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Principal's Press

I want to thank our staff, students, and families for making the start of the school year so successful. It is hard to believe that we are finished with the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. This year we have celebrated our End of Course testing scores, had a successful Homecoming, implemented a new advisory program, and are continuing to find ways to improve instruction and engage our students.

There is already a lot to be proud of as a school, district, and community. In athletics, our sports teams are in the middle of playoff runs, and Henlie Krause recorded her 1,000 career kill in volleyball. In Performing Arts, our Marching Band is working hard for their state championship event at the end of October, our drama students are preparing for the Writers Bloc play, and the Show Choirs are gearing up for their competition season right around the corner.

We have so many hardworking and dedicated students, please let me take some time to recognize several. This year we recognize four students for being named National Merit Semifinalists. These students are Caden McCollum, Eduardo Mejia-Pretto, Kenta Thyagaraj, and Dylan Vanderpool. These four seniors scored in the top 1% of the 1.6 million students who participated in the 2021 PSAT. We also recognize Ethan Bright and Nathanael Smith as Commended Scholars. These two seniors scored in the top 3% of the same 1.6 million students who participated in the 2021 PSAT. Additionally, the College Board awards 32,000 students from across the country with academic honors. To be recognized for these awards, students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, have excelled on the PSAT, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams, and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Fairfield High School's 2022

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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award winners are Eduardo Mejia-Pretto, Emmanuela Yeboah, Kevin Choque, Mia Jackson, Sarah Brophy, Skyler Howell, and Stanley Browder. Finally, we are so excited to announce Caden McCollum, a senior, has scored a perfect 36 composite score, the highest possible, on the ACT. Less than one percent of all test-takers achieve a 36 on the exam! Congratulations to all these students on their accomplishments.

At Fairfield High School, our goal is to ensure your child has the highest quality of educational programming. Our focus will continue to be on the development of the whole child, through academic achievement, positive and safe behaviors, and good citizenship. Most importantly, we are committed to working together with parents and the community to further this goal. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ryan Bellamy, Principal

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

Qualified students can take courses in Ohio's College Credit Plus program and earn college credit in grades 7-12. Fairfield High School will be offering informational sessions on Thursday, December 1st in the FHS PAC. At 5 PM, a Cincinnati State representative will present on taking college courses at the high school. Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors planning on taking CCP courses at the high school next year should attend this session with their parents. At 6 PM, a representative from Miami Hamilton will present on taking courses at a college campus. Students currently in grades 6-11 should plan on attending this meeting with your parents if you are considering taking courses at a college campus next year. Parent attendance at this meeting is a prerequisite to students being able to participate in a CCP course for the following academic year.

SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES DUE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2022

Requirements for Senior Pictures:

Quality: At least 300 dpi (High resolution)

Pose: At least waist up. *No selfies!*

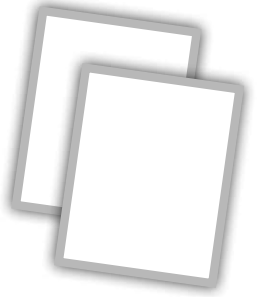
*If you are unable to get a picture, your fall picture day photo will be used.
(Pictures are subject to be cropped to fit the layout on the page.)

Format: Digital jpeg file

Send the image with the subject line:

Student last name, Student first name 2023 Senior Portrait

Email to Doris Williams at fhs4memories@gmail.com.



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

To all seniors going to colleges or trade/career schools! Numerous scholarship opportunities are being added weekly to *Naviance*. Do not miss out on these wonderful opportunities for FREE MONEY!

Additionally, the Hamilton Community Foundation and Fairfield Community Foundation Scholarships will be opening on December 12th and will close on January 14th. This is an online application that can be accessed through *Naviance*. This is a common application that only needs to be filled out once, with as much detailed information about yourself as possible, that could qualify you for numerous scholarships from a pool of students in Fairfield and Hamilton. There are scholarships of all kinds, with an array of different qualifications, that any student who plans to attend college or a trade/career school could qualify for!

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November 8, 2022 Inservice Day - No Students
 November 23, 2022 Conference Exchange Day - No School
 November 24 & 25, 2022 Thanksgiving Break - No School
 December 1, 2022 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7pm
 December 19, 2022 Conference Exchange Day - No school
 December 20, 2022 Winter Break Begins - No school
 January 2, 2023 School Resumes
 January 10, 2023 End of 1st Semester Grades 9-12
 January 11, 2023 Inservice Day #4 - No Students
 January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King Day – No School
 February 16, 2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 -7pm
 February 20, 2023 President's Day – No School
 March 16, 2023 End of 3rd Quarter
 March 27 – 31, 2023 Spring Break – No School
 April 3, 2023 School Resumes after Spring Break
 April 7, 2023 Spring Weekend – No School
 April 13, 2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7pm
 May 7, 2023 Arts Fair
 May 13, 2023 Prom/AfterProm
 May 22, 2023 Last Day for Seniors
 May 25, 2023 Last Day for all Students
 May 27, 2023 Graduation, Cintas Center, Xavier University 9:30am
 June 5 – June 30, 2023* Summer School, Advanced Credit
 June 12 – July 7, 2023* Summer School, Make-up & Online

**Dates subject to change*



2023 GRADUATION ORDERS

Don't forget to order your 2023 Graduation supplies by December 1st, 2022 through Jostens. Please contact Jostens.com with questions or concerns.

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DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Once again, Fairfield High School is proving that DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT! Over 50 FHS Seniors have applied to be volunteer poll workers for the upcoming elections on Nov. 8th. We are so proud that each senior class has continued Fairfield's tradition of providing the largest number of Pollworkers as compared to any other school on Butler County! We also look forward to our 18-year-old seniors who are newly registered to vote to participate and make their voices heard. In the weeks before the registration deadline, the FHS cafeteria was manned by volunteers to register any remaining Seniors so they can take part in the democratic process. Remember, Election Day is NOVEMBER 8TH. Check to confirm your registration and which polling location you need to attend to vote this year. All the info needed is at <https://elections.bcchoio.gov/!!!>

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2022 – 2023 PARKING PERMIT REMINDER

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STEPS TO PURCHASING A PARKING PERMIT:

1. Go to www.payschoolscentral.com to pay for your parking permit. ****You will need the payment transaction # from Payschools for Final Forms.****
2. Parking Permit Application needs to be completed through Final Forms (www.fairfield-oh.finalforms.com).
3. Required documents need to be uploaded into the students' Final Forms file – ***please note that documents can ONLY be uploaded under the PARENT/GUARDIAN account. Any document uploaded while logged in under a STUDENT account will NOT be saved – this is a Final Forms policy and not FCSD.***
 - If you have previously (prior school year) uploaded the required documents, you only need to upload documentation if the vehicle your student will be driving is **different** than the information that has already been submitted.

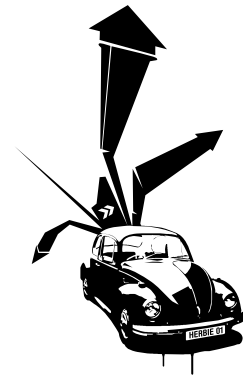
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Student Driver's License
- Auto Insurance for vehicle being driven
- Current Vehicle Registration



FRIENDLY REMINDER: Any student parking in a reserved area and/or outside of the student parking area or parking without a parking permit will have the full parking fee of \$55 assessed to their student account and will be subject to discipline action and/or having the car tagged/towed at the owner's expense. There is **NO PARKING** in **RESERVED AREAS** – including but not limited to: Staff or Visitor area, Drop Off & Pick Up area, Handicap parking or Fire Lane, Senior Painted Parking Spots, etc.

Students are only permitted to park in the student lot in the **FRONT** of the school building by the tennis courts. Parking is on a first come basis. Upon leaving FHS for any reason (early graduation, transfer, withdrawal, etc.) the parking permit will no longer be valid. Parking Permits are **NON-REFUNDABLE & NON-TRANSFERRABLE**.



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Thursday, November 17
Fairfield High School
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.

A consultant from Heavin College & Career Readiness Services will be on hand to help you complete the FAFSA, answer all of your questions and interpret your results.

This FAFSA Day is free to all Fairfield High School students and families thanks to support from Fairfield High School.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mark your calendars for the 2022-2023 High School conference dates. Fairfield High School uses online scheduling for conferences through PTCfast. Make sure to sign up for the High School News <https://hs.fairfieldcityschools.com> for additional information as the conference date gets closer. FHS conferences are by appointment only and are scheduled with each teacher individually in 15-minute increments.

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Fairfield_High_School

REMAINING FHS CONFERENCE DATES 2022-2023:

- December 1, 2022 - Thursday
- February 16, 2023 - Thursday
- April 13, 2023 - Thursday



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Fairfield Athletics is continuing all digital ticket sales for the 2022-2023 school year! Save on fees by purchasing One Tribe Passes (\$100 per adult/\$50 per student) for use at ALL middle and high school regular-season 2022-2023 events.

Visit **GoFairfield.net/tickets** to purchase all tickets.

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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

CONGRATULATIONS MUSIC STUDENTS!

Several of our instrumental music students have been selected to perform in prestigious ensembles!

Ohio All-State Orchestra:



Mara Seppala, violin
Dylan Vanderpool, viola

Ohio All-State Band:



Caden McCollum, bass clarinet

Congratulations to the Fairfield students who have been selected to perform with the Ohio All-State Ensembles! These students were selected as the VERY best in the state and will perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Convention in Columbus in February. Congratulations to them on this prestigious honor!

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into other prestigious groups:

Southwest Region Orchestra: Dylan Vanderpool, Kyle Ledbetter, Ada Seppala, Mara Seppala, Caden McCollum; **Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra:** Evan Gorczyk, Emily Leugers, Claire Lally; **Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble:** Gabriel Sander, Allyson Johnson, Kyla Tillman, Rylan Palmer, William Stewart; **Butler Philharmonic Youth Orchestra:** Nhi Tran, Mattie Gragston, Kira Townsend, Marc Dylan Falcon, Lea Withers, Taylor Whitaker, Mara Seppala, Lillie Scott, Tabitha Sabatelli, Christian Howell, Sarah Brophy, Amber Colegrove, Roman Kobman, Nathanael Smith, Kyle Ledbetter, Helena Borden, Kyla Tillman, Ada Seppala, Megan Jones, Kallea Willingham, Kasinda Willingham, Iren Wou, Armani Doakes, Cindy Perez-Mazariegos, Desirae Wong, Angelina Guyer and Cadence Ledbetter.

BAND NEWS

The concert band groups had two fantastic Fall Concerts and we are excited to be preparing Holiday music for our next concert series! Please come enjoy some great music and enjoy the sounds of the season on December 8th and December 12th!

The Marching Band has had a busy and very successful season. They have performed at the Summer Music Games in Cincinnati DCI Show, the Hamilton 4th of July Parade, as well as many football games and competitions! They participated in Calendar Day, Band Night, the Homecoming Parade and our annual BANDcake Breakfast! Congratulations to the FHS Marching Band on their Superior Ratings at Loveland High School and The Ohio State University. They also made finals at the Bands of America, Music for All Obetz Competition with their show, *Ticket to Ride!* The group will finish the season with OMEA State Finals on Saturday, October 29th at Hilliard Bradley High School at 11:15 am and the following Saturday for Midstates Finals at Mason High School! Congratulations to them on a REMARKABLE SEASON and a HUGE thank you to the students and our parent volunteers who have made it possible!



ORCHESTRA NEWS

Orchestra Update: "Doggone Great"

September and October have been great for Orchestra, with special events and great memories with friends. Highlights include: National Anthem Performance at Home FB game, Calendar Day and Concessions for Tempo Club, Senior Party, Spirit week and a special guest visitor made this past Fall, "Doggone" great! On October 20, the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras presented our annual "Hauncert Concert". This fun costume concert placed FHS students side by side with 7th & 8th-grade orchestra members from Crossroads and Creekside Middle for an entertaining concert. Finally, don't miss our Holiday performance on Thursday, December 15 @ 7 pm in the FHS PAC. The finale of this concert will be a performance of the Hallelujah chorus with Mr. Baker, Mrs. Massie and the FHS choirs!



CHOIR NEWS

The High School choirs completed their first concert of the year on October 12th. It featured the combined 8th Grade Choir from Creekside and Crossroads, the Freshman Choir, Concert Chorale, Choraliers, Pure Elegance, and Vocal Impact! The choirs put on great performances to a packed house and are already in the process of prepping for their next quarter of performances!

The Choraliers and Pure Elegance have been hard at work putting together their competition shows for the winter since July. Both groups will be previewing a portion of their shows along with Rhythm Express at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on November 12th!

You can catch the high school choirs performing on the following dates:

- November 12th - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (Choraliers, Pure Elegance, Rhythm Express)
- December 13th - Sounds of the Season (9 - 12 Choirs)

For the most up to date calendar and for upcoming events, be sure to check out the Fairfield Choirs website at www.fairfieldchoirs.com.

Please join us for our upcoming Music Department Concerts:

- Holiday Freshman Band, High School Concert Winds Concert - Thursday, 12/8
- Holiday Jazz, Chamber Winds, Wind Ensemble Concert - Monday, 12/12
- Holiday Choral Concert - Tuesday, 12/13
- Holiday Orchestra Concert - Thursday, 12/15



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THEATER NEWS

After a very exciting and large turnout to our opening week meeting, we were off and running with auditions for both of our fall offerings. A big thank you to Mindy Reed and her incredible cast of traveling actors who went to several elementary schools to perform folk tales. The performances enhanced the elementary curriculum and study of different folktales. Our actors then performed six different folktales on October 22nd at the Freshman School for their parents and other enthusiastic audience members. This was our inaugural "Traveling Troupe 390" venture and we're excited to see how we can grow this partnership with the schools within our district in the future!

This week Mike Massie presents, "A Writer's Bloc", an original piece written by Mr. Massie and his son Tim, with music by Aiden Harbaum. "A Writer's Bloc" is best described... With an appetite for flapjacks and fiction, our writer arrives at his favorite writing spot: the hotel diner. As per usual the world and people around are quickly woven into the spool of his comedic writing, but this time, he finds himself in the middle of a reunited romance.

Be sure to check out **"A Writer's Bloc"**!

Show dates November 10, 11, 12

@ 7PM at the Fairfield High School Performing Arts Center.

Tickets \$10.00 *presale* & \$15.00 *at the door*

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Tickets will be sold at the door for cash or check only!

Of course, just a week after our final fall show Trish Lutterbie will host auditions for the Student-Directed One Act Festival. Auditions

will be November 21st @ 2:45 in the Freshman School auditorium. Come and be a part of our annual winter One Act festival, and join Willow Hayes, Azaria Jones, Tim Massie, and Kylie Stewart as they make their directing debut. All are welcome!

TECHNICAL THEATER NEWS

Throughout the entire season we will be hosting costume creation with Mrs. Kelly Massie on Mondays after school. Sam Devlin and Rose Gibson will lead our Set Construction crew Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays beginning one month prior to each show. All are welcome and we definitely can use your expertise.

FHS Theater Arts Team

Jay Muldoon, *Director*
Mindy Reed, *Assistant Director*
Mike Massie, *Associate Director*
Trisha Lutterbie, *Associate Director*
Lori Vail, *Producer*

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