

Vocal Music—Sheffield Campus

The weather held out long enough for us to get both of our January vocal music festivals in and that was great. Last year we had to head home early from the Dorian Festival due to a snow storm. Usually at this time of year, there is an abundance of snow in the Decorah area. This year there was none. Both the Dorian Festival at Luther and the Meistersinger Festival at Wartburg were outstanding experiences for those attending.

The month of February will find the high school singers preparing for the Pops Concert which is Thursday night, March 1st. All three choruses will be performing on this concert along with a few small groups, as well as the band.

Some small groups are also preparing for the Music Booster Community Variety Show which will be held on Feb. 19th—a Sunday afternoon—at 2:00 p.m. in the Rockwell gym. These small groups include not only singing, but dancing and comedy as well. They will join various acts from members of the West Fork communities, as well as the community band. This concert is a fund raiser for the music departments at Rockwell and Sheffield. Thus, there is a general admission fee of \$5 for Kindergarten students on up. Preschool and under are free. This not only includes the show, but munchies, drink and dessert as well. What a bargain! Spend a fun afternoon on a cold Sunday in February by joining us and enjoying the local talents within our communities.

The elementary students continue to learn and process new information in their general music classes. The Kindergarten has learned the quarter and 8th notes and rests and how to count and clap them through the use of charts. The first grade continues to work on the treble clef staff and how to read the lines and spaces. The second grade is doing the same with the bass clef as well as a few new signs and symbols such as the repeat sign and fermata or birdseye (hold). And the 3rd grade is getting a workout trying to figure out ledger lines on the grand staff. The 1st-3rd grades are using fun “spell the riddle” worksheets where they spell words by reading the lines and spaces from the staff and figure out the answers to riddles. The elementary students will continue to learn new and exciting things about music throughout Feb. and then in early March it will be time to start work on their spring concert music. How quickly time flies!

H.S. VOCAL IMPORTANT DATES—2011-2012

* means the performance is **REQUIRED**

FEBRUARY:

Sun., Feb. 19th—WF Music Boosters Community Variety Show

MARCH:

***THURSDAY, MARCH 1st—POPS CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

Fri., March 9th—Young Performing Artists presentation/Franklin Co. Arts Council
Sat., March 31st—State Small Group Music Contest

APRIL:

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

MAY:

Tues., May 1st—Sheffield K-3 Elementary Spring Concert

***SATURDAY, MAY 5th—STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST**

***TUESDAY, MAY 8th—FINE ARTS NIGHT**

Wed., May 9th—Baccalaureate (small group)

Sun., May 13th—Graduation (small group)

JUNE:

New York Trip—June 2nd-6th