

# Federal Way High School

## Eagle Times



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### Principal's Message

Dear FWHS Community,

Students received their first progress report for second semester on March 25<sup>th</sup> in their Advisory class. Please review this report with your child. If your child is struggling academically, encourage your child to take advantage of all the opportunities for assistance including after school Eagle Vision Tutoring. Contact your student's teachers if you have concerns. If you want to schedule a staffing with all of your student's teachers, please contact the counseling office.

As the State of Washington moves forward with its education reforms, I would like to remind all parents that beginning with this graduating class of 2008, all students in the Federal Way School District will be required to accumulate the following: 23 1/2 credits, pass the WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning), and a present a culminating project (master portfolio which includes a 13<sup>th</sup> year plan.).

The following are some suggestions for parents to help assure that their students meet these high academic standards:

- ◆ Don't be afraid to challenge your child to work harder. Many students worry that they are not being challenged enough to be prepared for life after high school. Many students say they expect more of themselves than their teachers or parents do.
- ◆ Send consistent messages to students that school is important. Students will put in the hard work if it is expected of them. Don't give your students any reason to think it is OK to skip a class or not put aside time at home to study.
- ◆ Stay positive and encouraging about the expectations the state has set for students. Students are taking their cues from the adults in their lives - primarily school staff and their parents. A negative attitude about the WASL, for example, could jeopardize a student's ability to, at any grade level, relax, take the exam seriously, and do well.
- ◆ Talk to students about how what they are learning connects with the real world. Help them understand, for example, that a good science background will help them make better decisions in the future about the food they eat, healthcare they choose and, possibly, place they live.

- ◆ Make sure you have current and accurate information about the state's education reform efforts, especially what supports are in place to help teachers and parents in supporting students succeed with the State of Washington's higher expectations.

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### Important Dates

#### March

10-11 WASL - Reading  
12-13 WASL - Writing  
12 PTSA Meeting, 7:00 pm  
15 Tolo  
17 End of 4<sup>th</sup> 6-Week Grading Period  
24 Parent Night – Academic Intervention, 7:00 pm  
31-April 4 No School – Spring Break

#### April

11 Bring Your Parent to School Day  
Spring Sports Assembly  
15-16 WASL - Math  
17-18 WASL - Science  
25 Blood Drive  
28 Parent Night – Prom, 7:00 pm

#### May

5 End of 5<sup>th</sup> 6-Week Grading Period  
9 Non Student Day – Data Day  
14 Student Led Conferences - PM  
15-16 No School - Student Led Conferences  
15-17 Spring Play  
22 Memorial Day Assembly  
26 No School – Memorial Day  
27 No School – Snow Make-up Day  
30 Celebrate Ourselves Assembly

#### June

10-12 Finals  
13 Last Day of School



## Counselor's Corner

Spring is upon us...April showers, May flowers. We are quickly approaching the end of the school year already! We have completed the pre-registration process for next year. Every student should have selected the classes they want to take next year. We now begin the process of building the "master schedule" and setting staffing. Individual student schedules will not be built until summer time, however.

Our first 6-week grading period of the semester just ended. Report cards were sent home through advisory teachers. If you did not get a copy, you can come to the Counseling Office to obtain another. You also have access to grades on-line at any time. If you do not know your child's password, you can contact the Counseling Office to obtain it as well.

We are often asked about seeking referrals within our community for counseling as well as other services. You can find some of these resources by calling 211 from your phone or going on-line to [www.win211.org](http://www.win211.org). 211 is quick, easy, and available to everyone at all times.

### SENIORS:

- MATH! If you have not passed the Math WASL AND did not earn 1.0 credit in math this year, you are not on track to graduate. You need to meet with your counselor ASAP!
- Complete your Master Portfolio to be presented at Student Led Conferences in May.
- Do not slack off. Colleges will request final transcripts and have been known to reverse acceptance decisions if students achieve lower grades 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- Complete your independent study courses by May to be posted to your transcript by June.
- Finalize your plans for next year – your first year after high school.

### JUNIORS:

- You need to sign up to take the SAT or ACT as soon as possible. There are April, May, & June testing dates coming up. If you qualify for free-reduced lunch and would like to apply for a fee waiver, talk to Ms. Boone in the Career Center (Library) ASAP.

- Work hard to finish this year with the best grades possible. Colleges will be looking at your transcripts starting at the beginning of next year

### FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES:

- Continue to get good grades and ask your teachers if you don't understand or need help.
- Attend Eagle Vision – It is a great resource available to you and it's FREE!
- Participate in a sport, club, or community service activity and document it.
- Start researching what you plan to do after high school.

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## 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.**

## Visitor Friendly Parking

The parking lot in front of the cafeteria is now exclusively Visitor Parking. Parents, guardians and guests, please feel free to park in the front lot when you are visiting Federal Way High.



## Fines and Fees

You can now view your student's outstanding fines/fees when you check your student's grades online. If you have any questions regarding outstanding fines/fees, please call Bookkeeping at 253-945-5412.

**Remember, students with outstanding fines/fees will not be permitted to purchase prom tickets and their diploma/transcript will be held until they are paid in full.**

## Eagle Eye

The school newspaper, the *Eagle Eye*, is proud to announce that four members of the staff recently won awards at the WJEA Write-off competitions in Auburn, WA:

Michelle H. - Excellent for Ad Design  
Kathryn S. - Honorable Mention for News Writing  
Raquel L. - Honorable Mention for Feature Writing  
Brian H. - Honorable Mention for Review Writing

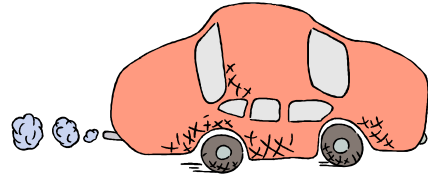
## Summer Traffic Safety Classes

Registration is now being accepted for the Summer 2008 session. Our summer session begins Tuesday, June 17 and ends Thursday, July 17. All classes are at Federal Way High School. Classes are 4 days a week Monday-Thursday, no classes July 3 & 4. You have a choice of either morning classes from 8:00 am – 10:00 am or evening classes from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Availability of classes are subject to a minimum enrollment of 24 students/class.**

Students must be 15 years old before class starts to register for Traffic Safety classes. Enrollment forms are available at each High School or on line at [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org) under Traffic Safety. The registration fee is \$400.00 and can either be paid in full at time of registration or use our payment plan. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, or VISA/Master Card.

The Traffic Safety office hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 3:00 pm. The Traffic Safety Office is located on the campus of Thomas Jefferson High School.

For further information please contact Mike Grady at (253) 945-5731 or e-mail [mgrady@fwps.org](mailto:mgrady@fwps.org).



## Wanted: AmeriCorps Volunteers for 2008-09 School Year

Are you interested in making a difference in children's lives? Consider joining the 2008-09 AmeriCorps Team. What do AmeriCorps members do? They provide full-time national service to Federal Way students for 10 ½ months, beginning September 2, 2008.

During the year they are involved in a variety of activities which include tutoring students in reading and math, developing before and after school programs, and providing community service. They are assigned to school Monday through Thursday, and use Fridays for training, team-building and community service projects.

What do they get in return? Each member receives a \$925 monthly stipend, valuable training, health benefits, Federal Student Loan deferments, childcare, a \$4,725 education award, and most important, the satisfaction of being part of a team that makes a difference in children's lives. To apply, go to [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org), or call 253-945-2271. Tell a friend about this life-changing opportunity!



## WASL Information

### 1. Why is the WASL so important?

All Washington public school students must meet the following **graduation requirements**, beginning with this year's Class of 2008:

1. **Pass the Reading and Writing WASL** (or WASL alternative) **AND meet the Math WASL requirement** by passing the Math WASL OR continuing to earn credit in Math and take the Math WASL until graduation.
2. Earn **23.5 credits**
3. Complete a **Master Portfolio** which includes a student's **13 Year Plan AND a Culminating Project (Collection of Best Work)**

### 2. Who are the students taking the WASL in March and April 2008?

#### Reading, Writing, and Math WASL

All FWHS students will take the Reading and Writing WASL if they have not yet received a passing score. All sophomores, juniors, and seniors will take the Math WASL if they have not met the Math WASL requirement. Only select freshmen will take the Math WASL based on teacher recommendation.

#### Science WASL

The only students taking the science WASL will be 10<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a state requirement. Students do not need to pass the science WASL to graduate.

### 3. How will my student know if he or she is testing?

Students will be notified in advisory class about the WASL tests they will be taking and the classroom in which they will be testing.

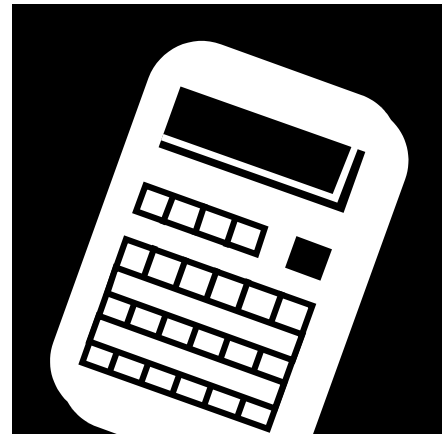
### 4. If my student is absent on a test day, can he or she make up the test?

There are NO WASL MAKE-UPS! Students who miss the day of the test will not be allowed to make up the test. They will have to wait for the next testing series in August 2008. **Please make sure your child arrives to school on time, 7:25 am, on WASL testing days!**

### 5. What if my student isn't taking the WASL?

As we get closer to the WASL, teachers will communicate to students what the options will be for those students not taking the WASL. Options may include silent study hall, AP/Cambridge study sessions, etc.

If you have any questions about the WASL, please contact Joan Wrigley at 253-945-5530 or e-mail [jwrigley@fwps.org](mailto:jwrigley@fwps.org).





## Senior Class Events

### Announcements Delivered at Lunches

April 22

### Senior Portfolios Due

April 23

### Senior Class Meeting During Advisory

April 29

### BYU Correspondence Coursework Due

May 1

### Senior Class Meeting During Advisory

May 6

### Senior Prom

May 10

### Senior Class Meeting During Advisory

May 20

### Senior Awards Night

May 21, 6:30 pm

### Caps & Gowns Distributed During Lunches

May 22

### BYU Finals Exams Completed by

May 23

### Senior Baccalaureate

May 29, 7:00 pm

St. Vincent's Catholic Church

### Senior Finals

June 2-3

### Senior Check out

June 4

### Last Day for Seniors

### Graduation Rehearsal

### Senior BBQ

June 6

### Graduation

June 9, 2008

7:00 pm

### Tacoma Dome

### Diploma Pick Up

July 9, 16, 23 & 30

9:00 am – 1:00 pm



# SENIOR GRAD PARTY

MONDAY, JUNE 9TH

TICKET PRICE \$175

\$75 RESERVES YOUR SPOT

CONTACT SHERYL HEINEN

AT (253) 709-8005

FOR REGISTRATION OR  
FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

THE FIRST 100 STUDENTS  
TO PAY THEIR DEPOSIT  
WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN  
THEIR TRIP FOR FREE

SIGN UP TODAY!

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## Senior Information

### Master Portfolio Update

1. Yes, all seniors (class of 2008) will need to present their “Master Portfolio” at SLC’s in May.
2. No, students do not need to have their “Master Portfolio” in a notebook. It is preferable, but not all students can afford one.
3. If students do not have their “Master Portfolio” in a binder it must be presented in their “Blue 13<sup>th</sup> Year Folder”.
4. Advisory Teachers will collect student “Master Portfolios” along with the (yellow) “Master Portfolio Check List” and hand them in to the Career Center after SLC’s.
5. The Master Portfolio Committee will then go through all the “Master Portfolios” from Seniors and make the final determination if graduation requirement is met.
6. Students whose Master Portfolio is incomplete will be given 2 weeks to turn in any missing components in order to get checked off for graduation.
7. Not missing anything? GREAT! The (yellow) Master Portfolio Check List will be returned to the student with the golden seal of approval!

### HELP ME - STUDENTS ARE MISSING THINGS!

#### **13<sup>th</sup> YEAR PLAN**

1. On March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a lesson in Advisory on Résumé’s.
2. Personal or college essay: This will be addressed at the English department meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. Applications: Students should use the applications that is pertinent for their 13<sup>th</sup> year; i.e. college entrance/military/an apprenticeship/scholarship/job or any item listed on the (yellow) “Master Portfolio”.
4. Copies of all items previously sent to Advisory’s can be picked up in the Career Center beginning Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Data Sheets
  - b. Letters of Recommendation forms
  - c. Sample Cover Letter
  - d. Reference Sheets
  - e. Post High School Plan
  - f. Resume template (after March 27<sup>th</sup>)
5. Copy of Progress report and Transcripts will be given out during Advisory after this grading period.

#### **CULMINTING PROJECT OR “BEST WORKS”**

1. No more than 2 pieces of work from each subject area. Students need to talk to their classroom teachers for input on their best work.
2. Students will need to have a reflection sheet and rubric or scoring guide for each piece submitted.

### Senior Profile Page

In order for the Senior’s names to be in the graduation program they must fill out the “Senior Profile Page” and return it to Ms. Boone in the Career Center no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Even if a Senior has not received any awards or scholarships they still must return this form. If students do not know which college they will be attending next year tell them to write in something like this: “not sure, possibly U of W or Central. Make sure Seniors fill out the future plans and career plans portion of the Senior Profile Page. After the 23<sup>rd</sup> if students have any changes such as added awards and scholarships or a decision on their future plans they may come into the career center and fill out an update form.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASS OF 2008 – PROFILE PAGE

Help us CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Federal Way High School would like to include in our graduation program all honors, scholarships, and awards that you have received during your high school years.

This form is due to Ms. Boone in the Career Center by **April 23, 2008**

### AWARDS

Please list all awards you have received for the past four (4) years (i.e. Athlete of the Year, Student of the Month, Community Awards, etc.) Make sure that you write down the year you received the award.

AWARD NAME	DATE RECEIVED
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Please write the name of all of the scholarships or grants and the monetary amount that you will receive. Attach a copy of the scholarship if available.

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	\$\$ AMOUNT \$\$
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

### FUTURE PLANS

Please indicate post-high school plans (community college, employment, military, university, etc.)

I will continue my education at: \_\_\_\_\_  
I will join the military (please indicate branch): \_\_\_\_\_  
I will be employed at: \_\_\_\_\_  
I will have an apprenticeship at: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### CAREER PLANS

Please indicate post-high school career plan.

Career Plan: \_\_\_\_\_



## SENIOR POSTER (ACTUALLY, IT'S A BANNER)

Each Senior is required to design, produce, and display a banner reflecting his or her years at Federal Way High School. These banners will be placed around the school for SLC's and "Celebrate Yourself Week". Each senior will be given a blank banner that they can decorate. Seniors **must** present their banners to their advisory class on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 1. YOUR BANNER MUST INCLUDE:

- Your Name
- At Federal Way High School I learned: (this will be a statement)
- Most inspirational adult at FWHS
- Meaningful event at FWHS
- Activities involved in while at FWHS
- Sports involved in while at FWHS
- Work experience
  
- List 6 classes you took at FWHS (at least two must be core classes)
  
- What are you doing next year?
- Important accomplishment

### Other items you might include:

Test scores  
GPA  
Awards

### Prizes will be awarded for:

Most Creative  
Most Informative  
Most Inspirational  
Best Motivational Banner



## FWHS WASL Schedule 2008

### Reading and Writing WASL: March 10-13, 2008

Monday, March 10	Reading WASL Day One
Tuesday, March 11	Reading WASL Day Two
Wednesday, March 12	Writing WASL Day One
Thursday, March 13	Writing WASL Day Two
Friday, March 14	No WASL Testing: 6 Period Day

### Math and Science WASL: April 15-18, 2008

Monday, April 14	No WASL Testing: 6 Period Day
Tuesday, April 15	Math WASL Day One Periods 1,2,3
Wednesday, April 16	Math WASL Day Two Periods 4,5,6
Thursday, April 17	Science WASL Day One Periods 1,2,3
Friday, April 18	Science WASL Day Two Periods 4,5,6

### Approximate Daily Testing Schedule during WASL Testing

7:00am - 7:25am	Students arrive to school
7:25am - 7:35 am	Students move to assigned testing site
7:35am - 10:47 am	Testing
10:53 am -2:05 pm	Classes and lunch