



News & Notes

Current Staff Changes for the 2009-2010 School

Daniel Armindo's IVEP term ended in Freeman at the end of our school year. On May 23, Daniel left for Akron, PA to work at the MCC Volunteer Center until his term is complete. He will return home to Mozambique in July. We are grateful for having the opportunity to get to know Daniel this past year.



Lance Friesen is also leaving at the end of this year for a position with the Mount Marty basketball team and graduate school. The social studies position and the Bible position are being combined in an effort to reduce an FTE (Full Time Equivalent) to meet budget for the 2009-10 school year. This position has been offered to Dennis Schrock. We want to acknowledge Lance's years of service in the classroom, on the basketball court, and with track and field. His skills will be missed by staff and students. Thank you, Lance.

Pam Tieszen

Ribs at the Ranch – Ribfest 2009! How can you help?

Join us for the second annual ribfest on the Pioneer Hall parking lot at Freeman Academy on Saturday, June 27! The event will be bigger and better than last year with various activities planned throughout the day. The inaugural "Running of the Pigs" fun run/walk will be held in the Prairie Arboretum with registration at 7:30 a.m. A car show will be featured from 12:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Don Kaufman at 605-460-0042 or 605-925-7345 for more information or to enter a car. Various children's activities are planned from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. **If you could assist with any of the areas in this event, please contact Vernetta Waltner at 605-321-7351 or vwaltner@freemanacademy.org.**
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June 2009

To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, . . . is to succumb to violence. . . . The frenzy of the activist neutralizes his work for peace. It destroys his own inner capacity for peace.

Thomas Merton

So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God.
Hebrews 4:9, NRSV

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Ribs at the Ranch — Ribfest 2009

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Area specialty chefs will compete for prizes in a barbecue rib “cook-off” contest in the Pioneer Hall parking lot. The public is invited to observe the chefs in action anytime throughout the afternoon! Official judging will take place in the late afternoon, with meals served to the public from 4:30-9:00 p.m. Ribs, 1919 keg root beer, lemonade, ice tea, homemade ice cream, and other side dishes will be sold ala carte.

Enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening – a local DJ spinning “discs” from the 60’s and 70’s, Ben Harder’s Bluegrass Band, Freeman Academy Alumni aka “The Church Road Bandits,” and other local vocal groups featuring gospel and folk music.

Be sure to witness our “Kiss the Pig” contest announcement! During the two weeks prior to Ribs at the

Ranch, the public will have the opportunity to “vote” for their favorite candidate by placing coins or cash into designated jars located at all three Freeman banks! The contestant who has accumulated the most money, to be donated to the Freeman Community Foundation, will be the victor. This year’s contestants are Bob Pidde, Jim Haar, Ted Hofer and Gladys Simantel. The lucky winner of our “Kiss the Pig” contest will be named at 8:30 p.m. and will meet his/her pig of the evening!

Everyone is invited for a summer evening of succulent foods and entertainment! Proceeds from Ribs at the Ranch will go to the Sterling Hall Building Fund. For more information or to register as a cooking contestant, contact Vernetta Waltner, 605-321-7351 or vwaltner@freemanacademy.org or visit www.freemanacademy.org/ribsattheranch.html for registration information.



Freeman Academy Middle School Shines at Elementary Music Contest

The Freeman Academy Middle School, grades 5-8, participated in the annual Tripp-Delmont Elementary Music Contest on Friday, May 1, 2009. The FA music department took 68 entries. The results of the day were 18 Superior Plus, 42 Superior, 3 Superior Minus, 1 Excellent Plus, and 4 Excellent ratings.

Superior Plus Ratings: Olivia Boese – Timpani; Ben Brockmueller – Alto Saxophone; Christopher Butkus – Vocal; Ben Carlson – Tuba; Polly Carlson – Flute; Ian Hofer – Vocal; Christopher Miller – Bassoon; Brooklyn Ries – Trumpet; Brennan Waltner – Vocal and Baritone (Euph); 5th-6th Mixed Vocal Ensemble; 5th-6th Boys Vocal Ensemble; 5th-6th Vocal Trio – Olivia Boese, Clara Koerner, Brooklyn Ries; 5th-6th Mixed Instrumental Ensemble – Polly Carlson, Sarah Miller, Hannah Yoder; 7th-8th Mixed Vocal Ensemble A; 7th-8th Mixed Vocal Ensemble B; 7th-8th Horn Ensemble – Matthew Graber, Caroline Schrag; and 7th-8th Saxophone Ensemble – Ben Brockmueller, Chelsea Wentz.

Superior Ratings: Darby Arbach – Snare Drum; Olivia Boese – Vocal; Christopher Butkus – Alto Saxophone; Polly Carlson – Vocal; Gabriél Eisenbeis – Vocal and Flute; Emily Epp – Vocal, Horn and Violin; Matthew Graber – Vocal and Horn; Cole Hofer – Trombone; Meghan Hofer – Clarinet; Calvin Janssen – Trumpet; Clara Koerner – Vocal and Bass Clarinet; Christopher Miller – Vocal; Sarah Miller – Vocal and Clarinet; Brooklyn Ries – Vocal; Caroline Schrag – Vocal and

Horn; Chelsea Wentz – Vocal and Tenor Saxophone; Bethany Wollman – Vocal and Trombone; Hannah Yoder – Vocal and Oboe; Noah Yoder – Vocal; 5th-6th Girls Vocal Ensemble; 5th-6th Vocal Duet – Sarah Miller, Bethany Wollman; 5th-6th Brass Ensemble – Brennan Waltner, Bethany Wollman; 5th-6th Clarinet Ensemble – William Janssen, Clara Koerner, Sarah Miller; 5th-6th Trumpet Ensemble – Ian Hofer, Brooklyn Ries; 5th-6th Mixed Instrumental – Christopher Butkus, Emily Epp; 5th-6th Other Instrumental – Clara Koerner, Brooklyn Ries, Brennan Waltner; 5th-6th Other Instrumental – Polly Carlson, Hannah Yoder; 7th-8th Girls Vocal Ensemble; 7th-8th Boys Vocal Ensemble; 7th-8th Percussion Ensemble – Darby Arbach, Olivia Boese; 7th-8th Mixed Instrumental Ensemble – Ben Brockmueller, Christopher Miller, Chelsea Wentz; and 7th-8th Other Instrumental Ensemble – Gabriél Eisenbeis, Meghan Hofer, Noah Yoder.

Superior Minus Ratings: Olivia Boese – Snare Drum; Ian Hofer – Trumpet; William Janssen – Vocal.

Excellent Plus Rating: 7th-8th Brass Ensemble – Ben Carlson, Matthew Graber, Cole Hofer, Calvin Janssen, Caroline Schrag.

Excellent Ratings: Darby Arbach – Vocal; Meghan Hofer – Vocal; William Janssen – Clarinet; Noah Yoder – Clarinet.

Instructors for the 5th-8th grade music departments are Donna Ries and Amy Hofer Vetch. Private instructors include Dan Graber, Sonja Waltner, Nicolle Hofer Timmerman, Beth Preheim, and Jordan Ortman.



Notes & Reminders

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid application deadline is June 1, 2009.

Packets may be completed through our FACTS program or picked up in the office.

Tuition Reduction Hours

Tuition Reduction Hours for the 2008-09 school year need to be turned in by June 26, 2009. If you are helping with a project that will not be done by June 26, please contact Anita (925-4237, #223) to see what can be worked out.

2009/2010 Registration

High school class registration forms and other important student/parent/guardian release/consent forms will be mailed to your homes in the next couple of weeks. Please sit down w/your student(s) and complete all forms returning them to the office by **July 1**.

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. All release forms (grades 5 – 12) are **due in the office by July 1**. This is very important since your child(ren) will likely need computer access the first day of school. If students' forms are not turned in until the first day of 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.

Directory Information

Work on the 2009-10 student/family directory will begin this summer. Please notify Cindy Boese of any changes in address, phone number, e-mail or home church. E-mail addresses that have been given to the office will again be published in the directory. If your e-mail address was not published last year and you would like it included this year, please e-mail this request to Cindy via e-mail, cboese@freemanacademy.org by July 1. If you do not want your e-mail address published in the directory, please inform Cindy of this as well by July 1.

Parents of Choir Members

Chamber Choir auditions will be held in early Fall for the 2009-2010 school year. Seniors who are Concert Choir members are included in the Chamber Choir without audition. Juniors, sophomores and freshmen must try out for the remaining spots. We plan to attend the Mennonite Secondary Council Choir Festival in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada next year and all members will need to have a passport by that time.

We would suggest that seniors acquire passports and underclassmen obtain information about a passport during the summer months by inquiring at the U.S. Post Office about forms and requirements.

Summer Athletic Schedule – Weight Room & Sports Camps

The weight room will be open starting the week of June 1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The girls will lift from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and the boys will lift from 7:00-8:00 p.m.. In addition, the girls will have open gym following weight room on Mondays and the boys will also have open soccer field following weight room on Mondays.

Girls BB team camps will be held June 13 and 14 at University of South Dakota and July 6 and 7 at Dakota Wesleyan University. Contact Nathan for details.

FA girls BB camp will be held June 29, 30 and July 1 in Sterling Hall. Girls in grades 5-7 (2009-10 school year) will meet from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Girls in grades 8-12 will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. No charge.

FA soccer camp for any boys or girls in grades 6-12 planning to play soccer will be held July 13-16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. No charge.

Contact Nathan Epp at 925-7511 for more information on girls basketball and soccer camps.

Boys Bobcat Basketball Camp led by Lance Friesen will be held June 8-11. See the enclosure for registration information.

Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

May

26 FACC Musical ~ PH
 26-30 Driver's Education Classroom Days
 29-30 **State Track Meet @ Rapid City**
 31 Pvt Reserv. ~ Vis Ctr ~ 12:00-5:00

June

6 Kansas Mennonite Men Concert ~ PH ~ 7:30
 8-11 BBB Camp, 9-12 gr ~ SH ~ 6 pm – 8 pm
 10 Communications Mtg ~ CH ~ 10:00
 Enrollment Steering Comm Mtg ~ CH ~ 1:00
 13-14 GBB Team Camp @ USD
 18-21 Central Plains Menn. Church Conference
 Mtgs on campus
 25 Prayer Mtg ~ CH ~ 6:30
 Board Mtg ~ MH ~ 7:00
 27 Ribs at the Ranch
 29-7/1 GBB Camp, 5-7 gr: 4-5:30; 8-12 gr: 6-8 pm

July

4 Pvt Reserv. ~ Arboretum/Rose Garden
 Pvt Reserv ~ DH
 6-7 GBB Mitchell Team Camp
 13-17 FA Soccer Camp ~ 7 pm—8:30 pm
 24-25 MinnKota Sale @ Sioux Falls
 26-31 HS Honors Choir in Aberdeen
 31 FA Class of '59 ~ Vis Ctr ~ Evening

August

1 Alumni Banquet ~ DH ~ 6:30
 FA Class of '49 ~ FH ~ 11:00 – 3:00
 FA Class of '84 ~ Vis Ctr. ~ noon - pm
 7-8 Pvt. Reserv. ~ PH
 8 Pvt. Reserv. ~ Vis Ctr. ~ 5 – 8 pm
 9 Pvt. Reserv. ~ Vis Ctr. ~ 10 am – 6 pm
 10 Soccer Practice Begins (tentative)
 17 Cross Country & Volleyball Practices Begin
 17-20 Turner County Fair
 24-26 Staff In-Service Days
 27 First Day of School

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

- August 17 – 20 Turner County Fair – Parents' Assistance Needed
- August 27 - First Day of School!
- September 3 School Pictures Taken of 5 - 11 Grade Students

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FA Website Update

The Freeman Academy Website is taking shape and provides numerous resources for students, parents, staff, and alumni. Peruse the site and look for winning senior Mennonite Central Committee Essays, found on the English Page and photo prints of *Fiddler on the Roof* created and sold by Lois Wollman, located on the Theatre Page. Schedules and calendars are also updated monthly, including the chapel schedule, monthly newsletter, lunch menu, and *Focus* newsletter. Look for updates on athletic contest results. Report all website problems to Nicolle Hofer Timmerman, nhtimmerman@freemanacademy.org.

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