

VOCAL MUSIC 2009/2010

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 29th. The Mixed Chorus, Girls Chorus and a Swing Group 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.

All-state auditions will take place on Saturday, October 24th. 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 2009. 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 four singers who are auditioning from West Fork are: Michelle Stille on soprano, Caitlin Retz and Holly Hejlik on alto, and Tyler Conlon on tenor. These four students will attend a festival in Cedar Falls on the UNI campus on Oct. 4th and 5th to further prepare for these auditions and three of the four will also be able to attend a rehearsal at Music Man Square in Mason City on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11th, for additional practice. Plus they have an after school rehearsal schedule with Mrs. Hemm. GOOD LUCK to them this month as they work hard to be among the chosen few on the 24th!

H.S. VOCAL IMPORTANT DATES—2009-2010

* means the performance is **REQUIRED**

OCTOBER:

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

Sun., Oct. 11th—All-state rehearsal at Music Man Square

Sat., Oct. 24th—All-state auditions in Hampton

***THURSDAY, OCT. 29th—FALL VOCAL VARIETY SHOW**

NOVEMBER:

Mon., Nov. 9th—NCICDA 7-12 Vocal Festival at NIACC

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 19th-21st—All-state festival

DECEMBER:

Thurs., Dec. 3rd—SCMT Elementary Winter Concert

***MONDAY, DEC. 21st—WINTER CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

JANUARY:

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

Sat., Jan. 23rd—Meistersinger Vocal Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly

FEBRUARY:

Sat., Feb. 13th—Piano Festival

MARCH:

***THURSDAY, MARCH 4th—POPS CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

Sat., March 20th—VIP Community Variety Show

APRIL:

Sat., April 10th—State Small Group Music Contest

MAY:

Tues., May 4th—SCMT Elementary Spring Concert

***SATURDAY, MAY 8th—STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST**

***TUESDAY, MAY 18th—FINE ARTS NIGHT**

Wed., May 19th—Baccalaureate (small group)

Sun., May 23rd—Graduation (small group)