

# News & Notes

## I Can Tell the World



*I Can Tell the World* was the theme for MSC Choir Tour 2010 in Kitchener, Ontario located about an hour and half north of Niagara Falls. We boarded the bus on Wednesday, April 7, after school and drove 22 hours straight through to Niagara Falls, Canada. Our hotel was located where we had a beautiful view of the falls. As part of the package, students could take advantage of an indoor water park. It was a nice way to expend energy after the long bus ride. Shopping and sightseeing were also part of our schedule before heading for Kitchener early Friday afternoon.

We arrived at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, a school for grades six through twelve, early evening for the first mass choir rehearsal. Approximately 550 students from 16 different schools participated. Directors and administrators were in meetings Friday evening and all day Saturday while the choir rehearsed. Saturday evening activities for students included the Amazing Race,

bowling, movies, and basketball. A highlight - Freeman Academy Chamber Choir was featured in a news story about the festival for the local Canadian television station. Amy Vetch, Aaron Tschetter, and Aprille Hofer were interviewed on camera.

FA choir members were hosted by First Mennonite Church, Kitchener. Students stayed with host families from the church and performed during the Sunday morning service. Centre in the Square was the venue for Sunday evening's concert, with each school presenting one song and the mass choir performing seven numbers under the direction of Dr. Lee Willingham, assistant professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, Kitchener.

Choir Tour 2011 is a Regional Festival and we are assigned to Western Christian in Oregon. The other Regional Festival will be in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

*Pam Tieszen*



## May 2010

Communication is the most important element of family life because it is basic to loving relationships. It is the energy that fuels the caring, giving, sharing, and affirming. Without genuine sharing of ourselves, we cannot know one another's needs and fears. Good communication is what makes all the rest of it work.

*Dolores Curran*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

*Psalm 133:1, NRSV*

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# Notes & Reminders



## Financial Aid

Financial Aid packet deadline is June 1, 2010.

Packets may be completed online through our FACTS program, [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) or picked up in the office.

Parents interested in applying for Financial Aid for the 2010-11

school year, please see the enclosed informational sheet.

## E-Mail Address Change

The Yoders (Maynard, Barb, Hannah, and Noah) are transitioning to a new email address: [mbyoder@goldenwest.net](mailto:mbyoder@goldenwest.net). Please make this change in your directory and/or database. Thank you.

## Directory Information

Work on the 2010-11 student/family directory will begin this summer. It is an ongoing process with new students/families being added - sometimes even after school has started. Please notify Cindy Boese of any changes in address, phone number, e-mail, or home church affiliation. E-mail addresses will 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](mailto:cboese@freemanacademy.org) by July 1.

## Important Information for Parents of 12th and 8th Grade Graduates

Reserved seating is available for parents and unmarried siblings of graduates for the graduation ceremony, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. **PARENTS OF SENIORS** should contact either Mr. Schrock, [dschrock@freemanacademy.org](mailto:dschrock@freemanacademy.org), or Mr. Wollman, [cwollman@freemanacademy.org](mailto:cwollman@freemanacademy.org), and

**PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS** should contact Mrs.

Ortman, [gortman@freemanacademy.org](mailto:gortman@freemanacademy.org), class advisors with the number of tickets needed for parents and unmarried siblings. Please e-mail or call them **BEFORE MAY 7** 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: Mr. Schrock ext. 234; Mr. Wollman ext. 237, and Mrs. Ortman ext. 230.

**IMPORTANT: Please see the enclosed letter regarding graduation.**

## 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 an assortment at the principal's discretion. 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.

## Announcement

Board minutes will now be released to parents by email when the office receives a signed, approved copy. If you receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail, you will automatically receive the minutes. If you would like to receive the minutes via e-mail, please e-mail [cboese@freemanacademy.org](mailto:cboese@freemanacademy.org) and your address will be included.

## Graduate Accounts

All accounts must be current for students to receive official transcripts and signed diplomas.

## Middle School Declam

Grades 5-8 will present their declam pieces on Wednesday, May 26 in Frontier Hall. Grades 5 and 6 will begin at 1:00 p.m. followed by grades 7 and 8 at approximately 1:45 p.m. Please communicate with instructors Susan Schrag, ext. 231 and Gwen Ortman, ext. 230 for further details.

## Pacesetter Volleyball Camp is Coming Back to Freeman Academy!

**When:** June 21-23

**Session 1:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for grades 10-12

**Session 2:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for grades 6-9 (2010-2011 grades)

**Where:** Sterling Hall on the Freeman Academy campus

**Who:** Any young lady in grades 6-12 who wants to improve volleyball skills

**Cost:** Session 1: \$70.00      Session 2: \$50.00

Registration forms can be picked up in the Freeman Academy office.

If you register and pay in full by May 15 you will receive a \$5.00 discount.

Each camper will receive a t-shirt and a chance to win some cool prizes!

Questions: Email Sara Flohrs at [saraflohrs@yahoo.com](mailto:saraflohrs@yahoo.com)



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## Music Notes



### Elementary Music Contest

**Friday, May 7:** Students in grades 5-8 will be attending the annual Tripp-Delmont Elementary Music Contest. Though we do not have the schedule yet, students can anticipate being at the contest for the whole day unless other arrangements have been made.

Please see attached parent letter about

the contest. A transportation form needs to be filled out and returned to Mrs. Hofer Vetch by May 3.

### Creative Arts Recital – May 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The FA Creative Arts Department will host a recital featuring students from several private studios that occur on campus and/or with instructors that teach on campus. The recital is open to the public and will take place in the Band Room in Sterling Hall.

### FA Spring Concert - May 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The FA Music Department will have their Spring Concert on

May 13 in Pioneer Hall. The High School Vocal Department, Jazz Band, and Concert Band (7-12) will present a variety of music that will include contemporary, classical and jazz composers. Music awards will also be presented during the evening. Come join us!

### High School Concert Attire

Parents of high school choral and band students please note the formal dresses and tuxedos will need to be returned to the music department by **May 21**. You must check them in with Mrs. Hofer Vetch or label them CLEARLY with your name should she be absent.

Dresses need to be washed, gentle cycle, and hung dry. Tuxedos: Shirts can be washed; pants and jackets need to be dry cleaned. You may use the home dry cleaning product Dryel™. You will be charged a cleaning fee if outfits arrive dirty.

Choir folders will also need to be returned by May 21. Replacement fee is \$20 per folder.

Concert band music will be collected immediately following the concert, May 13. Instructions will be given to the students prior to the concert. Pep band music will be collected or signed out for the summer on Tuesday, May 18.

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## Development Notes—Summer Fundraising Events

Fundraising for FA is an ongoing process. There are several opportunities for parents, students, staff, and community folks to assist with various events building relationships and finances!

### Ribs at the Ranch AND Quiltfest 2010 – June 26, 2010

Area specialty chefs will once again participate in a barbecue rib "cook-off" contest at the Pioneer Hall parking lot Saturday, June 26. Official judging will take place in the afternoon, with meals served to the public from 4:30 – 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](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) to register as a chef, volunteer your assistance, or request information! Watch for more details in future newsletters and area newspapers.

QUILTFEST is a bi-annual event hosted by the Freeman Academy Auxiliary. This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Area quilters will display their quilts in Sterling Hall and guests pay admission to view them. Workshops on various quilting techniques are offered throughout the day along with light lunches. Weather permitting, the committee hopes to create a quilt garden outdoors for guests to enjoy while they eat a light lunch including strawberry shortcake. Volunteers are needed to hang quilts, take admission, etc. and should contact Jeri Butkus at 925-4437. If you are interested in helping with

selling coffee and lunches, contact Vernetta Waltner at 605-925-4237, ext. 235.

### Turner County Fair Taco Food Stand

Mark your calendars for the annual Turner County Fair in Parker, SD, August 16-19, 2010. 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

2010 fruit sales surpassed the all-time record! Final tallies show we netted approximately \$2600 for our efforts. The freshmen won the pizza party for most sales per class member. Ben Carlson was high salesman, replacing Brandon Barta's old (1999) record. Jeff Preheim placed second and Marissa Hofer placed third. Special recognition goes to fifth graders Jesse Balzer and Marissa Hofer for contributing 11% of the total sales! Thanks to all of the students and parents who contacted friends, relatives, and neighbors to purchase the excellent fruit provided by Mintex of Windom, MN!

Combined with profits from the pork barbecue, pizza night, and soccer concessions, the athletic department will replace the "away" basketball uniforms for both boys and girls varsity teams. Everyone's efforts are much appreciated!

# Upcoming Events

\* Subject to change

## April

- 27 TVC JH w/6<sup>th</sup> graders Track Mt @ Cntrlv 1:00  
Baltic Golf Inv @ Renner 9:00  
Reg I Spring Music Mtg @ Yankton
- 28 Statewide Tornado Drill
- 29 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert w/ Pep Band 7:00 PH
- 30 Howard Wood Relays SF

## May

- 1 Howard Wood Relays SF  
Parker Relays 9:00
- 2 SSS Sioux Empire Brass 3:00 PH
- 3 Wizard Relays – JH w/ 6<sup>th</sup> gr. @ Freeman 4:00
- 4 Communication Meeting 10:00 CH  
Don Diede Relays @ Freeman 1:00
- 5 Bio II USD Field Trip lvg @ 8:30
- 6 Aux Mtg 1:30 DH  
TVC Golf Meet @ Yankton 9:00
- 6-8 All State Jazz Band in Aberdeen
- 7 Tripp Music Contest 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Bon Homme Vrsty Golf Meet 9:30
- 8 JH w/ 6<sup>th</sup> grade Relays @ Yankton 9:30  
Steps Forward Dinner PH 6:45
- 10 FHS Golf Meet #2 @10:00  
I/W Golf Meet @ Irene 11:00  
Creative Arts Recital 7:00 PH
- 11 Early Dismissal 2:50; Staff Mtg 3:00 MH  
TVC Track Meet @ Centerville 1:00  
Baltic JV Golf Meet

- 13 ESC Mtg 7:30 a.m. Library  
Pvt Res 12-4 p.m. Vis Ctr  
HS Vocal Concert, 7-12 Inst 7:30 PH
- 14 Irene JH w/6<sup>th</sup> grade Track Meet @ Cntrlv 3:30
- 16 Pvt. Res 2:00 p.m. FH  
Pvt Res 5-8 p.m. VisCtr
- 17 Regional Golf Meet @ Elmwood 8:00  
Finance Comm. Mtg 8:00 MH
- 18 Awards Night 7:30 DH
- 20 Region Track @ Avon 10:00
- 21 Last Day for Seniors  
Pvt Reserv PH (Tent.)
- 22 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:00 PH  
Pvt Reserv 2-5 p.m. FH
- 23 Pvt Reserv PH (Tent.)
- 24-25 State Golf Meet @ Aberdeen
- 24 Prayer Mtg 6:30 CH  
Board Mtg 7:00 MH
- 25 FACC Musical Performance 7:30 PH
- 26 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Declam 1:00 FH
- 28-29 State Track Meet @ SF
- 28 Last Day of School—12:50 Dismissal

- 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

- April 29 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring  
Concert w/ Pep Band  
7:00 PH
- May 2 Studio Sub. Series
- May 7 Tripp Music Contest
- May 11 Early Dismissal 2:50
- May 13 HS Vocal, 7-12 Instru-  
mental Concert 7:30 PH
- May 18 Awards Night 7:30 DH
- May 21 Last Day for Seniors
- May 22 Graduation for 8<sup>th</sup> &  
12<sup>th</sup> Graders 6:00 PH
- May 28 Last Day of School  
12:50 Dismissal

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## Studio Subscription Series

*Sunday May 2, 3:00 p.m. Pioneer Hall*

*Sioux Empire Brass*

The last concert of the 2009-2010 Studio Subscription Series features the **Sioux Empire Brass**. This ensemble features two FA people: Donna Ries and Janet Balzer. Come join us for an afternoon that will take your breath away. As always, FA students receive free admission. A dessert reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$12/adults and \$6/students (K-12).