



News & Notes



Plan Accordingly

As summer concludes and a new school year begins, we look at the calendar of activities. It is full to the brim. As parents, you wonder how your child/ren will accomplish all that is on the schedule, not to mention church and family. I want to emphasize early in the school year how important it is to plan ahead.

Adequate rest and meals are imperative to good health. Our students are physically active and the exercise they get helps build immunities but also means they need rest. Experts tell us that young people need at least nine hours of sleep each night. Rest also improves mental health and the ability to stay alert in class. Our noon meals hold teenage students through the afternoon (maybe). Before practice would be an opportune time for a snack; provide healthy snacks of fruits, water and granola bars, etc.

If your child does come down with an illness and is running a temperature, please keep him/her home to rest. We do our best to disinfect every day, but students who come to school ill are not being considerate of the rest of the staff and student body. Please email teachers for assignments so that they keep up with schoolwork. Have a healthy, safe school year.

Pam Tieszen

Parent Meeting, September 20, 7:00 p.m. PH

Please make plans to attend the parent meeting scheduled for Monday, September 20. We will present information on how to log-in to JMC to see your student/s' grades as teachers post them. Other topics on the agenda will include TRIP, testing, and college planning information for juniors and seniors. This is also a time for parents to raise questions or concerns they might have.

Volunteer Hours Opportunity

Volunteer hours will be awarded for assisting in our school lunch program. Please coordinate your time with Melinda Hora, Food Services Director, as she would appreciate some assistance in preparing and serving meals. Contact her at 925-4237, ext. 243.



Enclosures

- Please see page four for listing!



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Action . . . flows from a dream that someday the sons and daughters of communists and Christians will frolic together; Arab as well as North American children will enjoy the earth's fruits; the tanks will be melted into playground equipment, the full glory of God will be revealed, and all flesh, united, will see it.

Gene Stoltzfus

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a child will lead them.

Isaiah 11:6, NIV

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Freeman Academy Annual Benefit Auction – Saturday, November 6

Come One Come All to a night of great food and fun to support Freeman Academy students. Freeman Academy's annual benefit auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 6. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for viewing of both silent and live auction items.

A meal will be served from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Tickets available at the door. The live auction will start

promptly at 7:00 p.m. The evening will also include class baskets, raffle tables and a free drawing of exciting items (to be announced) for Freeman Academy students who are present during the auction.

The committee would like to suggest live auction donations of new items such as a gas grill, lawnmower, camping equipment, technology equipment, Ipod, digital camera, Kitchen-Aid mixer, entertainment or travel packages, or homemade baked goods. Cash toward the purchase of these items would also be welcome and very much appreciated. Contact Delvonna Wentz at dwwentz@hotmail.com or 605-660-8369. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your friends and relatives to attend!

Annual FJC/FA Corporation Meeting – Monday, September 27

Freeman Academy will hold its annual corporation meeting on Monday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Attending this meeting is an excellent way for all to acquaint themselves with the finances of Freeman Academy, receive written reports from staff and auxiliary organizations, and vote on new board members. All **members** of the Corporation have a specific number of votes based upon their financial donations

to the school and are sent letters of invitation indicating the total number of votes allocated.

Membership includes **parents of students from the previous school year** (allotted 10 votes per year of attendance), **staff** (1 vote per year on staff) and **constituents that have contributed a minimum of \$100**. Questions may be directed to Pam Tieszen, 925-4237, ext. 228.



TRIP Order Dates

Please be reminded that the Orders Due Time remains at 12:00 noon every other Friday, and that our new Pick-Up Time is from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Business Office on alternate Fridays.

If you are unable to meet Barb to receive your order on Pick-Up Day, you must contact her at 605-610-7729 or 925-4713.

We need to review our decision to include Caseys on TRIP orders. Due to shipping fees from the main office in Iowa, we end up losing money for the account with orders

less than \$800. Please come to the parent meeting on September 20 to discuss this issue. Thanks!

The schedule for the near future follows.

<u>Orders Due</u>	<u>Pick-Up Day</u>
August 27	September 3
September 10	September 17
September 24	October 1
October 8	October 15
October 22	October 29
November 5	November 12

Campbell's Labels, Box Tops & Milk Caps



Our school is once again participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education, the Box Tops for Education and the Land O Lakes Milk Bottle Caps Program. Please continue to save the labels and box tops. Refer to the list of participating products included on a separate page in this newsletter. Bring them to the school and leave in the container just inside the entrance to the Administration Building.

With the Campbell's Labels, we can buy various items and

equipment for our classrooms. When each family brings in box tops, it adds up to free money for our school. From each box top, we get 10 cents. So far this year, we've earned \$222.00.

We get 5 cents for each milk cap. The milk caps need the 5-cent Land O Lakes sticker. These can be placed in the same container, or you can put your milk caps in the Freeman Academy container at Jamboree Foods in Freeman at the front of the store. Our school earned \$330.00 so far this year for the milk caps.

Thanks for your help! Keep up the good work!

Carolyn Preheim, Coordinator

FA Parent E-Mail Changes

Please note the following e-mail address changes:

Tyrone & Carolyn Preheim's new e-mail address: carty@svtv.com

Bruce & Karen Duerksen's new e-mail address: karensd12@hotmail.com.

Mike & Lynne Riley's new e-mail address: rileylynn52@gmail.com

Thank you!





Notes & Reminders

Student Absences

A parent or guardian needs to call the school (925-4237) to report student absences or tardiness before 8:00 a.m. and leave a message on the

receptionist phone by dialing "0" after the automated attendant answers. Please do not leave absence/tardy messages on the direct extensions of either Anita Neufeld or Cindy Boese. If either of these individuals is out of the office that day, the message will remain in their voice mailbox and will not be heard by anyone until they return to the office which may be a day or two later.

If parent notification is not received within 24 hours, the absence or tardy will be considered "unexcused." (Please see the Student Handbook which was mailed the end of June regarding academic penalties for unexcused absences.) Absences other than personal illness/injury, death in the family/funerals, doctor/dental/medical appointments, and emergencies deemed to have good and sufficient cause for absence, will be subject to administrative approval and parent or guardian notification.

If you choose to e-mail your notification of student absence, please e-mail cboese@freemanacademy.org with a copy to aneufeld@freemanacademy.org. This helps ensure your message is received by the school in the event either Cindy or Anita is out of the office that day.

School Pictures (aka Ping Pong Pictures)

Al's Studio from Marion will be taking individual pictures and class pictures of all students in grades 5–11 on Thursday, September 9 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Group and/or composite class pictures will also be taken and may be ordered at the same time.

An order form was given to each student in grades 5-11 on the first day of school. Please ask your child(ren) for this form. If you plan to order pictures, the form must be completed and payment included when your child comes to school on September 9. Students are responsible for handing their forms to the Al's Studio representative when it is their turn to be photographed. Students are not required to dress up for pictures but are asked to dress appropriately.

Office Visits on Staff Meeting Days

If you or your children need to stop in the administration office to take care of business on an early dismissal (2:50) staff meeting day, we request that you or the student arrive by 2:30 p.m. in order to provide more timely service. This will enable the office staff to give you their full attention and still allows them to arrive at Music Hall on time for the staff meeting. Thank you.



Music Department Announcements

AUDITIONS

Freeman Academy will present the musical, *Little Women*, on November 18-19, 2010. Many of you will be familiar with the classic book "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott. Based on the classic, it focuses on the four March sisters

and their beloved Marmee while their father is away at war as a chaplain. This full-length musical will feature the high school students. **Auditions will take place Friday, September 10 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. See Mrs. Hofer Vetch for audition materials and to sign up for an audition.**

All-State Chorus

Freeman Academy is allowed to take one vocal quartet (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to the South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra event held in Aberdeen, SD this year on October 29-30. The quartet representatives must be high school age and full time students. **Auditions for this quartet are scheduled for Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.** A judge will be present to listen to each person and select the quartet and alternates. See Mrs. Hofer Vetch for audition materials and rehearsal schedule.

National Honors Choir Auditions

The National American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Honors Choirs will be held in Chicago, IL March 9-12. Choir participants are selected via a recorded audition done here on campus with Mrs. Hofer Vetch. There are honors choirs for all grades: children/youth, junior high or middle school, high school women and high school men. This is a great opportunity to sing with other students from across the States. Our last participant in the National Honors Choir was Lindsay Waltner ('09). If you are interested in having your child audition for this opportunity, please fill out the letter that is enclosed with the newsletter. These recorded auditions must be completed by September 30. See Mrs. Hofer Vetch for audition requirements.

SD America Choral Directors Association (SD-ACDA) Junior High (gr. 7-9) Honors Choir, Rapid City

The annual Jr. High Honors Choir will be held in Rapid City, SD this year on January 21-22. This choir is selected via a recorded audition done on campus with Mrs. Hofer Vetch. Auditions will be held in September and must be completed by October 4. We have had several students in the past participate in this event. If you are interested in having your child audition, please fill out the letter that is enclosed with the newsletter. Mrs. Hofer Vetch will have audition information for the students.

Upcoming Events

* Subject to change

September

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| <p>1 Pvt Res VisCtr 4:00-7:00
 2 Enrollment Steering Comm. (ESC) Mtg. 7:30 a.m. Library
 Communications Mtg. 10:00 CH
 MS Volleyball (H) Menno 5:00
 Volleyball (H) Menno 7:00
 3 Soccer @ St. Thomas Moore JV 4:00 V 5:30
 Cross Country @ USD 4:00
 4 Soccer @ Chamber JV 3:00
 Pvt Res VisCtr tba
 6 Labor Day – No School
 7 Volleyball @ Dell Rapids St. Mary's 7:00
 8 Cross Country @ FA Arboretum 4:00
 Pvt Res VisCtr 4:00-8:00
 9 School Pictures Grades 5 – 11 8:30 PH
 MS Volleyball @ Alcestor-Hudson 5:00
 Volleyball @ Alcestor-Hudson 5:00
 Pvt Res FH Evening
 10 Bethel College (KS) Rep 9:30 CH
 Soccer (H) Belle Fourche 5:00
 HS Musical Auditions 6:00-10:00 MH
 11 MS Volleyball Gayville-Volin Tournament
 Cross Country @ Augustana College tba
 Soccer (H) Sturgis 11:00</p> | <p>13 Soccer (H) James Valley Christian JV 5:00
 MS Volleyball @ Gayville-Volin 6:00
 HS Musical Callbacks 7:00-9:00 CH
 Finance Committee Meeting 8:00 Library
 14 Early Dismissal 2:50; Staff Mtg. 3:00 MH
 MS Volleyball @ Irene/Wak 4:15 @ Wakonda
 Volleyball @ Irene/Wakonda 6:15
 15 Cross Country @ FHS – Freeman Golf Course 1:00
 16 Soccer @ James Valley Christian JV 3:00 V 5:00
 Volleyball Triangular @ Gayville 5:00
 Prayer Meeting (all welcome) 6:30 CH
 Board Meeting 7:00 MH
 17 Hesston College Rep @ FA after Chapel
 18 Soccer @ Huron 11:00
 20 Cross Country @ Alcestor-Hudson 4:00
 Parent Information Night 7:00 DH
 21 Soccer (H) SFalls Christian JV 4:30 V 5:45
 MS Volleyball (H) Alcestor-Hudson 5:00
 Volleyball (H) Alcestor-Hudson 5:00
 23 Cross Country @ Yankton 4:15
 24 Soccer (H) Lead-Deadwood 5:00
 25 Cross Country @ Platte 10:00
 Soccer (H) Douglas 1:00
 Pvt Res DH All Day
 Pvt Res VisCtr 1:00-7:00</p> | <p>26 SSS Public Domain Tune Band 3:00 PH
 27 Late Start – 10:30 - NCA Teacher Day
 NW College (St Paul) 2:00 CH
 Soccer @ Mitchell Christian 5:00
 Corporation Meeting (all parents welcome) 7:30 DH
 28 HS All-State Chorus Auditions 7:00 CH
 29 Cross Country @ Parker 2:00
 30 Volleyball Tri-Valley Conf. Tmy @ FA & @ Alc-Hudson
 Pvt Res VisCtr afternoon/evening</p> |
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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 |
| Amph | Amphitheater |

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Calendar Reminders

- September 6 Labor Day – No School
- September 9 School Pictures, Grades 5 – 11
- September 14 Early Dismissal 2:50; Staff Mtg. 3:00
- September 20 Parent Information Night
7:00 p.m. in Dining Hall
- September 27 NCA Late Start – 10:30 a.m. (for all students)
- Corporation Meeting (all parents invited) 7:30 p.m. in Dining Hall

Enclosures:

- September Menu & Activity Calendars—subject to change
- Cross Country & Middle School Volleyball Schedules plus revised High School Volleyball Schedule
- Parental Notification of School Health Assessments
- FA Private Music Lesson Policy 2010-11
- FA Instrumental Calendar of Events 2010-11
- Letter/Form from Mrs. Hofer Vetch RE: National ACDA Honors Choir Auditions (all grades)
- Letter from Mrs. Hofer Vetch RE: South Dakota ACDA Jr. High Honors Choir Information including an Audition Form
- Studio Subscription Series 2010-11 including order form
- Box Tops & Labels for Education Information
- July 15, 2010 FA Board of Directors' Minutes