

News & Notes

Changes

Another year is nearly gone. Seniors anxiously plan for graduation and post-graduate education. It has been a magnificent year for all involved. I am extremely proud of what Freeman Academy provides for its students - a safe learning environment with attentive teachers and staff. Many helping hands, donations, and prayers from our constituents also support these graduates.

As my first full school year as administrator comes to an end, I need to plan for the upcoming year and what changes need to be made. I believe that we can strive for even higher levels of achievement in our academic program. While enrollment and finances are perennial concerns, God is gracious and generous and has demonstrated His love for Freeman Academy and its mission through years of plenty and years of need. When we are faithful, He does not abandon us.



Changes for the 2009-10 school year will challenge all of us to accept new-found ways to address the needs of the school. Rising tuition and changes in our volunteer program will require parents to rethink priorities and how time and money is spent. Teachers and staff will sacrifice salary increases and retirement benefits. We face these hardships to focus on what is really important for our children. The growth that we experience from these changes will make us stronger and produce graduates with the ability to function as spiritual, responsible, educated citizens of our world.

Pam Tieszen

Enclosures

- **May Activity & Menu Calendars – subject to change**
- **2009/10 Tuition & Fees w/ Financial Aid Info on Reverse Side**
- **Letter for Parents of Graduates (Seniors and Eighth Grade)**
- **February 24, 2009 Board Minutes**
- **Tripp-Delmont Music Contest Parent Letter (Fifth through Eighth Grade) - *Responses needed by Thursday, 4/30.***
- **Declam Parent Letter (Fifth through Eighth Grade)**



**May
2009**

The only way to enact changes of opinion for peace and progress is through education and long-range peaceful settlements.

These may take longer, but they do not take lives.

*Jeanette Rankin,
the lone U.S. Congress member
who voted against
entering World War II*

Blessed are they who keep the Lord's statutes and seek Him with all their heart.

Psalm 119:2, NIV, adapted

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Notes & Reminders

Important for Parents of Graduates in Grades 8 and 12!

Reserved seating is available for parents and unmarried siblings of graduates for the graduation ceremony, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. PARENTS OF SENIORS should contact either Mrs. Graber, cgraber@freemanacademy.org, or Mr. Friesen, lfriesen@freemanacademy.org and PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS should contact Mrs. Ortman, gortman@freemanacademy.org, class advisors, with the number of tickets needed for parents and unmarried siblings. **Please e-mail or call them BEFORE May 1** so we can process the tickets.

If you prefer to phone rather than e-mail, dial the school's number 925-4237. Class advisor extension numbers are: Mrs. Graber #226; Mr. Friesen #234, or Mrs. Ortman #230.

IMPORTANT: Please see the enclosed letter regarding graduation.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid packet deadline is June 1, 2009.

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

Parents interested in applying for Financial Aid for the 2009-10 school year, please see the enclosed informational sheet.

Accounts Receivable

Per Freeman Academy's policy, "Diplomas, grade reports, and final transcripts will be issued only after accounts are paid in full." **Parents of seniors and eighth graders** please take special note of this. See Pam or Anita if you have any questions.

Summer Basketball Camp

Girls' basketball camps for grades 5-12 will be held June 22-24 in Sterling Hall. Watch for more information in the June News & Notes or contact Nathan Epp at nepp@freemanacademy.org or 925-4237, ext. 233.

Drivers' Education Classes

Drivers' education classes will be held May 26 – May

30 at Freeman Academy. Please contact Dennis Schrock at 925-4237, ext. 236 or dschrock@freemanacademy.org for detailed information if your student wants to attend.

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.

Dress Code Reminder for Parents and Students

Spring-like weather is the time when we tend to have some issues with student dress. While we don't have a very strict dress code, we don't want clothing to become a distraction to the learning environment. Students in violation of the dress code will be given clothes to wear from the Lost and Found. We are asking for the help of parents with this issue so that Freeman Academy continues to have a good learning environment for all students.

Acceptable clothing:

- Sensible clothing in style and value.
- Slacks, jeans, dresses, skirts, shirts in clean, mended condition.
- Shorts, hemmed and mid thigh in length.
- Clothing should cover body parts in a modest and respectful manner.

Unacceptable clothing:

- Clothing which is offensive, immodest or distracting to others.
- Torn clothing.
- Clothing with offensive or inappropriate images or messages.
- Items promoting the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances

Accessories:

- Hats, caps, and other head coverings are not to be worn in school buildings.

Development Notes

“Ribs at the Ranch” Second Annual Rib Feast!

Area specialty chefs will participate in a barbecue rib “cook-off” contest at the Pioneer Hall parking lot in Freeman on Saturday, June 27. Official judging will take place in the afternoon, with meals served to the public from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Ribs, 1919 keg root beer, homemade ice cream, and other side dishes will be sold ala carte. Everyone is invited for a summer day and evening of activities, succulent foods and entertainment including music and a “Kiss the Pig” contest. Proceeds from “Ribs at the Ranch” will go to the Sterling Hall Building Fund. Contact Vernetta Waltner, 605-925-4237, ext. 235 or vwaltner@freemanacademy.org to

register as a chef, volunteer your assistance, or for more information! Watch for more details in future newsletters and area newspapers.

Turner County Fair Taco Food Stand

Mark your calendars for the annual Turner County Fair in Parker, SD, on August 17-20, 2009. Assistance is needed from parents, students, and friends of the school to cook and serve each of those days from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Monica Clem, Sharla Unruh, Donna Ries, and Lois Wollman serve as the steering committee who organizes workers, food, and supplies for this very profitable fund-raising event! Watch for more information in the June newsletter!

Bobcat Booster Club News

Fruit sales were strong for 2009 but did not surpass last year’s record! Final tallies show that we netted approximately \$2300 for our efforts. Thanks to all of the students and parents who contacted friends, relatives, and neighbors to purchase the excellent fruit provided by Minntex of Windom, MN!

Combined with profits from the pork barbecue, pizza night, and soccer concessions, we are able to contribute \$4000 to the Sterling Hall carpet floor covering.

Everyone’s efforts are much appreciated!



Vocal Music

Tripp-Delmont Elementary Contest

On **Friday, May 1**, grade 5-8 classes will be attending the annual Tripp-Delmont Elementary Music Contest. Please see the Tripp-Delmont Music Contest parent letter for more details. A transportation form needs to be filled out and returned to Mrs. Hofer Vetch by April 30.

Creative Arts Recital - Thursday, May 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

The FA Creative Arts Department will host a recital featuring students from several private studios that occur on campus as well as off campus. The recital will take place in Pioneer Hall and is open to the public.

FA Spring Concert - Thursday, May 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The FA Music Department will present the annual spring concert on May 14 in Pioneer Hall. The high school vocal department and full band (7-12) will present a variety of music that will include contemporary

composers, jazz, and two pieces specially composed for the FA band and jazz band. Music awards will also be presented during the evening. Come join us!

High School Concert Attire Year-End Return!!

Parents of high school choral and band students please note that formal dresses and tuxedos **MUST BE RETURNED to the music department by May 20**. Each student must check them in with Mrs. Hofer Vetch or label them CLEARLY with his/her name should she be out of the office.

Dresses need to be washed - gentle cycle, hang dry. Tuxedos - shirts should be washed, while pants and jackets need to be dry-cleaned. The home dry-cleaning product Dryel™ may be utilized. Students will be charged a cleaning fee if outfits arrive dirty.

Choir folders will also need to be returned by May 20. Replacement fee is \$20 per folder.

Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

April

- 27-28 **Steps Forward Dinner – Vis Ctr 6:45**
- 27 FA JV Golf Meet 4:00
- 28 CMU Choir 10:00 CH
- Estelline Track Meet 12:00
- TVC JH Track Meet @ Centerville 1:00
- 30 **Early dismissal 12:50 NCA Work Day**
- Prayer Meeting CH 6:30
- Board Meeting MH 7:00

May

- 1 **Elementary Music Contest at Tripp**
- Freeman First Lunch at Freeman Academy**
- Seniors Leave for Skip Day after School (1st – 4th)
- 1-2 Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls
- 2 Parker Relays 9:00
- JH Track @ Yankton 9:30
- 3 **Studio Subscription Series:**
- Pisgah Mountain String Band –**
- Vis Ctr/Arbor 4:00**
- 4 Freeman Golf Meet 10:00
- Irene/Wakonda JV/JH Golf Meet 2:00
- JH Wizard Relays Freeman 4:00
- 5 Enrollment Steering Comm Mtg ~ Library 7:30 a.m.
- Baltic JV Golf 9:00
- Communication Meeting CH 10:00
- Don Diede Relays Freeman 1:00
- 7 TVC Golf @ Yankton 9:00

- FA Creative Arts Recital – PH 7:00
 - 7-9 **All-State Jazz Band – Aberdeen**
 - 7-9 MSC Administrator Meetings – Lancaster, PA
 - 8 Bon Homme Golf Meet 9:30
 - 11 **Region Golf @ Elmwood, SFalls 8:00**
 - 12 **TVC Track @ Centerville 1:00**
 - 2:50 Dismissal – Staff Meeting 3:00
 - 13 Fifth/Sixth Grade Field Trip
 - 14 JH Track @ Centerville 3:30
 - HS Choir/7-12 Instrumental Concert – PH 7:30
 - 15 **Last Day for Seniors**
 - 16 **Graduation for 8th & 12th Graders – PH 6:00 pm**
 - 18-19 **State “B” Golf @ Watertown**
 - 19 **Declam 5th-8th Grades FH 8:30-11:30**
 - Finance Committee Mtg - MH tba**
 - 21 **Region Track Meet @ Freeman 10:00**
 - Last Day of School – 10:00 Dismissal**
 - 22 **Awards Night – DH 7:00**
 - 26 **FACC Musical ~ PH**
 - 26-30 **Drivers’ Education Classroom Days**
 - 28 **Prayer Mtg CH 6:30**
 - Board Mtg MH 7:00**
 - 29-30 **State Track Meet @ Rapid City**
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| ADM | Administration (Classroom Building) |
| CH | Chapel |
| FH | Frontier Hall (dormitory) |
| MH | Music Hall |
| PH | Pioneer Hall |
| SH | Sterling Hall |
| VisCtr | Visitor Center |
| Arbor | Arboretum |

Calendar Reminders

- **Thursday, 4/30 – Early Dismissal – 12:50 p.m. for NCA Work Day**
- **Tuesday, 5/12 – Early Dismissal – 2:50 p.m. for Staff Meeting**
- **Friday, 5/15 – Last Day for Seniors**
- **Saturday, 5/16 – Graduation - 6:00 p.m. in PH**
- **Thursday, 5/21 – Last Day of School-10:00 Dismissal**
- **Friday, 5/22 – Awards Night - 7:00 p.m. in DH**

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Studio Subscription Series



Sunday May 3, 4:00 pm,

Interpretive Center, Prairie Arboretum

Pisgah Mountain String Band

The last concert of the 2008-09 Studio Subscription Series features the Pisgah Mountain String Band. The band consists of Beth Preheim - violin, Hartley Alsgaard - guitar, Guy Larson - banjo and Ron Gardner - bass. The PMSB was last seen on the FA campus at the 2008 Folk Festival. Come join us for a relaxing evening of jammin' music! As always, FA students receive free admission. A dessert reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/ students (K-12).