because the "scrip" is purchased by Freeman Academy with cash up front, the participating retailers offer us a substantial discount. In turn, Freeman Academy can sell them to parents, friends, and alumni at **full face value**. The difference of the discount is money that would go to Freeman Academy, specifically for that family's tuition bill with a small percentage kept by the school for administrative costs.

We would be affiliated with a nation-wide company by the name of Great Lakes Scrip Center. This company acts on

behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of discounted gift cards (scrip) from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers.

It is very important to us at Freeman Academy to include local businesses in this venture since we are a partner in this community and want our retailers to maintain a strong presence. At this time, the following local businesses have agreed to participate: Fensel's Greenhouse, Geo's, Etc. Shoppe, Printed Impressions, Ampride, and Jamboree. We are also presenting the program to Freeman Shopping Center, Casey's, Heritage Pharmacy and Norm's Thrifty White Pharmacy.

All parents are invited to a meeting on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall to discuss this program, how it works, and the financial opportunities it can provide for families.

There will also be a time for questions. We will have copies of the retailers nationwide that participate and have "scrip" available for purchase. This will give you an opportunity to see what percentages of return the various companies provide for this program. More information can be found on the website: www.glscrip.com. Feel free to contact me on my cell phone, 605-321-7351, if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

Vernetta Waltner, Development Director

Music Notes



Pep Band

Pep Band Concert – Following the Middle School Spring Concert on Thursday, April 29, the pep band will present a concert playing some of their favorite songs from the basketball season. A freewill offering will be taken for instrumental

repair and future purchases of instruments. Weather permitting this portion of the concert will be outside with the band on the steps of Pioneer Hall. Bring lawn chairs to sit on! Refreshments will be served.

Practice Reminder

This time of year is especially busy for the instrumentalists in grades 5-8 as they are working on solos, small ensembles, and concert band music. All students are working on a solo and at least one ensemble. Thursday, April 29, the spring concert for grades 5-8 will include the 5th and 6th grade band and several of the ensembles that will perform at the solo and ensemble contest in Tripp, SD on Friday, May 7. Grades 7 and 8 will also perform in the concert band at Freeman Academy's high school concert on May 13. Parents, as you can see, it is really important for the middle school students to get their weekly 100 minutes of practice or more!

Region I Instrumental Contest Results

Twenty-five Freeman Academy high school instrumentalists participated in the annual Region I Instrumental Contest at Vermillion High School Wednesday, March 3. We took 27 events including 16 solos and 11 ensembles. The results included 25 superiors and two excellents.

Soloists receiving a superior rating – Kristin Waltner, flute; Makayla Epp, flute; Karina Ortman, oboe; Chris Miller, bassoon; Libby Waltner, bass clarinet; Carl Lehmann, alto saxophone; Ben Brockmueller, alto saxophone (I-); Aprille Hofer, trumpet (I-); Brittney Ries, trumpet; Lillie Koerner, French horn; Matthew Graber, French horn; Caroline Schrag, French horn (I-); Lea Graber, baritone; Ben Carlson, tuba.

Soloists receiving an excellent rating – Lea Graber, violin; Chelsea Wentz, tenor saxophone (II+).

Ensembles receiving a superior rating – flute duet:

Kristin Waltner and Makayla Epp; woodwind trio: Kristin Waltner, Karina Ortman, Lauren Unruh; woodwind quintet: Kristin Waltner, Karina Ortman, Lauren Unruh, Lillie Koerner, Chris Miller; clarinet quartet: Lauren Unruh, André Eisenbeis, Renae Carlson, Libby Waltner; alto saxophone duet (I-): Carl Lehmann and Ben Brockmueller; saxophone quartet (I-): Carl Lehmann, Ben Brockmueller, Chelsea Wentz, André Eisenbeis; French horn duet (I+): Caroline Schrag, Matthew Graber; brass quartet: Aprille Hofer, Sara Friesen, Lillie Koerner, Aaron Tschetter; brass quartet: Brittney Ries, Calvin Janssen, Caleb Epp, Christina Hofer; low brass quartet: Lea Graber, Alicia Hofer, Adam Unruh, Ben Carlson; brass choir (I-): Aprille Hofer, Sara Friesen, Brittney Ries, Caroline Schrag, Matthew Graber, Aaron Tschetter, Christina Hofer, Alicia Hofer, Lea Graber, Adam Unruh.

Soloists were accompanied on piano by Deb Schmeichel, Amy Hofer Vetch, Mavis Ortman, Emily Anderson, and Sonja Waltner. Janet Balzer assisted instrumental director, Donna Ries, during rehearsals.

Chamber Choir MSC Trip: April 7-12, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

Parents, please remember to return any signed forms to Amy Hofer Vetch by April 5. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call her at 925-4237, ext. 240.

South Dakota ACDA High School (Sophomores & Juniors) Honors Choir Auditions: Friday, April 23

Freeman Academy will transport participating students to the auditions with the school van unless other arrangements are made. At this writing no schedule has been received for that day. Information will be emailed when available.

Spring Concert Grades 5-8: Thursday, April 29

Grade 5-8 music classes will be presenting their spring concert on Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Groups will be sharing selections that are being prepared for the Tripp Elementary Instrumental and Vocal Contest the following week. Concert attire is required.

Boys: Dress pants, shirts and shoes. No T-shirts or athletic shoes.

Girls: Dresses/skirts - hemline at the knee or below. No spaghetti straps or strapless. Dress shoes - no flip flops.

Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

March

- 25-27 **All State Band @ Watertown**
- 26-27 **Schmeckfest**
- 30 Dan Lennon Track Meet @ Vermillion
- 31 MS I/W Quiz Bowl @ Irene 3:15

April

- 1 Small Schools Golf Invite-Yankton 8:30
- 2 **No School, Good Friday**
- 3 Pvt Reserv VisCtr 3:00
- 5 **School resumes**
Early Dismissal 2:50
Staff Mtg 3:00 MH
- 6 Communications Meeting 10:00 CH
FA Golf Meet 1:00
Turner County Relays-Centerville 3:00
- 7 MSC Choir leaves after school
- 8 Service Day for HS students (tent)
Scotland JH Track Meet 3:30
- 9 **No School**
FHS Golf 10:00
- 9-12 **MSC Music Festival, Kitchener, Ontario**
- 9-12 Int'l Students trip to Black Hills
- 12 **No School**
- 13 School resumes
Irene/Wak Golf Invite @Irene 2:00
Centerville Relays and JH Track 12:30
- 14-17 PH reserved for Juniors
- 15 Menno relays w/ JH 9:30
Pvt Reserv FH 7:00

- 16 **JR/SR Banquet PH**
- 17 Pvt Res. Vis Ctr evening
- 18 **SSS Eugenio Zapata, pianist 7:00 p.m. PH**
- 19 **Third Trimester Midterm**
Parent Scrip Info Mtg 7:30 DH
- 20 Finance Meeting 8:00 MH
- 22 Flyer Track Invite @ Freeman 11:00
- 23 **Early Dismissal 12:50 NCA workday**
NE Comm. College Jazz Band 9:00 PH
Scot/Prkstn Golf tentative
Honors Choir Aud. @ Yankton
- 24 Pvt Reserv VisCtr ~ afternoon
- 24-26 Senior skip
- 25 Alumni Event @Mercy Church SF 4-6 p.m.
- 26 FA JV Golf Meet 4:00
Prayer Mtg 6:30 CH
Board Mtg 7:00 MH
- 27 TVC JH Track Mt @ Centerville TBA
Baltic Golf Invite @ Renner 9:00
Reg I Spring Music Mtg @ Yankton
- 29 **5th-8th Spring Concert w/ 7th-12th Pep Band**
Concert 7:30 PH
- 30 FA @ Oakview 2:00
- 30 Howard Wood Relays SF

- 6 ESC Meeting Meeting 7:30 AM Lib
TVC Golf Meet @ Yankton 9:00
- 6-8 **All State Jazz Band in Aberdeen**
- 7 **Tripp Music Contest 5th-8th Grades**
Bon Homme Vrsty Golf Meet 9:30
- 8 JH Relays @ Yankton 9:30
Step Forward Dinner PH 6:45

- 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

May

- 1 Howard Wood Relays SF
Parker Relays 9:00
- 2 **SSS Sioux Empire Brass PH TBA**
- 3 Wizard Relays - JH @ Freeman 4:00
Development Comm. Mtg 7:00 MH
- 4 Communication Meeting 10:00 CH
Don Diede Relays @ Freeman 1:00

Calendar Reminders

- April 2 No School – Good Friday
- April 5 School Resumes
2:50 Dismiss
3:00 Staff Meeting
- April 9-12 No School
- April 19 3rd Trimester Mid-term
Parent Scrips Info Mtg.
7:30 DH
- April 23 12:50 Dismissal -
NCA Work Day
- April 29 Grade 5-8 Spring Concert
w/ Grade 7-12 Pep Band
Concert 7:30 p.m.

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Studio Subscription Series

Eugenio Zapata: Sunday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Pioneer Hall

The title of the show is "Beyond Boundaries." The show integrates piano music with dance, photography, video, animation, poetry, and historical perspectives of the works performed. Tickets for the event are \$12/adult and \$6/student (K-12). Freeman Academy students attend for free. As with the other concerts, a reception will take place after the concert.