

# Federal Way High School

## Eagle Times



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### Principal's Message

Our first six weeks of school has come and gone. This is an opportune time to make sure your child performs at the level you expect in all of his or her classes. In order to increase communication with home, Federal Way High School mailed the **Grades on Line** information to all homes the first week of October. Directions, as well as the log in and password, were included in this mailing. In addition to grades, parents and guardians can access attendance, fines/fees, and academic history. If you still need a log in and password, please contact the counseling office at (253)945- 5407 or 5408, and we will get that information to you.

Six-week progress reports will be mailed home before Student Led Conferencing. Our first semester Student Led Conferences occur after school on October 28<sup>th</sup>, all day and into the evening on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and during the day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact your student's advisory teacher if you do not know when your Student Led Conference is scheduled. Regular classes are not held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> in order for the important conferences to take place.

Attendance at Student Led Conferencing is vital since the time is used to communicate information about your student's graduation requirements. Remember, this year's Class of 2010 seniors have graduation requirements beyond the 23.5 credits. These requirements include passing the WASL/HSPE and completing a master portfolio with a 13 year plan. If a parent or guardian cannot attend the conference, we expect the student to still attend.

Our staff wants to involve parents and guardians in our school focus of improving student achievement by increasing regular student attendance. You can help by contacting the attendance desk (253)945-5419 when your student is absent, sending notes to excuse absences within 48 hours, and checking the accuracy of attendance at Grades on Line. Calls from our automated

attendance line go out daily in an attempt to keep parents and guardians informed.

Other parent involvement events include our monthly parent forums. These forums generally occur the last Monday of every month. In September, the topic was getting seniors ready for college and other post high school plans. Stay tuned for other upcoming forum topics. If you would like to become involved in our school in other ways, feel free to contact me at (253) 945- 5401.

Thank you,  
Lisa Griebel

### Important Dates

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| Oct. 27        | Choir Concert, Decatur Performing Arts Center, 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 28        | Student Led Conferences – PM                           |
| Oct. 29 & 30   | No Classes - Student Led Conferences                   |
| Nov. 5-7       | Fall Play  |
| Nov. 6         | Blood Drive  |
| Nov. 10        | Veteran's Day Assembly                                 |
| Nov. 11        | No School – Veteran's Day                              |
| Nov. 12-14     | Fall Play  |
| Nov. 23        | Parent Forum - Scholarships, 6:30 pm                   |
| Nov. 25        | Early Dismissal, 12:05 pm                              |
| Nov. 26 & 27   | No School – Thanksgiving                               |
| Dec. 5         | Winter Ball (Tentative Date)                           |
| Dec. 7         | End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6-Week Grading Period           |
| Dec. 11        | Winter Carnival (Tentative Date)                       |
| Dec. 15        | Choir Concert, Decatur Performing Arts Center, 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 21-Jan. 1 | No School – Winter Break                               |





## Student Led Conferences

Federal Way High School will be conducting Student Led Conferences on October 28<sup>th</sup> (in the evening), October 29<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will sign up for conference times in their Advisory class. At this conference, your student will share his or her progress toward meeting the new graduation requirements. Your student's Advisory teacher will facilitate the Student Led Conference. **Your student is required to attend this conference AND you are strongly encouraged to attend as well.** If you are unable to attend the conference, you may ask a grandparent, another relative, or perhaps a family friend to take your place. We expect students to attend even if a family member is unable to attend. No transportation is provided.

## 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.**

## Winter Sports

Cut sports: Boy's & Girl's Basketball

Non-cut sports: Gymnastics, Wrestling, Boy's Swim/Dive

Eligibility clearances start November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Practice for Gymnastics starts November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tryouts/Practice for all other sports starts November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Winter Sports Parent Meeting: November 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Gym/Cafeteria, 6:00 pm

If you have already participated in a sport this year, you will need to turn in a [new](#) emergency card (yes, even if you turned one in before) and pay your participation fee to Mrs. Racus (\$120/\$50 for free and reduced lunch). If you have not participated in a sport this year, pick up a sports packet in the Main Office or find them online at <http://www.fwps.org/fwhs> and follow the links to

Athletics. Also, check with Mrs. Conklin to see if your physical is current. Your physical cannot expire during the season. Make sure your physical date is good through the **entire** season.

Reminder: All team specific questions, comments or concerns should first be directed to the head coach of that sport. After this initial contact, any remaining inquiries can be directed to the Athletic Director at (253)945-5422 or the Athletic Secretary (253)945-5402.

## Soaring with FWHS Air Force JROTC

Air Force JROTC and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Eagle Squadron is off to its strongest start ever with an enrollment of 98 students in the program. Master Sergeant Smith and I continue to be very impressed with the quality of cadets that we have in the Eagle Squadron as we head into our fifth year.

First and foremost, the goal of AFJROTC is "To develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." We're doing this together using a wide variety of classroom lessons, guest speakers, teambuilding exercises, community service projects, co-curricular events, and field trips. Each student's involvement in these activities makes for a meaningful AFJROTC experience.

This will be a busy semester studying history of aviation, leadership, and wellness. Uniform day this year is Thursday. For students that have an excused absence on Thursday, the next day he or she is back in school will be their uniform day.

Beyond the classroom, we'll have an action packed co-curricular program. There are many field trips, community service projects, drill team events, and social activities scheduled for the fall. 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 another fantastic year of building better citizens at the Home of the Eagles!



## School Leadership Team Needs Parent Volunteers

The School Leadership Team (SLT) of Federal Way High School represents staff, parents, students, and community members. The SLT is the coordinating structure for shared decision-making committees at Federal Way High School as they relate to the School Improvement Plan. SLT members serve on the committee for two years. Meetings for the 2009 – 2010 school year are tentatively scheduled for November 2, December 14, February 22, and April 12 from 3:00 – 4:30. If you are interested in becoming a part of the committee, please contact Jordanne Nevin at 945-5404 or [jnevin@fwps.org](mailto:jnevin@fwps.org)

## Cambridge

Thank you, to those who attended Open House, it was very nice to meet with parents of our new and maturing Eagles.

Testing News - The IGCSE Math exams for current 11th graders are on October 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and November 4<sup>th</sup> in the morning. The AS/A English Language exams for current 12<sup>th</sup> graders are on October 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and November 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Students should be studying several times a week, and spending additional time on extra practice. Visit <http://www.cambridgestudents.org.uk/> for resources, study tips and past exams. Students may have qualified for the National Merit Scholarship when they took the PSAT on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Eagle Spirit Wraps

Show your Eagle pride with a Federal Way Spirit Wrap. These cozy, plush blankets are perfect chilly fall nights and they make great gifts. They are available in the FWHS bookkeeping office for \$35.00. All proceeds go to the Speech and Debate Team to cover tournament registration and entry fees. Help support our awesome award winning team.

## Ignite Student Leaders at FWHS

The 2009-2010 Ignite Student Leadership program at Federal Way High school is 98 members strong this year. Our mentor team is working hand in hand with the class of 2013 building community and supporting 9<sup>th</sup> grade academic goals. Ignite student mission this year is “TURNING UP THE HEAT.” With dedication, caring and insight the student leaders have taught the freshmen class lessons on making connections and how to be a successful learner. Our students leaders have embraced their new roles as leaders and have stepped up to the plate. A freshmen student was having troubles communicating with his classmates and two Ignite mentors stepped in and meet with the student, the teachers, and classmates to problem solve and support the freshmen in his time of need. During our first lesson a mentor adapted the lesson to her new freshmen mentees to their learning level to create a place where these students are accepted and valued. Examples of service and leadership by the Ignite mentors are numerous. The Ignite Leadership team has also served the community by hosting the class of ‘59 reunion at Federal Way High School. Upcoming lessons to serve the freshmen include how to handle rumors and gossip as well as stepping up GPA. Ignite Leaders will also host other community events such as FW’s Got Talent and a Winter Carnival.

## 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](http://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





Academy is a federally funded residential program for boys and girls in Bremerton, WA. The program is for 16-19 year old students who have dropped out of high school or who are at risk of dropping out of high school. During the 5 month semester students learn about academic excellence, leadership, life coping skills, job skills, community service, responsible citizenship, health and hygiene and physical fitness. Each student has a mentor who helps them successfully complete the school then follows up on them to make sure they complete the goals they set for themselves after the school is finished. The idea is for students to attend this school for a semester, learn good habits, earn 8 credits, then return to graduate from their home high school. If you know of any students who fit the targeted student profile, please contact Deanna Gooding at 253-945-5424.

## MASTER PORTFOLIO

### Federal Way School District Graduation Requirement

It's never too early for students to start planning for how to make their goals for the future a reality. The decisions students make as early as middle school and throughout high school will make a huge difference in whether their dreams come true, or slip away.

Achieving your dreams starts with knowing what the graduation requirements are. While some are set by the state, and others are specific to our district, all are important. Students must:

- Earn [23.5](#) credits
- Meet the [State graduation requirements](#).
- Complete a [High School and Beyond Plan](#).
- Compile a **Culminating Project** of their best work. Throughout their time in high school, students will collect a variety of their work that will be used to demonstrate their learning. This culminating project, together with the High School and Beyond Plan, creates a **Master Portfolio** for each student that they will use as they build their resume for college and careers.

A master portfolio is made up of two parts:  
**Culminating Project** – work produced in class  
**13<sup>th</sup> Year Plan** – work produced in Advisory

Components of the 13<sup>th</sup> Year Plan:

- **Future Plans:** During their high school years, students will identify their career pathways and careers of interest, set goals for their future and identify post-high school training options.
- **Best Work:** Students select their best work in curricular areas and write reflections on selected best works.
- **Accomplishments:** Students self assess work habits, document team skills, and track activities and accomplishments.
- **Career Preparation:** Students learn the skills necessary to apply for college entrance and job acquisition. These skills include writing career letters and a resume, completing applications forms, and preparing for a variety of interviews.

## Senior Calendar

### OCTOBER

- ▶ Draft your application essay
- ▶ Check out the Career Center Scholarships
- ▶ Start sending out college applications
- ▶ Fill out “Requesting a Letter of Recommendation” and give to whomever is writing you a letter
- ▶ **SENIOR CLASS MEETING:** Master Portfolios, October 22<sup>nd</sup> during Advisory 8:56 am – 9:26 am in the Little Theater
- ▶ **GRADUATION PRODUCTS ORDER DAYS:** Herff Jones representative here during lunches on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for graduation orders and information. Herff Jones information packets in counseling office
- ▶ **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:** October 28<sup>th</sup> (evening), 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

### NOVEMBER

- ▶ November 7 – SAT, SAT II (can sign up with late fee by October 15<sup>th</sup>)
- ▶ October 30<sup>th</sup> sign up for December 5<sup>th</sup> SAT, SAT II
- ▶ Finalize your application essay
- ▶ Gather letters of recommendation & keep them together with your applications in a safe place
- ▶ Fill out Transcript Request Form in the Counseling Office to send with your college applications
- ▶ Continue to look for new scholarships in the Career Center
- ▶ Start filling out FAFSA form for financial aid, but do not submit until January 2, 2010



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- ▶ Check colleges for any other financial aid forms they require
- ▶ **PARENT NIGHT:** November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 pm in FWHS Little Theater. Topic: Scholarships
- ▶ **COLLEGE APPLICATION HELP DAYS:** November 17, 18, 19, 2009 @ FWHS all day
- ▶ Gather all letters of recommendation & get copies of transcripts BEFORE Thanksgiving Break
- ▶ Prepare UW college application for priority deadline

## DECEMBER

- ▶ December 5<sup>th</sup> – SAT, SAT II (if signed up by November 12<sup>th</sup>)
- ▶ Continue to apply to colleges
- ▶ ROTC Scholarship deadline December 1, 2009
- ▶ Complete FAFSA form and be ready to submit by January 2, 2010
- ▶ Look for new scholarship opportunities in the Career Center

## JANUARY

- ▶ Submit FAFSA by January 2, 2009 @ [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ▶ UW college application deadline January 15, 2010
- ▶ January 23<sup>rd</sup> – SAT, SAT II (if signed up by December 26<sup>th</sup>)
- ▶ **PARENT NIGHT:** January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in FWHS Little Theater. Topic: Financial Aid
- ▶ WSU college application deadline January 31, 2010
- ▶ Continue to work on scholarship applications
- ▶ Watch for information for yearbook grad ads

## FEBRUARY

- ▶ Grad Ads due: February 12, 2010
- ▶ **SENIOR CLASS MEETING:** February TBA during Advisory 8:56 am – 9:26 am, in the Gym
- ▶ 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

## MARCH

- ▶ Reading HSPE: March 16<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Writing HSPE: March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, MASTER PORTFOLIOS DUE:** March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **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 Little Theater
- ▶ Math HSPE: April 13<sup>th</sup>

- ▶ Science HSPE: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **SENIOR PROFILES: due** April 20<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Boone in the Career Center
- ▶ **PARENT NIGHT:** April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 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 Little Theater
- ▶ **SENIOR PROM:** May 22nd
- ▶ BYU final exams must be completed by May 28, 2010
- ▶ **SENIOR CLASS MEETING:** May 25<sup>th</sup> during Advisory 8:56 am – 9:26 am, in the Little Theater
- ▶ **SENIOR AWARDS EVENING:** May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
- ▶ **GRADUATION SPEAKER TRYOUTS:** May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> @ FWHS
- ▶ **SENIOR FINALS:** June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **MOVING UP ASSEMBLY:** June 9<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **FINAL SENIOR CHECKOUT:** June 10<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **BACCALAUREATE:** June TBA
- ▶ **LAST DAY FOR SENIORS:** June 11<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **GRADUATION REHEARSAL:** June 11<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **SENIOR BBQ:** June 11<sup>th</sup> 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

