

### VOCAL MUSIC in OCTOBER

The month of October will find the choirs performing their first concert of the year. Time is moving quickly and the choirs are busily working on their music for the Fall Variety Show which will be presented on Thursday evening, October 27th. The Mixed Chorus, Girls Chorus and Swing Choir will be performing along with several small groups. There will be a variety of musical styles presented and we hope many of you will be able to join us that evening. The concert will be held in the north gym at Sheffield beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The Music Boosters and the students going to the Broadway Musical "Wicked" are hosting a tailgate supper before the home football game on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30 on the home (north) side of the football field, near the new concession stand. The meal will consist of chili, cinnamon rolls, jello/pudding cups and drink for a free will donation. All proceeds will go toward the price of the student tickets. This will be an excellent opportunity for our musicians to have the chance to see a Broadway musical close to home (Des Moines) performed by a professional touring group. Sukup Manufacturing is sponsoring the charter bus to Des Moines and back for this special event.

All-state auditions will take place on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Auditions are held in various places throughout the state on this date. West Fork students are part of the North Central District of Iowa and will be at Hampton for auditions that day. These auditions are highly competitive with no school size distinctions. Only 600 singers from around the state will be chosen to become the Iowa All-State Chorus of 2011. There will be nearly that many singers auditioning in Hampton alone! Auditions have to be performed a cappella (with no accompaniment of any kind) and the music is very difficult, having been chosen by the all-state chorus conductor for this year. The seven singers who are auditioning from West Fork are: Michelle Stille and Celeste Staudt on Soprano I, Allison Novotney on Soprano II, Nicole Helmers and Sydney Staudt on Alto I, Tyler Conlon on Bass I, and Evan Meester on Bass II. These seven students will attend a festival in Cedar Falls on the UNI campus on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to further prepare for these auditions and will also attend a rehearsal at Music Man Square in Mason City on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, for additional practice. Plus they have an after school rehearsal schedule with Mrs. Hemm and have a practice

CD to work on their own at home. *GOOD LUCK* to them this month as they work hard to be among the chosen few on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

The second annual "Real Men Sing" choral festival at Wartburg College in Waverly will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, and is just for male voices. The boys attending will be working with Dr. Lee Nelson of Wartburg during the day as well as the professional men's group **CANTUS**. This group is from the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and is active in promoting music education as well as giving concerts and touring. They will give a master class during the day and will perform in the evening concert as will the festival chorus, a guest male chorus from Apple Valley, Minnesota, and two male groups from Wartburg. The concert is at 5:00 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium on the Wartburg College Campus. Those from West Fork taking advantage of this excellent opportunity are: Tyler Conlon, Evan Meester, Jake O'Donnell, Matt Retz, Ryan Snow, James Vestweber, and Vaughn Young.

## **H.S. VOCAL IMPORTANT DATES—2011-2012**

\* means the performance is **REQUIRED**

### **OCTOBER:**

Sun. & Mon., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>—UNI Vocal Arts Festival—all-state singers

Fri., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>—Tailgate supper before the football game

Sat., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>—Real Men Sing Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly

Sun., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>—All-state clinic in Mason City at Music Man Square

Sat., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>—All-state auditions in Hampton

**\*THURSDAY, OCT. 27<sup>th</sup>—FALL VOCAL VARIETY SHOW**

### **NOVEMBER:**

Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>—Bake sale during the annual craft show at the school

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

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>—All-state festival at Ames

Sun., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>—Broadway Musical "Wicked" in Des Moines

### **DECEMBER:**

**(Thurs., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>—Sheffield K-3 Elementary Winter Concert)**

**\*MONDAY, DEC. 12<sup>th</sup>—WINTER CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

## JANUARY:

Sun. & Mon., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>—Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah  
Sat., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>—Meistersinger Vocal Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly

## FEBRUARY:

Sun., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>—VIP Community Variety Show

## MARCH:

**\*THURSDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>—POPS CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**  
Fri., March 9<sup>th</sup>—Young Performing Artists presentation/Franklin Co. Arts Council  
Sat., March 31<sup>st</sup>—State Small Group Music Contest

## APRIL:

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## MAY:

(Tues., May 1<sup>st</sup>—Sheffield K-3 Elementary Spring Concert)

**\*SATURDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>—STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST**

**\*TUESDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>—FINE ARTS NIGHT**

Wed., May 9<sup>th</sup>—Baccalaureate (small group)

Sun., May 13<sup>th</sup>—Graduation (small group)