

# Vocalize

Fountain Valley High School Vocal Music Weekly Bulletin

Week of January 24, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31	Holiday – Staff Development
Feb 4	Scrip orders due
Feb 7	Modified day
Feb 8	BJ's dinner fundraiser
Feb 11	Scrip orders delivered
Feb 14	Holiday
Feb 18	Scrip orders due
Feb 19	FV 5K Fun Run/Walk and Pet Prance
Feb 21	Holiday
Feb 25	Scrip orders delivered
Feb 28	Modified day

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TROUB Parents - WINTER RETREAT INFORMATION**

Attached is the itinerary and waiver for our annual Winter Retreat on Catalina Island. Please let me know directly if you have any questions about the weekend. This is a VERY productive weekend for this ensemble, especially significant this year with our upcoming and prestigious performance in Chicago in March. The WAIVER form must be completed, signed and returned to me by Friday before we leave school (no phone calls please - I must have the actual form) in addition, please make sure that your STUDENT ACCOUNT is completely cleared for your student to attend retreat. If you have questions on Student Account, please contact Tracy Cameron at [tkt3@earthlink.net](mailto:tkt3@earthlink.net) If you have questions regarding Retreat, please contact me directly at [ktison@fvhs.com](mailto:ktison@fvhs.com) Another CHAPERONE would be appreciated -- either a Mom or Dad (or both).

### **STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

Parents - please make sure to send in payment for STUDENT ACCOUNTS as soon as possible. Due date was January 20th and we are working to get many plans for tours and trips finalized and are needing all accounts to be current. If you have questions regarding this or would like to use credit card, please contact Tracy Cameron at [tkt3@earthlink.net](mailto:tkt3@earthlink.net) Thank you for your help in this!

### **CHAPERONES**

Parents - tour plans have been distributed and we are in need of chaperones for ALL trips, with the exception of Chicago. San Diego will need approximately 20 chaperones (from all the various choir groups) and Vegas (Concert Choir only). Please let Mr. Tison know if you are available. A GREAT experience for you....and it satisfies volunteer hours!

### **FUNDRAISING CORNER**

Aly Johns, VMPA Fundraising Coordinator - 714-328-3811

### **FUNDRAISING DINNER ~**

The dinner for Vocal Music will be at the FABULOUS BJ'S Pizza! We are set for Tuesday, February 8th from 11am to 11pm! Please bring the flyer for your order and we will receive back 15%. They will also be available in the Choir Room and Front Desk in the office!!!!

### **COOKIE DOUGH ~**

For all you romantics out there, we have cookie dough made by our FAMOUS OTIS SPUNKMEYER! Why not bake some delicious sweets for your "sweetie" for Valentines Day! Please call me at 714-328-3811 for one or more of the following:

- 1 Strawberry Shortcake
- 2 Oatmeal Raisin
- 1 Carnival ~ which is a blonde cookie with m&m's in it! truly delicious!
- 1 Cinnamon Coffee Cake ~ Perfect for Mom & Dad's breakfast on Valentines Day
- 1 Chocolate Fudge Brownie
- 3 Pink Cookies ~ Dark Chocolate cookie with pink m&m's...yummy sweet treat
- 1 Holiday Joy ~ Bits of Peppermint your Valentine will love!

Each item is \$15 with checks made payable to VMPA!

## **PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS**

Please see the attached information sheet regarding private voice lessons. Thanks

## INFORMATION

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### ***TOUR PLANS for Spring 2011***

Parents...plans are well underway for our two festival trips this Spring. Later this week, you will receive a separate email giving more specific information regarding tour pricing and itinerary items. I can assure that each trip will be quite rewarding and full of rich and memorable experiences. The information that is available now...

### ***Friday, April 1 - Saturday, April 2 ALL CHOIRS San Diego, CA***

Originally planned for only a select few choirs, I have decided to take ALL our students (6 different performing choirs) to an overnight festival in San Diego. In my 9 years of teaching, I have led this trip to San Diego each year and the students love it! It will involve bus transportation, hotel in San Diego, dinner in Old Towne, music festival (each group performing and receiving adjudication), full-day admission to Sea World, private shows, buffet dinner, awards ceremony and dance (all in Sea World)! Groups travel to beautiful, sunny Southern California from all over the country to this festival and it is quite competitive. My desire this year is to take ALL of our incredibly strong groups and go down and conquer this competition! It is a very fun trip, great food, great "bonding" for all the students and a very accessible and affordable location! I hope to take all 180+ of our students, so we will need a TON of parent chaperones (approximately 20)! Depart on Friday around 10:30 – return by midnight on Saturday night! **PLEASE LET Mr. Tison KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING!** Approximate cost is \$250 per person – all- inclusive (firmer total coming soon)!

### ***Thursday, April 14 - Monday, April 18 CONCERT CHOIR Las Vegas region***

This trip will begin with heading to the Vegas area and potentially doing an exchange with a local high school choir program and doing home stays that night with that school. We will also compete in the Heritage Festival in Vegas (CC, TB, BT) and enjoy some activities in the area, including a great buffet dinner and a spectacular (and appropriate) Vegas show! The trip will conclude with a "desert adventure" for everyone which will involve the Hoover Dam....very adventurous and memorable (and a great workout)!! :) Trip will include all meals, bus transportation (2 busses), music festival and a variety of other activities. *Approximately 8-10 CHAPERONES will be needed!!* Final pricing will be coming soon and billing will continue in January (deposits have already been paid). A fun and unique trip with the best of our singers!

### ***Sounds of the Season-past & present - DVD and CD packages coming soon – ORDER NOW!***

Attached is an order form for the professional quality video and audio recordings from our unprecedented concert in December! You will want to take advantage of this incredible quality and BARGAIN pricing! Commemorative Souvenir Program booklets are being designed and completed this month and all media should be available for pickup or mailing sometime in early February!

### ***SCRIP NEWS***

Future order dates are Feb 4, Feb 18, Mar 4, Mar 18, Apr 8, Apr 29 and May 20. Questions??? Call Sue Farnsworth at 714 962-7097 or email at [skayeb@gmail.com](mailto:skayeb@gmail.com)

### ***Extra Trouver Picture***

If there is a Trouveres parent who would like a FREE 8 X 10 picture of the Trouveres that was taken by PSS Imaging in October, please email me Marie Bancroft, VMPA President at [twirl1mb@aol.com](mailto:twirl1mb@aol.com) The first parent to email Marie will be the lucky winner!

### ***NEW FUNDRAISER***

#### ***FV 5K Fun Run/Walk and Pet Prance***

The FV Community Foundation and City of FV will be sponsoring "The Fit to be Square 5K Fun Run/Walk and Pet Prance on February 19, 2011. This event will be held at the FV Recreation Center and Sports Park. It will also include a Health Expo. FVHS Choir/VMPA has been selected to participate in this event and will be able to earn funds that will go directly into our booster group. How does this work? When you sign up at [www.fv5k.org](http://www.fv5k.org) you select your organization (FVHS Choir) and 100% of your registration fee will go

directly to our booster group. It's that easy! This is a great opportunity and easy way to get some exercise and help our organization.

We are also looking for parent volunteers for the day of the event. You will be putting together and distributing goody bags, help set up the event or timing the participants. You can earn parent volunteer credits for your participation! If you are interested, please contact Andi Kang or Marie Bancroft.

For additional questions, please contact Andi Kang, VMPA Corporate Fundraising Coordinator at [akang8@gmail.com](mailto:akang8@gmail.com) or Marie Bancroft, VMPA President at [twirl1mb@aol.com](mailto:twirl1mb@aol.com)

### ***Ralphs Grocery Store Gives Back to the Vocal Music Program!***

It's easy, just shop, swipe your Ralphs Reward card and earn!

Ralphs is committed to help our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other non-profit organizations earn millions of dollars through their Community Contributions Program.

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It's easy to enroll if you are a new subscriber or enter your current reward card information to make edits and add FVHS Vocal Music Parent's Association to your card. You can also earn 1 Parent Volunteer Credit!!!! See instructions below.

Go to Ralphs.com

If you have a reward card or need to enroll click on: My Rewards

Click on Create/Update Account

Click on Community Rewards

Complete the information listed: All you need to know is FVHS vocal Music Parents Association #91606 and SAVE.

To Print the information for 1 Volunteer Credit:

Go back to the Create/Update Account Screen

Click on Community Rewards- FVHS Vocal Music Parent's Association should be on your screen. Print it and send it with your student to school to receive your 1 Volunteer Credit. Please write your student's name on the paper. That easy!

### ***Update Information - VIP Forms***

All Volunteers forms are now in the Choir room next to the payment box. If you plan to volunteer in the classroom or drive students in your own personal vehicle, you must complete this form and return it to Mrs. Belgen in the Administration Office two days prior to the event! All driving forms must have a copy of your liability insurance. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Bancroft, VMPA President, at [twirl1mb@aol.com](mailto:twirl1mb@aol.com)

### ***CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED!***

For the first time, FVHS VMPA can accept your credit card payment for choir fees. Simply print a copy of the payment card authorization (attached each week to the Vocalize), fill out all information on the form and submit it in the payment envelope your student brings home. Credit card payments provide you an opportunity to meet the payment deadlines but allow you to pay off the payment amount on your own timetable. We hope that this service will help you by providing an alternative method of payment. At this time, we accept MasterCard, Visa, and Discover cards.

Of course, we always accept checks, cashier's checks, money orders and cash.

For more information or questions, contact Tracy Cameron, Co-treasurer, Student Accounts at [tk3@earthlink.net](mailto:tk3@earthlink.net).