

Vocalize

Fountain Valley High School Vocal Music Weekly Bulletin

Week of January 3, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 3	Modified Day
Jan 7	Scrip orders due
Jan 10	Modified Day
Jan 13	Troubadour Parent Meeting
Jan 14	Reverse Modified Day
Jan 14	Scrip orders delivered
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan 31	Holiday – Staff Development

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Parents...envelopes will be coming home SOON for all students in all choirs regarding student accounts. We are needing to get expenses pre-paid for lots of tour aspects and will be billing all students for their particular tours (Chicago, San Diego, Las Vegas). IN ADDITION, some of the students are still behind and owing money for ATTIRE and MULTI-PURPOSE FEE! This makes it very difficult for us to meet our financial obligations and move the program forward into all the opportunities and events for the remainder of the year!! Please get accounts taken care of ASAP - consider using our CREDIT CARD option to help get things current! If you have questions on your student's account, as always, please feel free to contact Tracy Cameron at tkt3@earthlink.net for more information. *Thank you for your help in this matter!* - Mr. Tison & VMPA Executive Board

Vocal Music SPRING CALENDAR – updated

Parents...an **updated calendar** will be emailed this week with all dates for the remainder of the year! There are a few date changes that are significant, involving our concerts in April and May. All dates will be discussed in each of the class periods as well so that students are aware of the changes! *Please be on the lookout...*

TROUBADOUR PARENT meeting – January 13th – 7:00 p.m.

All TB parents will be given details of the busy and successful Spring that looms ahead, at a very important meeting in the **Choir Room** on the 13th at 7:00 p.m. (immediately following VMPPA Exec and Extended Meetings). The most significant aspects of the meeting will deal with the upcoming Winter Retreat, CHICAGO trip and March fundraiser! Airline tickets will soon be requiring names, so if you are interested in travelling with and **chaperoning** the group, please let Mr. Tison know ASAP. *See you on the 13th for a brief time of information and planning.*

SCRIP ORDERS

It's time to order SCRIP again. SCRIP orders are due Fri Jan 7. They will be delivered Jan 14. SCRIP is a great way to earn money for tour payments. Future order dates are Jan 21, 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

INFORMATION

Volunteer Opportunities

There's still time to complete your volunteer credits for the First Semester. As you all know it is required to either complete 8 volunteer credits each Semester or pay a \$75 fee. Many parents have been working toward this goal and we appreciate their efforts. As an Extended Board, we are committed to providing opportunities for those who want to volunteer. There are still a few opportunities left this semester. Please contact Erica Burden (mamaburden@gmail.com) or Marie Bancroft (twirl1mb@aol.com) if you are in need of volunteer hours.

Erica Burden, Volunteer Coordinator

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.

The Ralphs Community Contribution Program was designed to make our fundraising the easiest in town by simply using your Ralphs Rewards Card.

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!

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

There are still several parent volunteer positions open. The number next to the volunteer position represents how many credits you will earn. If you have not signed up for first semester, please contact Erica Burden at mamaburden@gmail.com. If you didn't get a chance to sign up during the parent meeting, now is your chance to do so! Please email Mrs. Burden directly with your volunteer commitment. She will need your name, your student's name, choir group, your email address, and phone number in order to contact you. This information will be kept confidential and will only be shared with VMPA Executive and Extended Board. Thank you for your support!

Spring Semester:

Director Assistant (2) - ACDA Concert, March 5, 2011

Director Assistant (2) - Spring Concert, April 6, 2011

Masterwork Concert - 4/12/11

Refreshment Assistant (4)

2 - Refreshment Table (2)

Director Assistant (2)

Concert Usher (2)

Broadway Concert - FRIDAY 6/3/11

2 - Equipment Transportation (4)

10 - Rehearsal Chaperone (3)

2 - Concert Chaperone (3)

Concert Usher (3)

Director Assistant (2)

Refreshment Table (2)

Broadway Concert - SATURDAY Matinee 6/4/11

4 - Rehearsal Chaperone (3)

6 - Concert Chaperone (3)

3 - Concert Usher (3)

Director Assistant (2)

Concert Information Table (2)

Broadway Concert - SATURDAY Evening 6/4/11

Tear Down/Equipment Transportation (4)

4 - Rehearsal Chaperone (3)

7 - Concert Chaperone (3)

Refreshment Table (2)

Year Volunteer Position:

Talbert Middle School Coordinator (3)

Choir Board Advisor (8) Extended Board Position

Photo Historian (8) Extended Board Position

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

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.