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### Principal's Press

Unbelievably, we are approaching the halfway point of the school year. With the holidays upon us, we at Fairfield High School wish you and your family joy and peace!

During this holiday season I wanted to take a moment to pause, reflect, and be thankful for all of the amazing students and staff we have at Fairfield High School. The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments and our blessings! Please help us celebrate just a few of the groups and organizations that went above and beyond this first half of the school year.

- Congratulations to the Fairfield High School Marching Band on a wonderful season and a return to competitions. They wrapped up their season by earning a 4th place finish at the very competitive Midstates Finals. This was followed next day at the Ohio Music Education Association State Finals with earning a SUPERIOR rating - the highest possible! The school community is so proud of the students, directors, and parents that make all of this possible!
- Congratulations to the FHS Theater program for a wonderful opening to their year. Over 60 students were involved in this fall's Student-Directed One-Act Play Festival. Congratulations to the student directors, Gillian Murray, Aiden Harbaum, Kylie Keltner, and Hannah Neal.
- We are excited to announce we have 42 students that have achieved the AP Scholar level for their junior year. These students are now seniors and have earned at least a 3 on 3 or more AP tests!

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The Mission of Fairfield High School, working in collaboration with the home and community, is to instill in all students the desire and skills for academic, character, and social development. This is provided in a safe and nurturing environment that is respectful of each student's learning style, potential, and cultural diversity in order to cultivate responsible and productive citizens for the future.

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We sure have a lot to be proud of! I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Thank you and Take Care! William Rice

GO INDIANS! \*\*All information is subject to change. Please check the district web site, Facebook or Twitter for most current information.\*\*

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

12/20/21
12/21/21 through 1/2/22Winter Break
1/3/22School Resumes
1/11/22End of 1st Semester
1/12/22Teacher Inservice Day – No Students
1/17/22Martin Luther King Day – No School
2/17/22Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7 pm
2/21/22President's Day – No School
3/17/22End of 3rd Quarter
3/28/22Spring Break Begins
4/4/22School Resumes after Spring Break
4/15/22Spring Weekend (No School)
4/28/22Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7 pm
5/7/22Prom/AfterProm
5/23/22Last Day for Seniors
5/26/22End of 2nd Semester – Last Day for Students
5/28/22
6/6/22 through 7/1/22Summer School – Advanced Credit



6/13/22 through 7/8/22 ..... Summer School – Make-up and Online



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#### IN MEMORIUM

#### **BRYAN DAVID WALTERS**

Age 50, passed away on November 10, 2021 in Cincinnati, OH.

Bryan was born in Weirton, WV to David Walters and Cecilia Schodzinski Walters where he attended Madonna High School. He graduated with a Bachelor or Science in Chemistry from Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV and received his Masters of Science in Chemistry from Miami University, Oxford, OH where he won awards for graduate teaching. Bryan was a chemistry teacher at Fairfield High School in Fairfield, OH as well as a coach for Fairfield's Academic Team and a member of the selection committee for the National Honor Society.

Bryan was preceded in death by his mother, Cecilia Ann Schodzinski Walters.

Bryan is survived by his wife, Dr. Jennifer Morris and their daughters Elyse Walters and Emilie Helman; his sister Stacy Walters (James) Porter and their daughter Maura Ruiz; his sister Janine Walters (Lane) Turturice and their children Lauren, Ethan, Christian and Laken; and Bryan's father, David Walters.

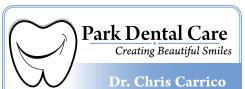
A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 16 in the Arena at Fairfield High School.

Should you wish to make a donation in Bryan's honor, the family has asked that you do so to the Fairfield High School Academic Team, 8800 Holden Blvd, Fairfield, OH 45014 via check. Thank you!

The Walters family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to all of the friends who have provided their loving support during this time.







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## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES FEBRUARY 17, 2022 (THURSDAY)

Our 3rd conference night of the school year will be held on Thursday 2/17/2022. **Conferences are by appointment only** and are scheduled with each teacher individually in 15-minute increments. Conference scheduling is online thru PTCfast.com – see below for instructions. Make sure to sign up for the **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS** (FHS website: parents/forms/parent email news sign up) to get updates on conference dates and when parent/guardian sign ups open and close throughout the school year.

Parents/guardians will have the option this year of attending FHS conferences either <u>VIRTUALLY or IN PERSON</u>. As we continue to maneuver through the current CDC recommendations, events are subject to change and we will do our best to make accommodations as they arise. \*\*Please remember if you choose to attend conferences in person that the Fairfield City School District strongly recommends facial coverings regardless of vaccination status.\*\*

#### Instructions for conference scheduling:

- 1. Go to https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Fairfield\_High\_School
- 2. Select the first teacher that you would like to schedule a conference with then hit **SUBMIT**.
  - \*\*Conferences are organized alphabetically by teacher last name & by VIRTUAL or IN PERSON.\*\*
- 3. You will be prompted to enter your student's information and an email address then hit **SUBMIT**.
- An email will be sent to you with a link to pick the actual conference time. After selecting the time, you may choose to schedule with another teacher REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES.
- 5. Once you have scheduled all of your conferences make sure to hit **CONFIRM SELECTIONS** and **EXIT**.

PLEASE REMEMBER: A conference is not considered "scheduled" until a time has been selected. You will receive an email with all conferences and times that have been scheduled. If you DO NOT receive a confirmation email, then your conferences have NOT been scheduled. DO NOT SIGN UP WITH MULTIPLE TEACHERS FOR THE SAME TIME SLOT – DOING SO WILL CAUSE YOUR CONFERENCES TO AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED BY THE SCHOOL. Please be considerate of the teachers and staffs time; if you feel the need for additional time outside of the standard conference appointment, please

contact the teacher or counselor to make these arrangements.

Conference time blocks available:

VIRTUAL Conferences	IN PERSON Conferences
3:30pm – 4:00pm	4:00pm – 4:30pm
4:30pm – 5:00pm	5:00pm – 6:00pm
6:00pm - 6:30pm	6:30pm – 7:00pm



#### THEATRE NEWS

Success! Yes, what a success the Student Directed One-Act Festival was. November 13th will be a date-to-remember for our 4 student directors: Gillian Murray, Aiden Harbaum, Kylie Keltner and Hannah Neal. The shows they presented and their directing of over 60 of their peers was nothing less than phenomenal. A big thanks to Mindy Reed and the drama team for another successful festival. We also want to thank our alumni-adjudicators: Kendra Leonard Thomas, Caitlyn Cunningham, Austin Kearns and Erin Kimball for their time, energy and talents. Congrats and thanks for getting the 2021-2022 Theatre season off to a great start.

But we're not finished, the cast for our upcoming winter play, *Play On!*, has been chosen and is hard at work. Join Mike Massie and his comical cast of characters: Amber Aichele, Rylie Alfrey, Hannah Begley, Mia Biondo, Logan Feiler, Alissa Feldman, Rachael Finnerty, Noah Funderburk, Isabel Gallo, Aiden Harbaum, Tim Massie, Zoe McNeil, Gillian Murray, Hannah Neal, Anna Reed, Aaralyn Shulte, and Kylie Stewart on February 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the Freshman School auditorium for this comical look at what happens when anything that could go wrong in show, does go wrong! Come watch our talented actors portray these crazy characters that simply must, *Play On!* Upcoming ticket information can be found on our website, or by subscribing to our social media pages below.

And let's not stop there! Mark your calendars for *Newsies the Musical* on April 23-26, 2022. Come watch our talented singers, dancers and actors relive the story of the 1899 newspaper strike, while they reiterate the message of equality and the need for kids to have a voice. This show will have you tap dancing in the aisles, and singing all the way home.



#### **BUTLER TECH**

Attention 10th grade students and parents: The Butler Tech application will be open through January 31st. To be considered for admission students must apply at https://apply.butlertech.org by January 31st. There will also be an Open House at all BT campuses on January 13th from 3-7pm for any parent and student who would like to learn more about the program options.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

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#### SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES

ATTENTION: All Senior yearbook pictures are

DUE: Sunday, Dec. 19th, 2021.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR PICTURES:**

**QUALITY:** At least 300 dpi (High resolution)

POSE: At least waist up. No selfies! \*If you are unable to get a picture, your fall picture day photo will be used.

FORMAT: Digital jpeg file

Send the image <u>with the subject line</u>: Student last name, Student first name 2021 Senior Portrait.

To Doris Williams at **fhs4memories@gmail.com**.



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#### FINAL FORMS

All Parents and returning Students please log in to FinalForms (https://fairfield-oh.finalforms.com/) to complete and sign required forms for the 21/22 school year. FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year; however, you will need to review and sign forms every year.

Please carefully review your information, update if necessary, and sign all forms.

Only students in grades 6-12 will be required to sign any forms. If you are a newly



enrolled student for the 21/22 school year, you will be unable to sign forms until the school year begins and you have accessed your Fairfield-assigned email account.

Directions for accessing Final Forms can be found at https://www.fairfield-cityschools.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\_ID=184313&type=d&pREC\_ID=1943950.

If you need assistance with your Final Forms account, please email registration@ fairfieldcityschools.com or support@finalforms.com.



#### FAIRFIELD ATHLETICS

Check out the new home of Fairfield Athletics at **GoFairfield.net** and get our FREE mobile app as your one place stop for all things Fairfield Athletics! Real time schedule updates, rosters, live broadcasts, news and more. Important notifications sent directly to your phone along with the ability to purchase online tickets. Download the **Fairfield Indians** app from the App Store today and Go Fairfield!

Fairfield Athletics is also transitioning to all digital ticket sales for the 2021-2022 school year! This decision is based on recommendations from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Ohio Department of Health. Save on fees by purchasing Winter/Spring Sports Passes (\$60 per adult/\$30 per student) for use at all middle and high school regular-season events.

#### Visit GoFairfield.net/tickets

to purchase all tickets.

\*FCSD staff IDs and Senior Citizen VIP Gold Cards (available at FHS & District Office for senior residents) will again be accepted for all regular-season events as long as capacity restrictions are not in place.





## HIGH SCHOOL PARENT E-MAIL

The high school sends a daily e-mail to any parent requesting this service. E-mails include announcements, as well as reminders about conference dates and open houses.

If you would like to participate in this program, please go to the district website www.fairfieldcityschools.com, Schools - Senior High School - High School News, subscribe on the right hand side of the page! It's that easy!



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