

Vocalize

Fountain Valley High School Vocal Music Weekly Bulletin

Week of February 28, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28	Modified day
Mar 1	Tour Assistance forms due
Mar 3	Extended VMPA Meeting 5:30 pm
Mar 4	Concert Choir at Fulton
Mar 4	Scrip Orders Due
Mar 7	Modified day
Mar 11	Scrip Orders Delivered
Mar 14	Modified day
Mar 18	Troubadour Festival – CSUF am
Mar 18	Concert Choir Festival – Chapman
Mar 19	Troubadour Rummage Sale
Mar 21	Modified day
Mar 28	Modified day

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIP NEWS

With tour payments coming up, be sure to consider buying SCRIP to help reduce those tour payments. It makes sense to purchase SCRIP to pay for those products you are going to buy anyway. Even if you only buy grocery and gas cards each week, you can put several dollars in your account. Restaurants and department stores have larger profits. Look over the list and see if you can earn money for your account by purchasing some SCRIP this week. There are many more vendors available than we have on the order form. Go to glscrip.com for the complete list. You can write other vendors on a blank line on the order form. 90% of the profit goes into your student account.

Orders are due Friday, March 4 in the choir room. Orders will be delivered the following Friday, March 11 also in the choir room. Questions??? call Sue Farnsworth at 714 962-7097 or email at skayeb@gmail.com

TROUBADOUR - March Fundraiser - Spring Cleaning!

The Troubadours will be having their 2nd Annual Rummage Sale/Car Wash/ Breakfast/Cook Out on Saturday, March 19 from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm!

The early birds get the best selections! All proceeds will benefit the Troubadours Spring tour. **We are looking for donations big and small from all FVHS choirs or friends.** If you would like to donate gently used items or would like us to pick up a larger item, please contact Marie Bancroft, VMPA President, at twirl1mb@aol.com . Your support is greatly appreciated.

**\$5.00 Pre-sale tickets for one car wash or breakfast or lunch can be purchased from any Troubadour student. **

INFORMATION

From Mr. Tison -

Attached are a couple of documents to be used in an effort to give a bit of assistance to some students and families who are currently facing financial hardship. I have always said, in 9 years of teaching, that I would never allow money to stand in the way of opportunities for any hard-working and deserving student! I continue to stand by this pledge and am here to help in any way that I can.

The criteria that is attached was adopted by VMPA a few years ago as a guideline to use in distributing tour assistance. Obviously a lot of things are taken into consideration when making recommendations for assistance. Please see the attached application and fill out completely! The more information you can provide, the better. I have always said, "unless I know of the problem, I cannot help provide a solution!" Please understand and trust that all information will be kept strictly confidential and used only in helping determine and distribute any assistance towards your student's account.

We (VMPA) are VERY limited in the amount of tour assistance that we have ear-marked for distribution this year. Unfortunately, we can always use more to help those who need a little boost! If you are in a position to help provide some assistance to some of our students and their families, making it possible to send them on tour, please contact Mr. Tison ASAP for details. We are a big family--and families help one another out in times of need! Please consider this opportunity to share! You can really help make a difference for some of our students!

All TOUR ASSISTANCE Applications are DUE back to Mr. Tison by Tuesday, March 1st! Monies will be distributed into the March pay period.

As always, please remember that we offer a Credit Card option for paying tour expenses. In addition, payment plans can sometimes be extended a bit to help out.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Tison - working together, making a difference!

Sell Your Choir Dress

If you are interested in selling your black (TV, LC) choir dress please contact Mindy Schloderer by email at Mschloderer@socal.rr.com. There have been quite a few new students who joined choir this semester and are in need of a dress.

If you have a dress you would like to sell please email Mindy with :

Your name

Your phone number and email address

The size and length of the dress

Please understand that VMPPA is only facilitating this process. This is a personal transaction between the buyer and seller. The check should be made to the seller.

Thank you, Mindy Schloderer VMPPA TV-LC Attire coordinator

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 ASAP if you are available. A GREAT experience for you....and it satisfies volunteer hours! Several parents have signed up to chaperone already and a compiled list will be emailed soon to confirm. However we are still in need for ALL trips, except Chicago! ***See attached CHAPERONE list – if there are additions or changes, please let Mr. Tison know ASAP.***

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR POKER TOURNAMENT DONATION!

If you are able to donate a gift worth \$100 for the Poker Tournament you will receive 8 hours of volunteer credit for the semester!

In the past the gifts were:

Home Depot / Lowes Gift Cards

Sports Game Tickets (perhaps someone in your group has season tickets that will donate a game)

Hotel Stay (someone uses their points to donate a weekend stay somewhere)

Car Services (Car Detail)

Electronics (IPOD, Flip Camcorder)

Golf Package

Thank you everyone, Andi Y.H. Kang

CALENDAR additions...

Friday, March 4th Concert Choir - recruiting @ Fulton (1:40-2:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 18th Troubadour Festival @ CSUF (a.m.)

Concert Choir Festival @ Chapman (afternoon)

STUDENT ACCOUNTS – DUE NOW!

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 tk3@earthlink.net Thank you for your help in this!

COOKIE DOUGH ~ \$15 each.

Checks made payable to VMPPA

1 Strawberry Shortcake

1 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!

If you have any questions, please call 714-328-3811. Aly Johns Student Fundraising Coordinator

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! **We are in the final days of production---so coming soon!** Order yours today if you have not!

RALPHS~

Flyers are available to take into Ralphs to add to your swiped Ralphs card to earn back \$ for the Vocal Music Program. They are available in the Choir Room. **You receive Parent Volunteer Credit for signing up your Ralphs card** --- do it today and help support the 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!

WEBSITE --- launched.

Thanks to Kristen Kloppenburg, Jen Miller and Brian Damitz for their help with this project. Check it often for updates! Fvhsvocalmusic.com

TOUR PLANS for Spring 2011

Parents...plans are well underway for our two festival trips this Spring. Soon 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!** Cost is \$265 per person – all-inclusive! **See attached ITINERARY for more information regarding the trip!** Waiver forms are not yet due.

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!

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. Credit cards may not be used for SCRIP purchases.

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.