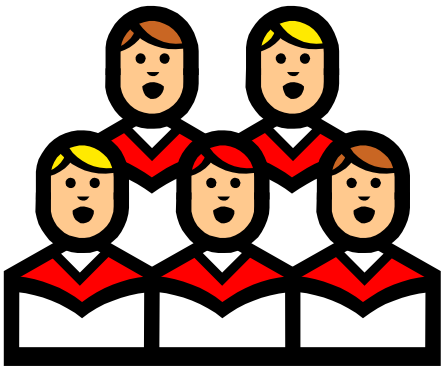




News & Notes

Nine Freeman Academy Students Selected for Honors Choir!



The 36th annual South Dakota High School Honors Choir has been selected. The 150-voice choir consists of high school singers who have finished grades 10 and 11. Nine Freeman Academy students were selected and invited to participate after auditioning in April: André Eisenbeis, son of Anita and Tim Eisenbeis; Caleb Epp, son of Beth and John Epp; Alicia Hofer, daughter of Marnette and Todd Hofer; Aprille Hofer, daughter of Sylvia

and Merlin Hofer; Carl Lehmann, son of Eloise Schrag and Dennis Lehmann; Karina Ortman, daughter of Lori and Mark Ortman; Aaron Tschetter, son of Pam Tieszen and Gary Tschetter; Lauren Unruh, daughter of Sharla and James Unruh; and Kristin Waltner, daughter of Sonja and Don Waltner.

The face-to-face audition consists of a prepared solo, sight singing, tonal memory, a patriotic song and a music terminology test. Students from across South Dakota participate in these auditions. Approximately 342 students auditioned across the state and 150 were selected.

The choir will be under the direction of Carol Tralau, Director of Music at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, IA, and an instructor of voice for approximately 30 high school students. Honors Choir members will convene Sunday, July 26, at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD to begin a week-long camp of rehearsals. The week will culminate in a concert open to the public Friday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Enclosures

- July-August Activity Calendars – subject to change
- 2009-10 School Supply List
- Edward & Alma Preheim Scholarship Application Form
- Sanctity of Life Scholarship Application Information
- Gordon & Shirley Brockmueller Scholarship Application Information
- Turner County Fair Taco Stand Information—back pg of newsletter



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We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the world there is no other child exactly like you; . . . and when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must cherish one another. You must work - we must all work - to make this world worthy of its children.

Pablo Casals

Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:36-37, NRSV, adapted

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Notes & Reminders

school, the students may need to wait a few days until their account can be set up which will affect their class participation, homework, etc.

These documents will also be available on our web site: www.freemanacademy.org. Simply go to: <http://www.freemanacademy.org/studentresources.html>.

Announcements about Registration, Fee Statements and Tuition Reduction

Registration materials, fee statements, and the new Tuition Reduction Opportunities list should have arrived separately from the newsletter. Please be aware of the due dates and available appointment dates with Anita.

This year the Tuition Reduction option takes on significant change due to our fiscal restraints in reaching a balanced budget. We strongly encourage you to forego tuition reduction hours, if possible, in order to help us balance the budget. Many hours have been eliminated on this year's listing; please read it carefully for changes if you plan to participate in the program.

—Pam Tieszen

2009-2010 Registration

High school class registration forms and other important release/consent forms were mailed in separate packets to your homes. Please sit down with your student(s) and complete all forms returning them to the office by **July 15**.

All release forms need to be signed and submitted to the office prior to student computer accounts being activated for the next school year. This includes medical release forms, student handbook acknowledgement, etc. Be sure to **read all** information and **complete all** signature pages (some may be on the reverse of the document or on the back page, etc.) **All release forms (grades 5 – 12) are due in the office by July 15.** This is very important since your child(ren) will likely need computer access the first day of school. If students' forms are not returned until the first day of

Athletic Physicals

All athletes (grades 5-12) are required to submit a completed physical exam form to the athletic director, Nathan Epp, prior to their first sports practice. Forms are available in the FA administration office and at the Freeman Rural Medical Clinic.

You may call the clinic, 925-4219, to set individual appointments and **should tell them it is for an athletic physical.** If you are not planning to participate in a fall sport but do plan to participate in a winter and/or spring sport, you may still schedule your physical this summer and turn the completed form to the office.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE:

Fee Statements

The 2009-2010 fee statements were mailed on June 19, 2009. Please look over the statement and decide what payment plan works the best for you. Church tuition grants are undetermined at this time. Financial Aid money may be determined by the end of June. Please call ahead to make your appointment or to make sure Anita Neufeld is available.

Delta Dental

In the past you have received Delta Dental brochures from FA enabling you to sign up for their School Dental Accident Plan. Delta Dental is no longer sending brochures to the schools for distribution in the back-to-school packets. They are still offering the Dental Accident Plan but applications will be available online at the Delta Dental website, www.deltadentalsd.com. Also, renewals will still be sent directly to individuals currently enrolled in the plan.

Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

July

- 4 Pvt Reserv ~ Rose Garden ~ Evening
- Pvt Reserv ~ DH ~ Noon
- 6 Noodlemaking ~ DH
- 6-7 GBB Mitchell Team Camp
- 8 Enrollment Steering Comm. ~ CH ~ 1:00
- 13 Pvt Reserv ~ VisCtr ~ Evening
- 13-17 FA Soccer Camp
- 18 Pvt Reserv ~ DH ~ Morning
- 24-25 MinnKota Sale @ Sioux Falls
- 26-31 HS Honors Choir in Aberdeen
- 30 Board Mtg ~ MH ~ 7:00
- 31 FA Class of '59 ~ Vis Ctr ~ Evening

- 21 JV & V Soccer @ Hot Springs
- 22 V Soccer @ Custer
- 23 Opening Convocation ~ PH ~ 7:30
- 25 V Soccer v Groton ~ Home
- 24-26 Staff In-Service Days
- 27 First Day of School
- 29 JV & V Soccer @ Mitchell

August

- 1 FA Class of '49 ~ FH ~ 11:00 – 3:00
- FA Class of '84 ~ Vis Ctr. ~ noon - pm
- Alumni Banquet ~ DH ~ 6:30
- 6-8 Pvt. Reserv ~ PH & DH Kitchen
- 8 Pvt. Reserv ~ Vis Ctr. ~ 5 – 8 pm
- 9 Pvt. Reserv ~ Vis Ctr. ~ 10 am – 6 pm
- 10 Soccer Practice Begins
- 17 Cross Country & Volleyball Practices Begin
- 17-20 Turner County Fair

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

Calendar Reminders

- August 17 – 20 Turner County Fair – Parent & Student Assistance Needed
- August 23 Opening Convocation
- August 27 First Day of School!
- September 3 School Pictures Taken of All Students

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Alumni Banquet 2009

Alumni Banquet 2009 will be held on Saturday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall Dining Hall. Featured speaker is Corey Miller (FA'84, FJC'86), lead pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church for 11 years. His address is titled "Pioneers on the Prairie." Corey received his BS at Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS and graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1998 with a Master of Divinity. He lives with wife, Nancy, and daughters, Hannah (12) and Rachel (9) in the church parsonage near Newton, KS.

2009 Freeman Academy graduates receive a 50% discount on their tickets for this event and are encouraged to attend! Other honored classes include those from 1934, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1984, and 1999.

Advance reservations are needed. Tickets are \$15 each (\$7.50 for 2009 grads!). Please contact Anita Neufeld at the Freeman Academy business office by e-mailing aneufeld@freemanacademy.org or calling 605-925-4237, ext. 223 by July 24, 2009.