

Rock Valley Christian School

Monday October 21: Scrip orders due at 9:00 AM

Wednesday October 23: Full Day

Friday October 25: End of 1st quarter- noon dismissal

Western Christian-Explore Western

Families with students of all ages are invited to attend our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 PM. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. If you plan to attend *Explore Western* or have any questions or would rather schedule an individual tour, please email or contact Brad Vis brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Dordt University-Music events

Join the Dordt University Music Department for an unforgettable afternoon of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Friday, October 25 at 3:10 PM Music will include a jazzy setting of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow;" favorites by Bob Dylan, The Beatles, and Toto; and other standards like "Blue Skies," "Over the Rainbow," and "St. Louis Blues."

Please join the Dordt University Music Department for an exhilarating evening of music as the Dordt Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and Campus-Community Band perform on Friday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Campus Community Band will open the concert and will perform three works, one of which is the vibrant and energetic "Fracas" by Randall Standbridge. The Chamber Orchestra will follow with music by Fasch, Ewazen, and Bohm. The Wind Symphony will perform a thrilling line up consisting of wind band staples "Tocatta Marziale" by Vaughn-Williams, Frank Ticheli's heartfelt setting of "Amazing Grace," and the contemporary and exciting masterpiece "Asphalt Cocktail" by John Mackey.

The second half of the Fall Music Festival at 8:30 PM on Friday October 25 in the BJ Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to the 21st century and explore themes of joy, peace, praise, and community. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit.

All events and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Sioux County Oratorio Chorus-New season begins in November

COME SING ON TUESDAYS! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is kicking off a new and exciting season next month, and all are welcome to come sing. This season features a special guest conductor and a first for the chorus as we present Brahms *Requiem*. Due to a conflict with NISO our first rehearsal will begin Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 PM DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus with normal Tuesday rehearsals resuming the following weeks. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

"How Deep is Your Bench"

MEN! "HOW DEEP IS YOUR BENCH?" is what Coach and Dad, Chris Yaw, will ask as he shares about his faith journey and his daughter Claire's fight with leukemia. You are invited to hear Chris at the Mendistry Area Men's Event at the MOC-FV High School East Gym on November 7 at 7:00 PM.

Inspiration Hills Events

Art of Parenting Retreat – November 15-17 – visit inspirationhills.org/parenting for more info
Come to this extended weekend retreat to learn more about parenting. The weekend will include guided video sessions and engaging discussions. You'll be equipped to make faith the core of your parenting through intentional, biblical instruction and Christ-centered plans that aim children's hearts toward God. Parents will finish the study with renewed confidence in parenting, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifts. The event will take place from 4:30 PM Friday night to 7pm Saturday evening with the option to spend the night on Saturday. To register for this event or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/parenting.

Annual Fundraiser – November 21-Join us for a joyful Christmas concert featuring performances by Jason Gray and Point of Grace. This festive event brings our community together for an evening of Christmas music and giving, with all proceeds supporting our mission of providing an environment for individuals to come to know and grow in Christ. The event will take place on November 21 at 7 PM. To purchase tickets now or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/fundraiser

Justice For All Annual Meeting-October 22

Justice For All invites you to attend the Annual Meeting on Tues, Oct 22 at 5:00 PM at the Rock Valley Event Center. Along with the business meeting a delicious meal will be served. Because of the historic flood in June, JFA will not hold their fall auction so that many businesses and individuals who generally donate towards the auction can continue to get back on their feet. In place of the auction, JFA will host a panel of area ministries who will share their ministry but also how through collaboration, many needs continue to be met in our local area. Reservations for the meal can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct 15. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

Justice For All is planning the 2025 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways!

2025 teams:

- Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25
- JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7
- Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14
- Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7
- Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12.

Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. For more information or sign up for a project, please contact Nick at JFA 476-2804/nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org. You can also check out our website: jfa-niowa.org

One Body One Hope event-November 6

Praise and Thanksgiving! You are warmly invited to an inspiring evening hosted by One Body One Hope on Wednesday, November 6, at the Dordt University Agriculture Stewardship Center. Together, we will celebrate and give thanks for the amazing work God is doing in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Fellowship & Refreshments at 7:00 PM (Enjoy delicious desserts and refreshing drinks) followed by a program from 7:15-8:20 PM (sharp). We look forward to sharing this special time of worship, gratitude, and community with you!