

With all of the bad weather in the month of January, we were still able to make it to both vocal festivals that we had hoped to get to and had prepared for. The Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah and the Meistersinger Vocal Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly, although totally different in character, both provided excellent experiences for those involved in them.

The month of February will find the high school singers preparing for the Pops Concert which is the first week in March—Thursday night, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The following evening is the Simon Estes Concert in Hampton and 13 vocalists from West Fork are taking part in this awesome experience. We have already had one rehearsal with the Hampton Chorus and will have two more before the concert on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The music is of all-state caliber, so it is challenging and will require some serious practice time between now and then. These concerts will be followed two weeks later by the VIP Community Variety Show on March 20<sup>th</sup> and several singers are preparing pieces for this concert as well. And then small group state contest will be a mere three weeks later. So February will be extremely busy trying to get a handle on all of this music. Whew!

The SCMT K-3 students continue to learn and process new information in their general music classes. The Kindergarten has learned the quarter and 8<sup>th</sup> notes and rests and how to count and clap them through the use of charts. The first grade continues to work on the treble clef staff and how to read the lines and spaces. The second grade is doing the same with the bass clef as well as a few new signs and symbols such as the repeat sign and fermata or birdseye (hold). And the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is getting a workout trying to figure out ledger lines on the grand staff. The elementary students will continue to learn new and exciting things about music throughout Feb. and into March when it will then be time to start work on their spring concert music. SPRING—now doesn't that sound good right now?!

## **H.S. VOCAL IMPORTANT DATES—2009-2010**

\* means the performance is **REQUIRED**

### **MARCH:**

\***THURSDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>—POPS CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**  
Fri., March 5<sup>th</sup>—Simon Estes Concert in Hampton  
Sat., March 20<sup>th</sup>—VIP Community Variety Show

### **APRIL:**

Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup>—State Small Group Music Contest

### **MAY:**

**Tues., May 4<sup>th</sup>—SCMT Elementary Spring Concert**  
\***SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>—STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST**

**\*TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>—FINE ARTS NIGHT**

Wed., May 19<sup>th</sup>—Baccalaureate (small group)

Sun., May 23<sup>rd</sup>—Graduation (small group)