

VPA Newsletter

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VPA Website

Visit the Vocal Choirs website - it contains information on upcoming events, calendar, and VPA news!

VPA Meeting

January 3rd, 6:00 p.m.
Show Choir Room

Get Involved!

Parents are encouraged and welcome to join the VPA group - our membership is a valued part of the vocal music program!



Madrigal - a Success!

December 1st and 2nd brought royalty and chivalry to Johnston's 31st Madrigal Dinner Event. The noble seniors of the Royal Court were dressed as noble as the Lords and Ladies, a Jester, a King and Queen. This group 'play-acted' an original drama. The students sang

22 Renaissance-era songs from memory. Royal dancers performed the Galliard and Pavanne dances. The 5-course feaste was served to 576 guests and 179 students sang and performed.

Planning was done by a Madrigal Committee of VPA members and dozens of volunteers helped put up the castle, decorate, set tables, and prepare/serve food.

The event was a magical evening of wonderful music, decorations, costume, food and entertainment!

SHOWZAM! – Johnston's Show Choir Invitational

Showzam! Our very own show choir invitational will take place exclusively at the high school this year on Friday, January 21, and Saturday, January 22. We are so excited to showcase schools. Many volunteers are needed in order for this to be a successful event.

VPA Contacts: Susie Martz, Lisa Mentzer, Jodi Schneider, or Karen Teel.



Madrigal Dinner - Thank you!!!

THANK YOU! A huge thanks to all Madrigal Dinner volunteers. Ann Wiley and crew, thank you!!! The event was gorgeous and a beautiful way to kick-off the holiday season. More information on upcoming events to come in January. See you on the 3rd! Thanks again!

Mrs. VanWaardhuizen

Chaperones

Our first chaperoned event will be Jan. 15, 2011, to the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. The following people signed up to be chaperones:

Jan Anderson
Vicky Beary
Crystal Curiel
Cimberly Hansen
Suzie Martz
Brian Martz
Becky Mayer
Sue Nagel
Steve Nichols
Valerie Nichols
Janiece Ochoa
Peg Rasmussen
Alecia Soda
Sheila Stevens
Cindy Swallow
Ann Wiley

Reminder emails (as well as calls if necessary) to these folks after Christmas. Chaperones will be having nametags this year so everyone will know each other. Chaperones are encouraged to wear Johnston apparel during the trip so they are more readily identifiable.
VPA Contact: Loraine Wallace

Parent Show Choir Booklet

This book includes pictures of the students who are in the Show Choir groups and is handy for placing names with faces during competitions. It will be valuable to chaperones on the trips. The book is going through some minor revisions and will be available to parents.
VPA Contact: Raynee Sparks

Chamber Choir

A belated thank you to Rachele Hjellmass, Raynee Sparks, and Steve Nichols for their help with the All-State Audition Day breakfast. Another thank you to the parents who donated food and drink. Due to a change in Iowa States football game, the group picture was postponed and taken at a later date. Those pictures have been distributed to students.

There were a few wardrobe issues before the fall concert. Some emergency hemming was done on the night of the last concert. Mrs. Van Waarduizen is sending dresses to a tailor to hem the extra length.
VPA Contact: Mary Ellen Dockum

VPA Budget

The fundraising dollars from Encore Cards and Younkers Community Day booklets have been deposited. Madrigal bills will be paid out this month and costs for ShowZam are beginning to be paid out.

The Musical does not have a budget currently. It will receive some building budget. Fundraising and grants are being solicited for the new school event.

Students have had opportunities to participate in fundraising events that go directly to their student choral fees. These funds go toward costume and Choral Trip fees. Updated student credits will be available after January 1st.
VPA Contact: Tricia Scieszinski

JHS Musical – The Music Man

Auditions are scheduled for the week of Feb. 28th - March 4. We are now forming committees and placing mentors with each of the student committees. The patron letter went out recently and donations would be greatly appreciated. Information will go out to students on Wednesday, December 22. Questions, see Mr. Shepard.

January Dates

3 VPA Meeting, 6:00 pm, HS Choir Room

8-9 Innovation Stephen Todd and Linda McEachran/Synergy Show Choir Camp

13 Dress Rehearsal - Fusion, Impact, Sound Advice, Synergy and Innovation, 7:00 pm, HS Auditorium

15 University of Nebraska at Lincoln - Innovation and Synergy

21-22 Showzam! Johnston Show Choir Invitational

