

Federal Way High School

Eagle Times



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Principal's Message

Dear Federal Way High School Parents and Guardians,

The first semester of the 2009-2010 school year successfully ended on January 28th. Students' final semester grades are enclosed. Please take the time to review your student's grades with your son or daughter. Since these are final grades, they are posted to your child's transcript. If your child had a successful first semester, take time to celebrate this accomplishment and continue to encourage your child to excel in school. If your child struggled academically, please take time to review the information provided by the school counselors for this newsletter. As we move into second semester, remember the HSPE (formerly known as the WASL) test is coming soon. This exam impacts our freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students. Please familiarize yourself with the HSPE information enclosed.

Important Dates

Feb. 8	Parent Night – Registration, 6:30 pm
Feb. 15-16	No School – Mid Winter Break
Feb. 22	Clearing for Spring Sports Start Parent Night – Academics, 6:30 pm
Mar. 1	Spring Sports Practice/Tryouts Start
Mar. 9	Spring Sports Parent Night, 6:00 pm
Mar. 11-13	Play
Mar. 16	Reading HSPE
Mar. 17-18	Writing HSPE
Mar. 20	Tolo
Mar. 23	Band Concert, 7:00 pm
Mar. 25-26	Non Student Days – Student Led Conferences
Mar. 29-Apr. 2	No School – Spring Break

Important Report Card Information

What You Need to Know: Enclosed is your son or daughter's first semester report card. Congratulations to all students earning passing grades of A, B, or C! We are appreciative of your hard work and commitment to achieving the best education that you can. Keep up the great work!

Please notice if there are any grades that are **D or F** on the report card. If there are, your student failed the class and could be credit deficient for graduation. We care a great deal about our students and want to see them excel academically. There are various issues that stand in the way of student success, however. Our desire is to team with families to combat failure in classes and foster academic success and lifelong learning.

Senior students need to pay even closer attention if they failed any classes. It is important for those seniors who failed a class to meet with their counselor right away and discuss whether they are still on track to graduate in June. Appointments can be made through the Counseling Office secretaries.

Students must earn **23.5 credits** to graduate from high school in the Federal Way Public Schools. Failing even one class can cause a student to be in jeopardy of graduating on time. There are numerous ways a student can **retrieve credit** or get the extra help that they need. Below are some of the options available:

- FWPS Summer School
- FWHS Summer Bridge
- FWHS Independent Study Courses (Limited)
- BYU Independent Study Courses
- Community College High School Enhancement Classes
- FWPS Internet Academy



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Information on the first two options becomes available in May. The last four options are available more frequently. Contact your son or daughter's school counselor to inquire about these programs.

HSPE (formerly the WASL) requirements are forefront in our minds. All students must meet standard on the Reading and Writing HSPE or meet standard on a HSPE alternative in order to graduate. Students must also either meet standard on the Math HSPE or earn 1.0 math credit every year and we highly recommend retaking the Math HSPE in the Spring. **If your son or daughter has not passed the 10th grade Math HSPE and failed their 1st semester math class, he or she must meet with their counselor immediately.**

What You Can Do: Students often do not have the skills to approach their teachers or they are apprehensive to admit that they don't understand something and need help. Please **encourage** your son or daughter to initiate this communication with their teachers. Each student has an advisory teacher that they can utilize for homework assistance or possibly to help in initiating the conversations mentioned above. Additionally, we have **Eagle Vision** tutoring available after school in our library on Monday-Thursday from 2:15-4:00 p.m. OR **Math Lab** in room 418 during the same days and times. There is an activity bus available at 4:00 for those students who travel on district transportation.

We encourage you to keep open communications with your child's teachers. Email and phone lists are attached to the back of each progress report (report card). You may also contact your son or daughter's school counselor. You can call the Counseling Office at 253-945-5407 or 253-945-5408 to talk with our secretaries and set up an appointment with your student's counselor.

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Last Names Beginning

A-H & Cambridge A-K

I-R & Cambridge L-Z

S-Z & All AVID

Please help us to motivate our students and support them with encouraging words so that they don't give up out of frustration or feel inadequate in classes they have failed. We need to convey that they are not inadequate and that they do have the ability to pass ALL of their classes. The new semester will be a fresh start and another opportunity to prove that they have the ability to succeed.

High School Planning Night

Is Your Eighth Grader Heading to High School? Make a Plan!

Every high school in Federal Way hosts a High School Planning Night to help eighth-grade students and their parents learn what to expect at high school – and to develop a plan to make the most of their educational opportunities before graduation.

Woodmont Elementary School, Sacajawea, Lakota and Totem's Middle School's High School Planning Night will be held at Federal Way High School, 30611 16th Ave. S., on February 4, 2010.

Whatever a student's aptitude and interest, there is a high school program in the district that will help him or her prepare for any career. At high school planning night, eighth grade students and their parents will learn about programs and opportunities available around the district, and how to transfer into a high school other than the neighborhood school to take advantage of specific programs.

School staff will be on hand at each event to help students and parents determine the high school graduation plan they need to follow in order to achieve their post-high school goals. Students and parents will choose the specific plan that will guide their course selection for the next four years.

Each middle school is assigned to a specific High School for the Planning Night. If a student and parent can't attend on the night specified for their middle school, they are welcome to attend on one of the other evenings.



Date	Location	Middle School
Jan. 27	Thomas Jefferson HS	Kilo, Totem
Feb. 4	Federal Way HS	Lakota, Sacajawea, Totem, Woodmont
Feb. 8	Decatur HS	Lakota, Saghalie
Feb. 10	Todd Beamer HS	Illahee, Sequoyah

The starting time for all events is 6 p.m.
 Questions? Contact our office at 253-945-5400.

Replacement Technology Levy On Ballot Feb. 9

Did you know that funding for technology in schools depends entirely on local taxpayer support? The state's basic funding allocation to schools does not provide money for technology. We're grateful that our voters supported the district's first technology levy six years ago by a two-to-one margin.

However, this technology levy expires in 2010. A replacement levy is needed to keep current technology in the hands of students and staff. This is not about frills and having the latest bells and whistles. It's about keeping our students on the same footing as students around the state, nation and world.

The replacement technology levy will not increase our taxes. The proposed levy has been structured to coincide with a decrease in the construction bond measure collections, so that taxpayers' contributions to these two funds combined will remain level through the next six years

The district has accomplished the goals it set out with the first technology levy. Perhaps most important of all, it's kept up-to-date computers in front of our students. At our school alone, the current technology levy has provided an average of 63 new computers to replace aging computers each year for the past six years.

This has helped ensure the computers available for our students' and staff's use are relevant and reliable. For more information, please visit <http://www.fwps.org/dept/tech/levy/>.

2010 High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) Testing Mark Your Calendar Now!

Tuesday, March 16:	Reading HSPE
Wednesday, March 17 &	Writing HSPE
Thursday, March 18:	
Tuesday, April 13:	Math HSPE
Thursday, April 15:	Science HSPE

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REMEMBER: NO MAKEUP TESTING!

Current HSPE Graduation Requirements:

- PASS** Reading HSPE
- PASS** Writing HSPE
- PASS** Math HSPE or HSPE alternative **OR** continue to earn credit in math classes until graduation

Ordering Graduation Products from Herff Jones

We wanted to thank you for a successful fall ordering season and to let you know that students can still order graduation products. They can do this online at www.nwrecognition.com. Also, they can download extra order forms at the side also. As always, they can continue to mail in the order forms as well.

Herff Jones/Northwest Recognition

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Pay Your Fines and Fees

You can view your student's outstanding fines/fees when you check your student's grades online. Remember, students with outstanding fines/fees will not be permitted to play spring sports, purchase Tolo or Prom tickets. And Seniors – your diploma/transcript will be held and you will not receive your free graduation tickets until they are paid in full. If you have any questions, please call our bookkeeping office at 253-945-5412.

French Classes

French classes are continuing to go well this year. In Level 1 classes, we have been supplementing with a new Program, Jeunesse en Action, which is supposed to help students to develop fluency. The most important aspect of this program is participation, so please make sure your student stays healthy and is in class and participating as much as possible! French 2 classes are going to be learning past tense second semester, so they should see their communication skills increase dramatically. The French 3 Cambridge class is busy preparing for their IGSCE examination and they are very excited about attending French immersion camp this spring. Many French 3 students are also working towards UW college credit.

Soaring with FWHS Air Force JROTC

Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC is doing some awesome things that you need to know about! It's been a great start to the New Year, and we're gathering a head of steam as we roll into spring semester.

We started the New Year with our drill team winning a division drill meet at Marysville High School with nine other schools competing. The joint military ball with Todd Beamer, Washington and Bethel High Schools was also an outstanding success with over 400 students in attendance at the dinner and dance held at McChord Air Force Base Officers Club.

Fall semester was a busy semester studying aviation history and leadership. We completed our aviation studies through World War I and will look at pioneers and aviation developments in the last half of the 20th century this semester.

Upcoming events include a trip to the Future of Flight Museum at Paine Field, the Tops in Blue Concert at McChord AFB, and a C-17 flight and field trip to Hill AFB in Salt Lake City. If you have any questions about AFJROTC at FWHS please contact Lieutenant Colonel Randy Long or Master Sergeant Willie Smith at 945-5539/5549. We look forward to a fantastic spring semester!!!

E-Gal News

CONGRATULATIONS to the FWHS E-Gals & Guy for their 2nd place win in the dance category at the Salute to Spirit competition at Comcast Arena in Everett on January 23rd. The FWHS dance team also performed in the Hip Hop category and did well. Members of the dance team are Captain Niya B.; Lieutenants Marissa H. and Shelby C.; Seniors Lilac K., Stephanie P., Selina S., Ashley J., Jessica J., Masami V. and Jensine S.; Juniors Alyssa L. and Summer W.; Sophomores Sierra B. and Lauren S.; and Freshmen Eileen S. and Ceara T. The E-Gals & Guy next competition is Saturday, January 30th at Kentridge HS. Our local competitions will be held at Decatur HS on February 13th and Districts at Thomas



Jefferson HS on March 13th. The State Dance/Drill competition will be held in Yakima at the Sundome on March 26th & 27th. Dance Team try-outs will be held in April at FWHS.

FWHS Is A Closed Campus

Parents...did you know that all schools in the Federal Way School District have a **CLOSED CAMPUS?**

Students **are not** allowed to leave campus without an Off-Campus pass from the Attendance Office. To expedite the process, please send a note with your student in advance so that they can be immediately available for their appointment. **Students are considered truant if they leave without a pass.**

FWPS Family Partnership Office

The Family & Community Partnership Office is collecting success stories in connection with great family school partnerships. If you are a teacher, school staff member or parent, and have a positive partnership experience to share, please contact the Family Partnership Advocate, Trise Moore at tmoores@fwps.org or call 253-945-2273.

HIV/STD Prevention Curriculum Preview

Thursday, February 18th, 2010
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Educational Service Center
31405 18th Ave S
Board Room

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Federal Way School District would like the opportunity to share with you the HIV/AIDS Prevention Curriculum, which will be presented to students in grades 5 through 12. This curriculum focuses on the transmission and prevention of the disease, emphasizing abstinence. The district has adopted The Great Body Shop and KNOW for this area of study.

The AIDS Omnibus Bill (2SSB 6221) of the State of Washington which was passed in 1988 indicates the following:

Sec. 402: "Students shall receive such (AIDS) education at least once each school year beginning no later than fifth grade,"

and

Sec. 402: "No student may be required to participate in AIDS prevention education if the student's parents or guardian, having attended one of the district presentations, objects in writing to the participation."

Curriculum used at each grade level will be presented from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in different rooms according to grade level so that you have the opportunity to preview the materials that will be used in your child's classroom.

This presentation is for parents only.

I look forward to seeing you at the preview. If you need further information, please call me at 253-945-2780 or shaines@fwps.org.

Scott Haines
HIV/AIDS Curriculum Coordinator
Federal Way Public Schools

Inclement Weather Conditions, School Closures or Late Starts

For information about closures or late starts due to weather conditions, please check the district website, www.fwps.org, or call 253-945-2206 for a recorded message. This information should be posted by 5:30 am. Also, check the local television stations, (KOMO 4, KING 5, KIRO 7, KSTW 11 or KQPQ 13) or radio stations (KIRO AM 710, KOMO AM 1000, KING AM 1090, KVI AM 570, KLSY FM 92.5, KUBE FM 93.3 or KMPS FM 94.1

Senior Calendar

FEBRUARY

- ▶ Grad Ads due: **February 4, 2010** (note date change)
- ▶ Request & send transcript to colleges as required
- ▶ Submit FAFSA form if you did not do so in January
- ▶ Monitor college application material to make sure all materials are sent and received on time



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MARCH

- ▶ Reading HSPE: March 16th
- ▶ Writing HSPE: March 17th & 18th
- ▶ **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, MASTER PORTFOLIOS DUE:** March 25th & 26th
- ▶ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** distributed: March TBA during lunches in the Cafeteria

APRIL

- ▶ Let the Career Center know if you received a scholarship
- ▶ **SENIOR CLASS MEETING:** April 9, 2010 during Advisory 8:56 am – 9:26 am in the Gym
- ▶ Math HSPE: April 13th
- ▶ Science HSPE: April 15th
- ▶ **SENIOR PROFILES:** due April 20th to Ms. Boone in the Career Center
- ▶ **PARENT NIGHT:** April 26th @ 6:30 pm in the FWHS Little Theater. Topic: Prom/Graduation

MAY

- ▶ BYU correspondence coursework turned in May 7, 2010
- ▶ Advanced Placement tests given
- ▶ Arrange to have your final transcript sent to the school that you will definitely attend in the fall
- ▶ Let the Career Center know if you received a scholarship
- ▶ **SENIOR CLASS MEETING:** May 12, 2010 during Advisory 8:56 am – 9:26 am, in the Gym
- ▶ **SENIOR PROM:** May 22nd, Seattle Design Center, 8:00 pm – 12:00 am
- ▶ BYU final exams must be completed by May 28, 2010
- ▶ **SENIOR CLASS MEETING:** May 25th during Advisory 8:56 am – 9:26 am, in the Gym
- ▶ **SENIOR AWARDS EVENING:** May 26th, 6:30 pm
- ▶ **GRADUATION SPEAKER TRYOUTS:** May 27th & 28th after school
- ▶ **CAPS & GOWNS** distributed: May TBD during lunches
- ▶ **SENIOR CHECKOUT AND OPT IN SHEETS** distributed during Advisory

JUNE

- ▶ **Running start and PSSC students** bring proof of passing June 9, 2010
- ▶ **CELEBRATE OURSELVES ASSEMBLY:** June 3rd & 4th @ FWHS
- ▶ **SENIOR FINALS:** June 7th & 8th
- ▶ **MOVING UP ASSEMBLY:** June 9th
- ▶ **FINAL SENIOR CHECKOUT:** June 10th

- ▶ **BACCALAUREATE:** June TBA
- ▶ **LAST DAY FOR SENIORS:** June 11th
- ▶ **GRADUATION REHEARSAL:** June 11th
- ▶ **SENIOR BBQ:** June 11th after graduation rehearsal at FWHS
- ▶ **GRADUATION:** June 12, 2010 @ 10:00 am @ Tacoma Dome

JULY

- ▶ **DIPLOMA PICK UP:** July, 2010 (Wednesdays) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Renovación de la Recaudación para Tecnología en la Votación del 9 de Febrero

¿Sabía Ud. que la financiación para la tecnología depende enteramente del apoyo del pagador de impuestos local? La porción de la financiación estatal básica para las escuelas no provee fondos para la tecnología. Estamos agradecidos que nuestros votantes apoyaran la primera recaudación para la tecnología hace seis años por un margen de dos a uno.

Pero, esa recaudación caduca en el 2010. Se necesita una recaudación de repuesto nueva para mantener tecnología actualizada en manos de estudiantes y personal. Eso no trata de conseguir lo más lujoso. Más bien, trata de mantener a nuestros estudiantes al mismo nivel que otros estudiantes en el estado, la nación y el mundo.

La renovación de la recaudación para la tecnología no aumentará los impuestos. La recaudación propuesta se ha estructurado a coincidir con la disminución de la recaudación para la construcción de modo que la contribución del pagador de impuestos permanecerá lo mismo en los próximos seis años.

El distrito ha alcanzado las metas establecidas en la primera recaudación para la tecnología. Tal vez aún más importante, ha mantenido al corriente las computadoras de nuestros estudiantes. En nuestra escuela, la recaudación para la tecnología actual ha provisto un promedio de 63 computadoras para reponer



computadoras anticuadas cada año durante los seis años pasados.

Esto ha ayudado a asegurar que las computadoras disponibles para nuestros estudiantes y personal sean relevantes y confiables. Para más información, por favor visite <http://www.fwps.org/dept/tech/levy/>.