

GRADUATION

Community wide Baccalaureate will be held on May 2. This service is organized by the Freeman Ministerial Association. More details will be provided closer to the date.

FA will be holding a Graduation Ceremony on May 22 @ 6:00 PM in Pioneer Hall. There will be limited attendance. Be looking for more details in the weeks to come.

We will be honoring the 8th grade graduates in fall at Convocation.

APRIL EARLY DISMISSAL AND NO-SCHOOL DATES

- April 2 & 5 – NO SCHOOL, Easter
- April 7, 2:30PM Dismissal
- April 16, 12:50PM Dismissal
- April 21, 2:30PM Dismissal
- April 23. 12:50PM Dismissal



Leo & Ms. Stastny discussing a science experiment.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERTS, CONTEST & PRACTICE – Donna Ries

This time of year is especially busy for the instrumentalists in grades 5-8 as they are working on solo and ensemble music for the **Middle School Contest** on April 30 (grades 5-8), concert band music for the May 6 (grades 5-8) and May 13 (grades 7-12) **Spring Concerts** and pep band music for the **Pep Band Concert** on May 18 (grades 7-12). There should be no problem having enough music to practice 100 minutes or more every week this third trimester. In addition to weekly practice incentives, there will be a pizza party for all middle school instrumental musicians who earn 100 minutes of practice each week this trimester. (More details regarding the concerts and contest will be sent in separate emails.)

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA WILL BE HELD – Donna Ries

The South Dakota High School Activities Association has decided that the **South Dakota High School All-State Orchestra will be held on Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20**. The rehearsals and concert will be held at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. The concert, starting at 5:30 p.m., will be open to family members and will be live streamed through <https://www.sdpb.org/>. As stated in the November Newsletter, Seth Balzer, sophomore, son of Paul and Janet Balzer will take his place in the tuba section of the orchestra sitting first chair!

Dr. Peter Folliard, Dean of Augustana University's School of Music in Sioux Falls, will be the guest conductor. Before coming to Augustana, Dr. Folliard held conducting positions with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and The United States Air Force Band and Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Folliard was also a teacher at the Juilliard School, Eastman School of Music, Peabody Conservatory and Crane School of Music.

CONCERT DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 20 – SD High School All-State Orchestra @ 5:30 p.m. <https://www.sdpb.org/>

April 30 (Friday) – Middle School Solo and Ensemble Contest

May 6 (Thursday) – Middle School (grades 5-8) Bands with 1-8 Vocal Concert

May 13 (Thursday) – High School Concert including grades 7 – 12 concert band

May 18 (Tuesday) – Pep Band Concert and Awards Night



Click the following link to see what the 1-3 students created in Google Slides with their recipes that they shared last month with local Freeman business partners. Enjoy!

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1okTGSc2LiB1FfWrGbKrzJkUeemMOcWfwwCit3MSqwDY/edit?usp=sharing>



The Bearcat merchandise store is currently open but not for long! It closes on March 31 at 11:00 PM!

<https://hauffsports.chipply.com/freemanacademy2020/>

There are T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, long-sleeved shirts, and bleacher seats with lots of updated styles and options.

Vocal Region I Contest Results!

The Freeman Academy vocal department submitted 11 entries to the Region I Vocal contest on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Freeman Academy received 11 Superior ratings.

The following solos received a **Superior** rating:

Maria Cortes, Sierra Eslinger, Emmy Niemann, and Jessica Paschal

The following Freeman Academy Ensembles and Groups received **Superior** ratings:

Mixed Vocal Ensemble: Angelyn Allison, Maria Cortes, Connor Epp, Sierra Eslinger, Alyssa Fink, Paul Hoff, Laura Ilunga, Emmy Niemann, Titus Roesler

Mixed Vocal Group: Angelyn Allison, Seth Balzer, Tyler Brockmueller, Stefany Cortes, Timothy Epp, Angel Hernandez, Jada Koerner, Gabe Miller, Samuela Ndongosieme, Beatrice Nelson, Emmy Niemann, Liam Ortman, Jessica Paschal, Autumn Rouse, Blake Van Ningen, and Leo Wang

Girls Ensemble: Maria Cortes, Stefany Cortes, Alyssa Fink, Laura Ilunga, Jada Koerner, Samuela Ndongosieme, Beatrice Nelson, Autumn Rouse

Boys Group: Seth Balzer, Jess Bashige, Quincy Blue, Josh Brock, Connor Epp, Matthew Hagen, Gavin Haggerty, Noah Hofer, Paul Hoff, Charles Hu, Aidan Kesteloot, Cameron McCartney, Fred Nelson, Liam Ortman, Titus Roesler, Sam Waltner

Boys Ensemble: Seth Balzer, Tyler Brockmueller, Connor Epp, Timothy Epp, Angel Hernandez, Noah Hofer, Aidan Kesteloot, Gabe Miller, Fred Nelson

Girls Group: Angelyn Allison, Maria Cortes, Stefany Cortes, Sierra Eslinger, Alyssa Fink, Laura Ilunga, Jada Koerner, Samuela Ndongosieme, Beatrice Nelson, Emmy Niemann, Jessica Paschal, Autumn Rouse

Like Duet: Maria Cortes & Emmy Niemann

Freeman Academy vocal department is under the direction of Amy Hofer Vetch. Accompanists included Amber Bradley, Sherilyn Ortman and Amy Hofer Vetch. Nathan Schrag was the videographer.

Senior Recital, Emmy Niemann

Senior Emmy Niemann will present her Senior Recital on Saturday, April 10th in Pioneer Hall. This will be by invitation only.

Elementary Honor Choir Festival, SDSU, April 22nd

Three Freeman Academy students auditioned for the SDSU Elementary Honor Choir festival and were selected to participate. **Abigail Bradley**, 4th grade, daughter of Amber and Mark Bradley; **Ariane Fink**, 6th grade, daughter of Michelle and Charles Fink; and **Eli Hoff**, 4th grade, son of Lucinda and Jake Hoff. This is Ariane's third year of selection. Congratulations to these students!

As SDSU monitors the COVID situation they have made adjustments to the choir schedule and concert format. Selected members have been divided into two different choirs with two different concert times. The Freeman Academy students will participate in the BLUE choir. The BLUE choir shares their concert, via Livestream, at 12:00 pm that day.

Elementary Contest, Grades 5-8, Friday, April 30th

5-8th Music classes: Currently, we are working on solos and ensembles in preparation for the elementary music contest. This year Freeman Academy will host their own contest on campus. Please help support our students by encouraging them to listen to their recordings in preparation for the concert and the

contest. A letter will be sent to parents with further details.

All-State Chorus-2021 Cancelled

After much discussion and input from teachers across the state, the SDHSAA and the state Music Advisory Council decided to cancel All-State Chorus this year. With over 900 students participating in this event procedures, distance spacing, air exchange rate and masked singing presented too many obstacles for the state to hold this event.

Each school was encouraged, in the fall, to have auditions to select their vocal representatives. Freeman Academy held these auditions in October. Even though they will not be participating they will be listed in the program and given All-State pins by the SDHSAA. Selected for the Chorus from Freeman Academy are **Emmy Niemann**, soprano, senior, daughter of Alaina and Cristopher Niemann; **Maria Cortes**, alto, junior, daughter of Dolores and Jesus Cortes; **Paul Hoff**, tenor, junior son of Lucinda and Jake Hoff; and **Noah Hofer**, bass, junior, son of Heather and Shawn Hofer. **Jessica Paschal**, freshmen, is the alternate for the soprano position. Amy Hofer Vetch is the vocal instructor at Freeman Academy.



The Chamber choir performing at the Variety Show on March 26th.

Donate 8: Elementary Collaboration with Et Cetera Shoppe

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should **give** what you have decided in your heart to **give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

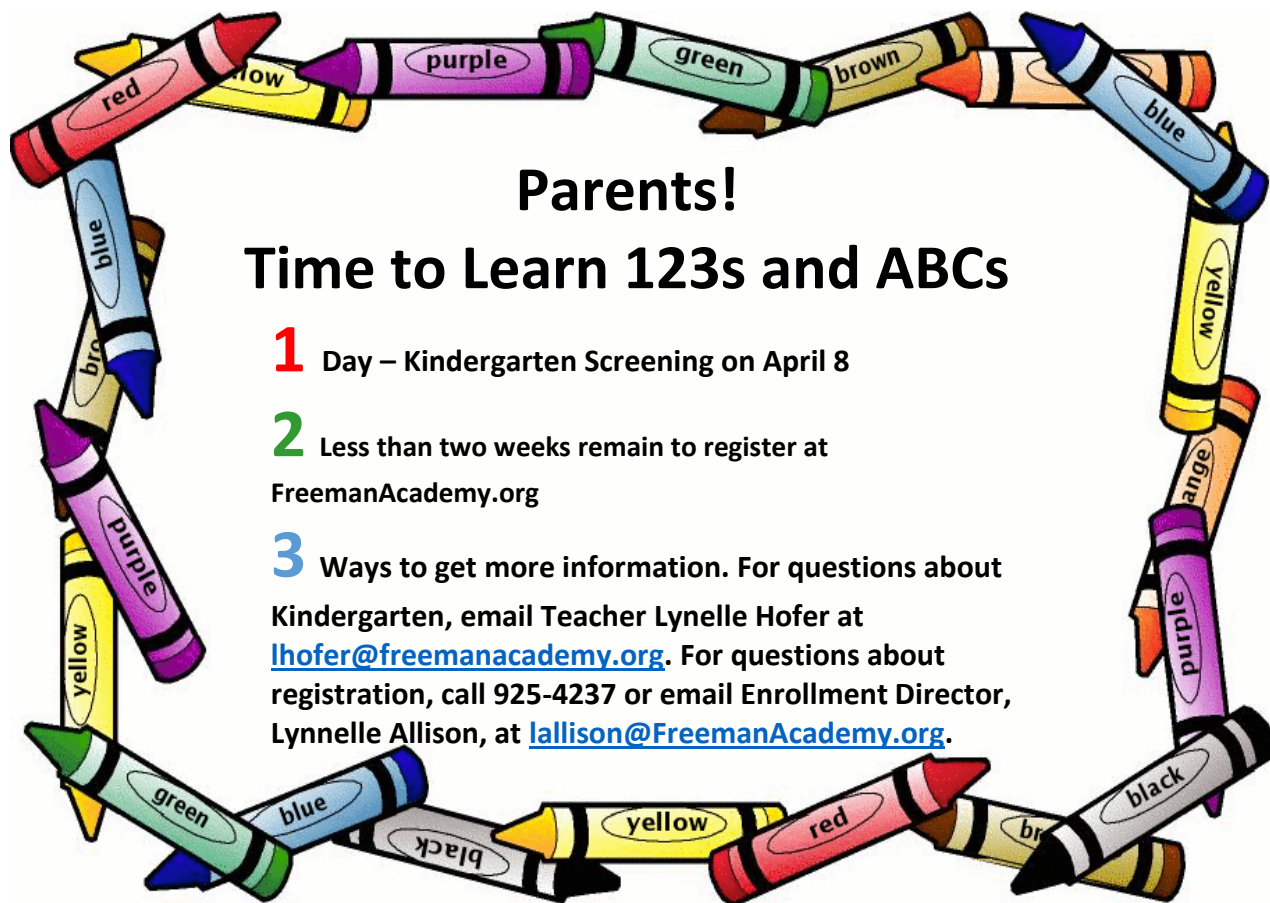


One single email from Kris Carlson at the Et Cetera Shoppe was all it took for the Freeman Academy family to put the Bible verse shown above into action. The initial phase of this service learning project began when the collaborative team of elementary students from grades 1-6 wrote persuasive letters and sent them to all Freeman Academy families. Within a short couple of weeks, clothing donations poured in and there were bags filled with clothing of a variety of sizes. The 625 pieces of clothing collected were desperately needed by the local thrift shop due to depletion in drop-offs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the Donate 8 project, the grade 1-3 students put their Math skills to the test by sorting the clothes into sizes, bagging them into like sized groups, and then tracking the data on graphs, see photo of Chloe Kelly. Knowing what to expect helped Kris and the Et Cetera Shoppe volunteers prepare for the delivery of the clothing. Upon delivery, the elementary students were given a behind-the-scenes tour of every aspect of the Et Cetera Shoppe and also learned the history of how this amazing mission had its beginning.



The Freeman Academy Elementary sends special thanks and love to all those who donated to this collaborative service learning project! ❤️ Submitted by: Karla Rupp / 1-3 Instructor



Parents! Time to Learn 123s and ABCs

- 1** Day – Kindergarten Screening on April 8
- 2** Less than two weeks remain to register at FreemanAcademy.org
- 3** Ways to get more information. For questions about Kindergarten, email Teacher Lynelle Hofer at lhofer@freemanacademy.org. For questions about registration, call 925-4237 or email Enrollment Director, Lynelle Allison, at lallison@FreemanAcademy.org.

Tuition Credit Opportunity \$200-\$500

Telling friends and family about Freeman Academy is the best way to get the word out about our great school. Research shows more than 70% of new students join independent schools because another family recommended they check out the school. Advertising does not produce these results; parents talking to other parents does. Remember: when a family you contacted enrolls at the school, you receive a tuition credit after the new family has been enrolled for one trimester. Our families have received \$2500 through this program! Talk to enrollment director Lynelle Allison when you know of an interested family. Thank you for your help in growing our enrollment!

Help Grow Enrollment!

Tell friends about these upcoming events.

Kindergarten Screening

April 8

Open House

April 23, 2-4pm