

News & Notes



To Call or not to Call

The decision to call off school due to winter weather conditions is not a simple decision. First, my goal is to keep everyone safe. Second, tuition dollars go toward providing a solid education, and I wish to use these funds astutely. Third, you should know that I enjoy my time away from school as much as the next person. When it is snowing, blowing, extremely cold, icy or generally inclement, the decision to have school isn't meant to be malicious toward anyone. We try to maintain schedules to the best of our ability while trying to guess what the weather might do.

The process includes a joint decision between the board chair, Myles Brockmueller, and me. If we make a daytime decision, there are many contributors who weigh in: students, staff, parents and coaches. If we make an early morning call, Don Carrier, custodian provides road information. Both Myles and Don

venture out on the roads to determine if roads are passable and have safe visibility. Early morning calls start at 5:00 a.m. followed by calls to the staff and announcements to all the news agencies.

If at any time you feel road conditions are becoming unsafe for your child to travel, call the office and we will send them home or you may come get them. Likewise, if we have decided to have school and you are unable to get to school or feel it is unsafe, you can make the decision to keep your child home without an unexcused absence.

I take the safety of our students and staff seriously. This includes asking students to go home instead of staying in town when we have called off for the day. Wearing seatbelts, clearing windows and driving carefully are imperative this time of year.

Safe Travels!

Pam Tieszen



January 2010

His name shall be
the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored.

John Morison

Mary will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him
the name Jesus,
because he will save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21, NIV, adapted

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Notes & Reminders

Business Office Hours

Freeman Academy's Business Office will be open limited hours during the Christmas break so that staff may spend time with family and friends. If you are planning to stop in, please call ahead (605-925-4237) to ensure someone is available to assist you.



Booster Club Fundraisers

Pork Loin BBQ will be held **Tuesday, January 12**, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Parents will be needed to assist with serving and clean-up. Contact Krista Graber (925-4736) to offer your services.

The Booster Club has not picked any specific projects for this school year. One suggestion is to assist with debt reduction on Sterling Hall loan.

Pizza Night will feature Ampride Take & Bake Pizza on **Friday, February 5**, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Kris & Brad Carlson will be coordinating workers. Please contact them at krisbrad@svtv.com or 648-3910. More information about pre-orders will be in the February newsletter.

Tuition Reduction Hours

The second quarter of the fiscal year is almost over. Please turn in to the office by January 11 any hours you have worked. If you have not turned in any hours yet, please do so at this time. Thanks.

Anita Neufeld

Parents of 10th-11th Grade Students

The PSAT/NMSQT results arrived at the school in December. The student reports were handed out in class. The school is also given a copy of the test results. If you have any questions about the results or if the report didn't make it home, please let me know.

Nathan Epp

Dining Extravaganza

Ticket Order Form

Please send this order form and payment to:

Dining Extravaganza, Freeman Academy
PO Box 1000, Freeman, SD 57029
(605)925-4237

Please indicate with whom you might like to be seated.

Tickets are nonrefundable.

An elegant dinner featuring the culinary arts of local gourmet cooks.

Saturday, February 20, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

A fund-raiser for Freeman Academy - \$45 per person, advance sale only

Limited seating and tickets available.

Tickets will be mailed out 2 weeks prior to the event.

Gift certificates available for Christmas giving!

- Cheese Sampler - Jill Hofer
- Lomillo Rellano (Stuffed Pork Loin) & Arroz con Habichuelas (Red Beans & Rice) - Cindy Graber
- Prime Rib - Glenn Wollman
- Lamb Samosa - Kim Fischer Jones
- Country Style Potatoes - June Pullman
- Hors d'oeuvres - David Friesen
- Assorted Breads - Jenelle Miller
- Cheesecake with Raspberry Topping, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Decadence Dessert - Patti Graber
- Chocolate Candies - Dorothy Preheim
- Coffees - Et Cetera Shoppe & Global Gifts
- Artists - Jeri Butkus, Michelle Hofer, Susan Schmeichel, LaVerne Waltner, Tim Waltner, Erin Wollmann

_____ Tickets @	\$45.00 each =	_____	
Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email:	

Music Notes



Pep Band

The FA Pep Band will be playing at most of the home basketball games. Pep band is a performance requirement of band students so parents

must notify Mrs. Ries at least 24 hours in advance, more if possible, if their child will not be at the game. Exceptions include illness and emergencies. Let's support our teams!

January 5 (Girls)
January 9 (Girls)
January 12 (Double Header)
January 19 (Boys)
January 26 (Double Header)
February 19 (Double Header)

Parents or Alumni – If you are interested in playing your instrument on double header nights, please talk to Donna, 925-4237, #242.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 24 - Instrumental Groups @ Salem Zion Mennonite Church
January 30 – High School All-State Band Auditions
March 3 – Instrumental Contest

FA Students Selected for Jr. High Honors Choir

Congratulations to the following students for being selected into the South Dakota American Choral Directors Association Jr. High Honors Choirs. Mixed Choir: Gabriél Eisenbeis, grade eight, son of Anita and Tim Eisenbeis; Matthew Graber, freshman, son of Robin and Kerwin Graber; Christopher Miller, freshman, son of Jenelle and Craig Miller; and Lea Graber, freshman, daughter of Krista and Stewart Graber. Women's Choir: Caroline Schrag, freshman, daughter of Eloise Schrag and Dennis Lehmann; and Clara Koerner, grade seven, daughter of Suzanne and Todd Koerner.

Students in grades seven, eight, and nine across South Dakota were invited to send in audition tapes/CDs in early October. Audition requirements included an a capella (unaccompanied) recording of a scale, a patriotic song, and a portion of another song.

Five hundred twenty-two auditions were submitted and 173 students were selected. This year the honors choir event will be held in Sioux Falls, SD on January 22 -23, 2010. Students will be under the direction of Dr. Matthew Harden from the University of Nebraska (Mixed) and Dr. Mary Kay Geston from Northwestern College (Women). The performance will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church, 327 S. Dakota Avenue, is the concert venue. The concert is open to the public with an admission fee of \$5.

Church Visits

The **Chamber Choir** will share in worship at the Missionary Church in Freeman, Sunday, January 17. Worship service is at 10:45 a.m.

The **Freeman Academy Music Department** will participate in worship at the Salem-Zion (North) Mennonite Church, rural Freeman, on January 24. Students should arrive at 9:30 a.m. to warm up for the 10:30 a.m. service.

Students should wear concert attire for both performances.

Solo/Ensemble Vocal and Piano Contest - February 10, Yankton, SD

Each year the FA music department participates in the vocal and instrumental solo/ensemble contests. The vocal/piano contest is held in February and the instrumental contest is held in March. Students are encouraged to take vocal, instrumental and piano solos. All choir members will be involved in at least one ensemble, which is part of the requirements for participation in the high school concert choir. During the month of January we will be preparing for this event.

Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

December

- 22 Prayer Mtg 6:30 CH
Board Mtg 7:00 MH
- 23 Early Dismissal 12:00
- 24 Christmas Vacation Begins-No School
- 24-25 Pvt Res all day FH
- 26 Pvt Res 5:00-11:00 pm FH
Pvt Res 5:00-10:00 pm VisCtr
- 28 Alumni BB Game 7:00 pm SH

January

- 4 School Resumes
Joseph kid's auditions 5:00-8:00 pm MH
- 5 GBB (H) v Dakota Christian 6:15 pm
- 7 BBB @ Andes Central 6:30 pm
- 8 Early Dismissal 12:30 NCA Work Day
7/8 BBB @ Gayville 4:00 pm
- 8-9 Joseph adult auditions 7:00 pm MH
- 9 GBB (H) Mitchell Christian 6:30 pm
- 11 7/8 BBB @Viborg 6:30 pm
Joseph call backs 7:30 pm MH
- 12 Early Dismissal 2:50 pm,
Staff Mtg 3:00 pm
GBB/BBB (H) v. Marion, JV's 5:00 pm
Pork BBQ 5:00-8:00 DH
- 14 Mid-Term of 2nd Trimester
Enrollment Steering Comm. Mtg 7:30 am Library
Communications Mtg 9:00 am CH
- 14-16 GBB TVC Tournament TBA
- 16 7/8 BBB Alcester Tournament

- 17 Chamber Choir @ Missionary Church
MCC Alumni Event 6:00-10 pm DH
- 18 GBB/BBB (H) v. Baltic, JV's 5:00 pm
Growing Dreams Chili Supper 5:00-8:00 pm DH
- 19 BBB (H) v. Canistota 6:15 pm
- 22 GBB/BBB @ Centerville, JV's 5:00 pm
- 22-23 JH Honors Choir @ Sioux Falls
- 24 FA @ Salem Zion Mennonite Church
- 25 7/8 BBB @ Alcester 6:00 pm
Prayer Mtg 6:30 CH
Board Mtg 7:00 pm MH
- 26 GBB/BBB (H) v. Ethan, JV's 4:30 pm
- 28 Regional 1-Act @ Brandon
- 28-30 BBB TVC Tournament TBA
- 29 No School, Parent/Teacher/Student Confer-
ences 10:00-6:00 DH
- 30 All-State Band Auditions
- 31 Board & Staff Christmas Gathering (tentative)

February

- 1 Discovery Day!
7/8 BBB v. Irene-Wakonda @ Irene, 7:00 pm
- 4-5 No School, MSC Educators' Conference
- 4 BBB @ Wagner 6:30 pm
- 5 GBB/BBB (H) v. Viborg, JV's 5:00 pm
Pizza Night 5:00-8:00 DH
- 6 7/8 BBB Gayville-Volin Tournament
- 8 BBB @ Flandreau Indian School 6:30 pm
- 9 Early Dismissal 2:50 pm, Staff Mtg 3:00 pm
7/8 BBB (H) v. Gayville-Volin 6:30 pm
- 10 Region I Vocal & Piano Contest, Yankton

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

Calendar Reminders

Dec 24 - Jan 1

Christmas Break - No School

January 4

School Resumes

January 8

Early Dismissal 12:30 - NCA
Work Day

January 12

Early Dismissal 2:50 - Staff
Mtg. 3:00

January 14

Mid-Term

January 29

No School - Parent/Student/
Teacher Conferences

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