

## VOCAL MUSIC 2009/2010

Welcome to a new school year. I plan to keep you, the public, updated about things that are going on in the vocal music department through the use of the school's web site and through articles in the local newspapers as well as the school newsletter. To begin the year, the members of the high school chorus had voice placements, received robe assignments, and got all kinds of details taken care of that come with the beginning of a new year. A packet was sent home with all chorus members that contained a lot of important information. This info was covered with the singers in class and the students were to go over it with their parents. A slip then needed to be signed and returned to Mrs. Hemm at the school by Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have a student in chorus and have not yet seen this packet, please ask them about it.

Four members of the chorus attended a summer music camp at Wartburg College in Waverly in August to help them prepare for all-state auditions which will be held in October. Practices have begun for these students after school now as well and these singers will be attending a pre-rehearsal in Belmont on September 12<sup>th</sup> and a festival at UNI October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to continue preparations for the auditions. Making it into all-state is an extremely difficult task to accomplish and everything these students can do to help prepare them for this challenge is a definite plus. Those choosing to try out for all-state this year are: Michelle Stille, Holly Hejlik, Caitlin Retz and Tyler Conlon.

All concert and contest dates along with various festivals and other opportunities for the students are listed in the packet mentioned above and I have included them here as well so all will be aware of them as the year progresses. These dates are also on the school calendar. Check this site often to get the latest and stay on top of the activities that are happening in the vocal music department this year. Special elementary music happenings will also be posted. Thanks for your interest and support. (Please see list of events below.)

# H.S. VOCAL IMPORTANT DATES—2009-2010

\* means the performance is **REQUIRED**

## SEPTEMBER:

Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>—Pre all-state district rehearsal in Belmond in a.m.

## OCTOBER:

Sun. & Mon., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>—UNI Vocal Arts Festival—all-state singers

Sat., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>—All-state auditions in Hampton

**\*THURSDAY, OCT. 29<sup>th</sup>—FALL VOCAL VARIETY SHOW**

## NOVEMBER:

Mon., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>—NCICDA 7-12 Vocal Festival at NIACC

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>—All-state festival

## DECEMBER:

Thurs., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>—SCMT Elementary Winter Concert

**\*MONDAY, DEC. 21<sup>st</sup>—WINTER CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

## JANUARY:

Sun. & Mon., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>—Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah

Sat., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>—Meistersinger Vocal Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly

## FEBRUARY:

Sat., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>—Piano Festival

## MARCH:

**\*THURSDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>—POPS CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

Sat., March 20<sup>th</sup>—VIP Community Variety Show

## APRIL:

Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup>—State Small Group Music Contest

## MAY:

Tues., May 4<sup>th</sup>—SCMT Elementary Spring Concert

**\*SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>—STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST**

**\*TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>—FINE ARTS NIGHT**

Wed., May 19<sup>th</sup>—Baccalaureate (small group)

Sun., May 23<sup>rd</sup>—Graduation (small group)