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Principal's Press

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the school year. The closure of a school year brings many exciting events and activities like Prom, After Prom, and Graduation. You will find a list of these activities, along with dates, times, and places in the envelope and on the online resource. These events mark a momentous occasion in your son/daughter(s) journey through life. This time of year comes with great joy and celebration. You and your child should be very proud.

I would like to take this time to remind you that should your son/daughter owe school fees, you will need to make arrangements with the bookkeeper to receive your son/daughter's diploma. The last day for paying by check will be May 1, 2024. We will accept payments by cash or credit card until May 25, 2024. You may pay by cash only on the day of graduation at Cintas Center. No change will be given, so the exact amount will be necessary at graduation. Diplomas of students who owe fees will be held until arrangements have been made or the fees have been paid. You may contact the bookkeeper, Maria Buschmann, at 942-2999 ext. 2503.

While this letter is not meant to alarm anyone, it is my goal to stress to you, as parents/guardians, the importance concerning good attendance and appropriate behavior of our students these last remaining weeks. We have appreciated your support of our efforts at Fairfield High School and we hope that you will show us the same support one last time. This is an exciting time for everyone! We are proud of all of our seniors, and we are looking forward to sharing in the celebration with you and your son or daughter. Graduation practice is May 21st at 8:00 am at the high school. Please remember that our graduation practice is mandatory, and students not in attendance will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

Lastly, each year we have heard from parents who express concern about the decorum of the Commencement ceremony. Fairfield Senior High School Class of 2024 desire that the Commencement is dignified and orderly. This goal requires the cooperation of

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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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graduates, parents, and spectators. One of the most disruptive aspects of Commencement can occur when audience members clap and make loud noises when a graduate's name is read. When this takes place, the family of the next student may have difficulty hearing the announcement of their graduate's name. Your cooperation in respecting this request is appreciated. The audience has several opportunities throughout the program to show their appreciation for the entire class. Please be considerate of all members of this outstanding senior class!

If you have any questions about our upcoming events, please call the high school.

Sincerely,
 Ryan Bellamy
 Principal

2024 AP EXAMS

Please see below for the 2024 AP Exam Schedule. Exams will begin promptly at the start time listed below. Please encourage your student to arrive early! It is suggested that students arrive between **6:45-7:00am** for exams that start at **8:00am** and between **10:30-11:00am** for exams that start at **Noon**. Students will not be permitted into the exam room once the exam has started.

Contact Mrs. Owens-Nelson in the Counseling Office with questions.

Exam	Date	Exam Start Time
AP United States Government and Politics	Monday, May 6, 2024	8:00am
AP Chemistry	Monday, May 6, 2024	12:00pm
AP Statistics	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	12:00pm
AP English Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	8:00am
AP Computer Science A	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	12:00pm
AP Environmental Science	Thursday, May 9, 2024	8:00am
AP Psychology	Thursday, May 9, 2024	12:00pm
AP United States History	Friday, May 10, 2024	8:00am
AP Calculus AB/BC	Monday, May 13, 2024	8:00am
AP English Language and Composition	Tuesday, May 14, 2024	8:00am
AP World History: Modern	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	8:00am
AP Computer Science Principles	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	12:00pm
AP Music Theory	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	12:00pm
AP Biology	Thursday, May 16, 2024	12:00pm
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Friday, May 17, 2024	8:00am
AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based	Friday, May 17, 2024	12:00pm

***Exam locations to be announced. ***

*** All students enrolled in an AP course will be required to take the AP exam, paid for by Fairfield City Schools. Should a student not take the exam in May for any reason, parents/students are responsible for the \$40 unused/cancellation fee (per exam), which will be added to student fees. ***

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 5, 2024	Arts Fair
May 6 – 17, 2024	AP Testing
May 7, 2024	Scholarship Night 7 pm
May 9, 2024	Underclassmen Awards Night 7 pm
May 17, 2024	Last School Day for Seniors
May 20, 2024	Elementary Walks and Senior Fairfield Day
May 21, 2024	Mandatory Graduation Practice and Senior Awards
May 22, 2024	Last day for '24-'25 Schedule Changes
May 22, 2024	Last Day for All Students
May 25, 2024	Graduation at Cintas 9:30 am
June 5 – 29, 2024*	Summer School, Advanced Credit
June 12 – July 7, 2024*	Summer School, Make-Up & Online

*Dates subject to change if additional days are needed

- August 1, 2024** All student schedule pick up and pictures/ID's
- August 2, 2024** All student schedule pick up and pictures/ID's
- August 5, 2024** All student schedule pick up and pictures/ID's

Subject to change. More information will be posted on the high school's website closer to the dates. **All students need a picture for student ID – no purchase necessary.

August 8, 2024 Students Report

FINISHING STRONG

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Right now, the focus of your student should be on a strong finish **and you can help**. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. **Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.**

1. **Reinforce positive and successful school habits.** Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
2. **Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules** on Progress Book.
3. **Help your student to create a plan** to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
4. **Be aware of tutoring and study assistance** classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
5. **Re-establish your student's home-study routine.**
6. **Help your student to stay focused.** 'Coasting' is a natural, but deadly tendency.

Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday.



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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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Parking Permits for the 24-25 school year are available for purchase using Payschools (www.payschoolscentral.com). **ALL** students driving to FHS (including by not limited to PSEO/CCP students, Flex and CBIP) are **REQUIRED** to purchase a yearly parking permit.

Parking Permit Applications are available for completion through Final Forms (www.fairfield-oh.finalforms.com). Only complete this form for the **STUDENT DRIVING** – please do not complete for siblings riding in the same vehicle and/or if carpooling with another student – if the sibling and/or other student will be driving to school at any time in a separate vehicle, please complete the Parking Application individually for that student. Please make sure that **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION** has also been uploaded into your student's file folder in Final Forms. Parking Permits will not be processed if information/documentation is missing.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Student's Driver's License
2. Auto Insurance for vehicle being driven
3. Current Vehicle Registration

Please allow up to two (2) school days for processing. **Students may stop in the office BEFORE or AFTER school only to pick up their parking pass hang tag. PASSES WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED DURING ANY OF THE LUNCH BELLS.**

Students are only permitted to park in the student lot. Parking is on a first come basis with the exception of seniors who have previously purchased a PAINT SPOT. There is **NO PARKING** at any time in a reserved area: Staff/Visitor area, Drop-Off/Pick-Up areas, Handicap spaces, Fire Lane, etc. **ALL** student parking is in the **FRONT** of the school building across from the tennis court area and includes the lower Marching Band practice lot. **SENIOR PAINTED SPOTS ARE CONSIDERED A RESERVED AREA.**

Any student found parked or parking in a reserved area, outside of the student parking area, or parking without a Permit will automatically have the parking fee (\$55) assessed to their student account and are subject to discipline action, and/or having the car tagged/towed at the owner's expense.

Students called out for early dismissal will be verified as a registered student driver before being released; students identified by the parent/guardian as a driver but do not have a parking permit will have the \$55 parking fee assessed to their student account. Parking fees are a non-waivable school expense.

FAIRFIELD STUDENTS HELP DEMOCRACY FUNCTION ONCE AGAIN!!!

For years, Fairfield Junior and Senior students have served as election workers throughout the city through the 'Youth at the Booth' poll worker program. This year's Primary election on March 19th was not different. Of all the schools in Butler County, Fairfield came out on top AGAIN. More students from FHS worked on election day than any other in the county! We are so proud of our students who chose to literally help the social contract become a reality.

Our students not only showed up in great numbers, they impressed the Board of Elections with their 'disposition and willingness to do whatever was asked' according to Election Services Clerk Kim Ellenburg. The Board of Elections has come to depend on FHS students to fill gaps, and we are proud of our student for continuing to do so!

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CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATES!

Don't forget to complete the Final Transcript Request Form – if this step is not completed it may delay and/or prevent your college or program from finalizing your admissions process. Make sure you are signed up for Remind messages for any updates and to check the FHS website for additional information.

Requests are processed **ONLINE ONLY** thru Google Forms & accessible starting Monday May 13, 2024 8am, ending Wednesday July 31, 2024 10pm.

Final Transcripts are created **AFTER** final grades have posted (based on end of year report cards) and will show the date that your diploma was awarded. Final Transcripts will be mailed directly to the college, military branch, professional organization, trade school, etc. that you have requested on the form. **Please make sure that ALL information is correct and accurate before submission.** If you are unsure of where you need your transcript sent, it is the **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to verify the information.

Fairfield High School is not responsible for transcripts not received or delayed due to incorrect and/or inaccurate information and/or for lost or misdirected transcripts. FHS **DOES NOT** send Final Transcripts electronically.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024!

We are so proud of you and wish you all the very best as you leave to do big things and make a positive difference in the world!

Families & Friends: Due to Xavier University limiting the number of people we can have in attendance at graduation, we are including a link below for the livestream so that you can still be a part of this exciting day. Livestreaming will begin at the start of graduation at 9:30am.

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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL CONCERTS OF THE YEAR! All concerts are held in the Fairfield High School Performing Arts Center at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public.

- 5/5 – ARTS FAIR! 1:00-5:00 pm
- 5/8 – Spring Choral Concert
- 5/13 – Freshman Jazz Band, Freshman Band and High School Concert Winds
- 5/15 – Spring Orchestra Concert
- 5/16 – Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble

Congratulations to all of the graduating musicians in the class of 2024. We appreciate your dedication and thank you for sharing your talents with us. We wish you the best in all you do!

BAND:

Congratulations to Freshman Band, Chamber Winds, Concert Winds and Wind Ensemble who all performed at OMEA District XIII Large Group Band Contest in March. Each one of these performing groups received a Superior Rating (the highest possible). Congratulations to our 45 Band Seniors! We are SO PROUD of you and WILL MISS YOU!



We invite you to join us for Summer Music Games in Cincinnati on July 2nd at Dwire Field Atrium Stadium (Mason High School).

Please order tickets now at <https://www.drumcorpsshow.com>. You don't want to miss this incredible show!

CHOIR:

The Fairfield Choral Music has had an excellent year of growth and development! Choraliers and Pure Elegance had a successful competition season which included a trip to Show Choir Nationals in Nashville Tennessee. Pure Elegance was named Grand Champion at the Homestead Show Choir Classic, the Olentangy Keynote Classic (Prelims), and the Ross Legacy Championship. In addition to numerous caption awards, Avary Vanoss and Courtney McDonald were recognized as Best Soloists and Courtney was recognized as the Best Soloist in the Treble division at Show Choir Nationals. Pure Elegance finish their season with a fourth place finish at Show Choir Nationals.

The Choraliers placed 4th at the Homestead Show Choir Classic, 3rd at the Olentangy Keynote Classic, 3rd at the Ross Legacy Championship, 4th at the South Dearborn Opening Knight Showcase, and finished their season with an overall 9th place finish at Show Choir Nationals. In addition to some caption awards received throughout the season, Kayla Vo was recognized as a Best Female soloist at South Dearborn. The Choraliers will also have the opportunity to sing at the Reds Game on May 7th in partnership with the Purple Monkey Project.

Vocal Impact returned to their participation in OMEA Large Group Contest. They received a rating of II (Excellent) and the group has continued to grow musically this year!

For all the latest updates about the 2024 - 2025 choirs, please check out our website at www.fairfieldchoirs.com.

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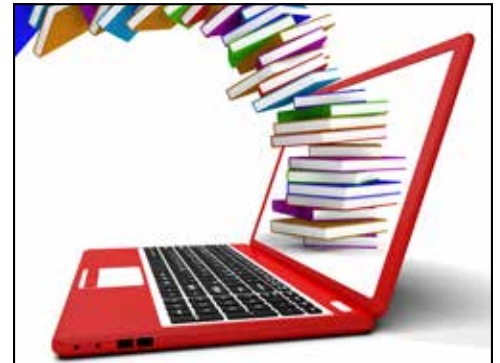
ORCHESTRA:



In March both the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras competed at the OMEA State Orchestra Competition held at Northmont High School. Hard work pays off as both orchestras were awarded unanimous superiors ("straight ones") by the judges. Congratulations goes out to Meghan Jones, Mariah Williams, Kallea Willingham and Kyndle Ledbetter for being selected to perform in the Miami University "Cello Day". In addition to performing with a large orchestra of only Cellos, they were able to work directly with Dr. Reed and Dr. Kim on audition excerpts for Region Orchestra. Finally, as the year winds up our love and attention turns to our wonderful Senior Class. The senior class of 2024 is special and unique and will be a hard act to follow! Congratulations to all of them and best wishes for future plans.

WINTER GUARD:

The Fairfield Winter Guard finished the season this past Saturday at the MEPA Competition at Wright State Nutter Center. This incredible team accomplished so much from Nov until April including an undefeated season, first place gold at finals at Wright State's Nutter Center and a 1st place in every category at finals!



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