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Principal's Press

Welcome to Fairfield High School!

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and have enjoyed your time off. As the staff has reflected on the success from last school year, we are dedicated to keeping this positive momentum going into the 2023-2024 school year. I am confident that our staff and students have what it takes to continue to push for academic excellence in all we do.

We are extremely excited for the students' arrival on August 10th (Last names A-L) and August 11th (Last names M-Z). Students will be welcomed back to school by a staff that has spent the summer preparing for their arrival. This school year our Open House will be in person on August 15th from 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm. The teaching staff here is dedicated to the engagement and success of our students. We are excited to welcome several new staff members to our team that will continue to bring new ideas and resources to continue to push the success of our students. We continue to work to create a culture that values input from students, teachers, and the Fairfield community and builds lasting relationships that encourage trust, creativity, and growth.

Our goal is to work with you to make sure that this is an exciting year both in and outside of the classroom. We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and we hope that each student will explore their interests and find their passion. For a list of these extra-curriculars, activities, and important dates please check out our website <https://hs.fairfieldcityschools.com/>.

Fairfield High School is dedicated to the Whole Child and promises that each child will feel safe and welcome when they walk through our doors. The focus is always on serving our students, parents, and community with dignity and purpose. Our staff looks forward to working together to provide the highest quality educational program for our students and community. Please don't hesitate to call or stop in with any questions.

Ryan Bellamy
Principal

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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COUNSELOR'S CORNER: BACK TO SCHOOL 2023-24

CLASS OF 2024 - FAFSA DAY!

Are you already confused about applying for financial aid for your college or trade school?

WE HAVE A SOLUTION FOR YOU!

Fairfield High School Counseling Department will be hosting a "FAFSA Day" on Thursday, January 11th from 10am-6pm at the Senior High School.

More details will be out soon but, for now, mark your calendar. We will be bringing in FAFSA professionals to help you start and/or complete your FAFSA, talk about scholarship opportunities, and run through overall finances on an individual basis. Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend with their student for assistance.

MEET THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT!

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The Counseling Department is connected to Google Classroom! Check out career education information, college admissions events, military information, utilize self-care tips and resources, and much more! Join us at **Class Code: cmil6wm**

<https://classroom.google.com/u/2/c/MTQ3NzUxODE3NDM0>

Students can make an appointment to see their School Counselor by signing up to see them in the Counseling Office!

SENIORS!

Seniors will have the opportunity to meet individually with their School Counselor starting in September to review all graduation information and discuss information about college and career post-secondary options.

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

Students will have up to five (5) days after the start of the course to request a schedule change. A course dropped after twenty (20) days after the start of the semester will result in a "WF" (withdraw fail) for that semester of the course, will be computed into the GPA, and will appear on the transcript. A drop will not be permitted for seniors if it results in less than five classes for the year. A drop will not be permitted for underclassmen if it results in less than six classes for the year. Athletes—In order to be eligible for your sport you must be enrolled in and passing five (5) classes (excluding Physical Education) the preceding quarter of the sport and passing at least five (5) classes during the entire season of the sport.

Schedules at Fairfield High School will only be changed for the following reasons:

- Failure to meet the prerequisite course requirements.
- Obvious program error (i.e., omission of required subject, duplicate class, open period, inappropriate level or sequence placement, already earned credit for class listed, etc.).
- Replacement of summer school course(s) successfully completed.
- Other reasons deemed appropriate by counselor, teacher, parent, **and** administrator team.

Schedules will not be changed for the following reasons:

- Failure to complete the required summer assignment(s) for an AP or Dual-Credit course.
- Student requests a specific teacher.
- Student changed his/her mind.
- Student desires a different lunch.
- Student desires to be with friends.
- Student desires class at a certain time of day.


Please contact your student's School Counselor with any questions!

PARTICIPATION/ACTIVITY FEES FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

HIGH SCHOOL/FRESHMAN GRADES 9-12

- **Sports:** \$125
- **Marching Band/Choraliers:** \$75
- **Freshman Jazz Ensemble:** \$30
- **POPS:** \$30
- **All Clubs:** \$20





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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 3, 4, 7, 2023 Pictures/Schedule pick up
 August 9, 2023 Inservice Day - Teacher Inservice (No students)
 August 10, 2023 Students with Last Names **A through L** Report
 August 11, 2023 Students with Last Names **M through Z** Report
 August 14, 2023 All Students Report
 August 15, 2023 Open House 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 September 1, 2023 Inservice Day #2 (No students)
 September 4, 2023 Labor Day (No school)
 September 21, 2023 Parent Conferences
 September 29, 2023 Homecoming Football Game
 September 30, 2023 Homecoming Dance
 October 12, 2023 End of 1st Quarter
 October 13 & 16, 2023 Fall Break (No School)
 October 18, 2023 Picture Re-Takes (In School)
 November 7, 2023 Inservice Day #3 (No students)
 November 20, 2023 Conference Exchange Day (No school)
 November 21 - 24, 2023 Thanksgiving Break (No school)
 November 30, 2023 Parent Conferences
 December 21, 2023 Conference Exchange Day (No school)
 December 22, 2023 Winter Break Begins (No school)
 January 4, 2024 School Resumes after Winter Break



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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!

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Breakfast - Grades 6-12 \$1.50
 Lunch - Grades 6-12 \$3.20
 High School alternate hot entrees - \$3.50 or \$3.75

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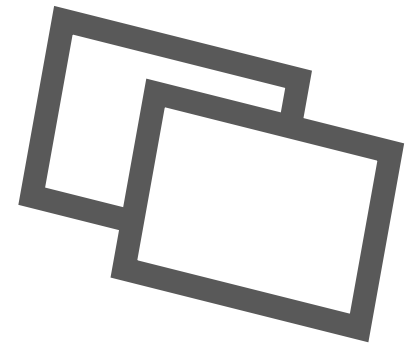
SENIORS

SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES

DUE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024

Requirements for Senior Pictures:

- **Quality:** High resolution photos- at least 300 dpi
- **Pose:** Headshot photo or waist up- No full body images or 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 of the yearbook page.
- **Format:** Digital jpeg file
- **Email Subject Line:**
 - » Student last name, Student first name 2024 Senior Portrait
- **Email sent to:**
 - » Doris Williams at fhs4memories@gmail.com



FHS PICTURE DAY! STUDENT ID CARDS!

Thursday, August 3, 2023 - All students: 8am - 2:30pm in the cafeteria

Friday, August 4, 2023 - All students: 8am - 2:30pm in PAC lobby (Door1)

Monday, August 7, 2023 - All students: 8am - 2:30pm in the cafeteria

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - RETAKES during school hours

School ID cards are processed from this picture. **All students need to be photographed for ID purposes, including all seniors.** Schedules will only be distributed to those students that have had their picture taken.

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FINALFORMS

At this time, all Parents and returning Students may log in to FinalForms (<https://fairfield-oh.finalforms.com/>) to complete and sign required forms for the 23/24 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 23/24 school year, you will be unable to sign forms until the school year begins and you have accessed your Fairfield-assigned email account.

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

SOPHOMORE PARENT TIP SHEET

"TOP TEN WAYS I CAN HELP MY STUDENT BE SUCCESSFUL AT FAIRFIELD HS"

10. Sign up for parent High School News
9. Encourage your student to participate in an extra-curricular activity
8. Become involved in school activities: community engagement, diversity meetings, Tempo Club/Boosters, After prom committee, etc.
7. Be familiar with ProgressBook
6. Participate in Open House and Conference nights
5. Get to know your student's teachers and counselor
4. Ask your student questions about school
3. Attend a school activity - athletic event, concert, drama production
2. Encourage your student to know and practice the FHS 5 **BE A PROBLEM SOLVER – BE KIND – BE POSITIVE – BE RESPECTFUL – BE RESPONSIBLE**

1. Come in for a visit

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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

CALENDAR DAY!

Music students from the entire district will be distributing calendars and asking for donations on Saturday, September 9th.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

The Marching Band will be hosting its annual "BANDCAKE" Breakfast on October 21st.

The Rhythm Express/Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be November 11th.

CONCERTS

Please join us at our upcoming concerts. All concerts are at 7:00 pm in the Fairfield High School PAC and are free and open to the public.

October 3rd . . . Freshman/High School Concert Winds Concert

October 10th . . . Jazz Ensemble/
Chamber Winds/Wind Ensemble Concert

October 11th . . . Choral Concert

October 19th . . . Orchestra Concert

MARCHING BAND NEWS

The Marching band is excited to perform our 2023-2024 show, entitled "We're Not in Kansas Anymore" We have been rehearsing hard during our camps in July, as well as performing at the Hamilton 4th of July parade and our Drum Corps International show on July 5th.

Football games in August and September:

- Fairfield vs. Sycamore on August 25th
- Fairfield vs. Lakota West on September 1st
- Fairfield vs. Mason on September 15th (BAND NIGHT)
- Fairfield vs. Princeton on September 29th (HOMECOMING)

Competition dates in September:

- Kings High School on September 9th
- Obetz BOA Competition on September 23rd

CHOIR NEWS

The show choirs are excited to be starting their 2023 - 2024 season. Choraliers and Pure Elegance have started learning their competition show over the Summer Break. Our Student Leadership team, the Choral Congress, has been hard at work planning fun events for our groups this year. To see more information about the Fairfield Choirs, check out our website www.fairfieldchoirs.com. Additionally, you can follow our choir Instagram @fairfieldchoirs. We invite all community members to our first choir concerts on Wednesday, October 11th!

ORCHESTRA NEWS

Fairfield Orchestra is off to a great start. Fresh off our "Boot Camp" we are looking forward to a performance of the National Anthem at the Home football game on September 1. Many of our students are preparing an audition for the Butler Philharmonic Youth Orchestra on August 25&26...Good Luck to them all! Finally, rehearsals are underway for our annual Hauntcert concert in October and we are looking forward to our collaboration with the 7/8th grade students from Creekside and Crossroads.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS!

In preparation for the upcoming school year all of us will be doing some back to school shopping. As you know, our district does have a student dress code. It is critical that you consider the student dress code while shopping for clothes this year. Students found to be in violation of the dress code will be asked to change and will not be permitted to attend class while in violation. Staff members will monitor the dress code, so please review it as you prepare for the new school year. To view the dress code, visit the district website at www.fairfieldcityschools.com, and enter Dress Code in the "search this site" bar.

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2023 – 2024 PARKING PASSES

Parking Permits for the 23-24 school year will be available for purchase using Payschools (www.payschoolscentral.com) beginning Wednesday 7/5/2023. **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 will be available for completion through Final Forms (www.fairfield-oh.finalforms.com) starting Tuesday 8/1/23. 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. If further instruction is needed, please see <https://bit.ly/3BYRyJK>. 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 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.

SENIORS WHO PURCHASED A PAINTED PARKING SPOT – PAINT DATES: Thursday 8/3/23 & Friday 8/4/23

Spaces will be assigned on PAINT DAY ONLY in order of student arrival. Student must be present to receive an assigned spot. You may not "claim" a spot for another student. **Painting outside of these dates are by special permission only and MUST be pre-approved & pre-arranged with Mr. Sanders and/or Ms. Riggs.**

STUDENTS: YOU MAY NOT PAINT UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A SPOT AND HAVE RECEIVED YOUR PAINTING PARKING TAG FROM MS. RIGGS.

Due to a previously scheduled event
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NO PAINTING ON
SATURDAY 8/5/23 OR SUNDAY 8/6/23
NO EXCEPTIONS



Fairfield City School District 2023-2024 Calendar
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Important Dates*

August 4, 2023: Orientation for New Professional Staff

August 7, 2023: Elementary Teachers Report - No School

August 8, 2023: Secondary Teachers Report - No School

August 9, 2023: Inservice Day #1 - No Students 8:00 am - 11:00 am All School Offices CLOSED for District

August 10, 2023: Students Report

September 1, 2023: Inservice Day #2 - No Students

September 4, 2023: Labor Day - No School

October 12, 2023: End of 1st Quarter Grades K-12

Oct. 13 - Oct. 16, 2023: Fall Break - No School

November 7, 2023: Inservice Day #3 - No Students

November 20, 2023: Conference Exchange Day - No School

November 21-24, 2023: Thanksgiving Break - No School

November 27, 2023: School Resumes after Thanksgiving

December 21, 2023: Winter Break Begins - No School

December 22, 2023: School Resumes after Winter Break

January 8, 2024: End of 1st Semester Grades 9-12 End of 2nd Quarter

January 9, 2024: Inservice Day #4 - No Students

January 16, 2024: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

February 19, 2024: Presidents' Day - No School

March 13, 2024: End of 3rd Quarter Grades K-12

March 29, 2024: Spring Weekend - No School

April 1 - April 5, 2024: School Resumes after Spring Break

May 17, 2024: Last Day for Seniors

May 22, 2024: End of 2nd Semester Grades 9-12 End of 4th Quarter Grades K-8 Last Day for all Students PK-11 Last Day for Elementary

May 23, 2024: Last Day for Secondary Teachers

May 25, 2024: Graduation, Cintas Center, Xavier Univ.

June 5 - June 29, 2024: Summer School, Advanced Credit Summer School, Make-Up & Online

*Dates subject to change if additional days are needed.

Key

- No School for Staff and Students
- Teacher Workday / No Students
- End of Academic Quarter (Grades K-12)
- Last Day for Seniors
- First / Last Day for Students

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OBJECTIVES:

- To improve basic skills such as critical thinking, listening, speaking, and reading
- To develop a greater understanding and appreciation for the law, court procedures, and the judicial system
- To increase understanding of our constitutional rights and responsibilities
- To recognize students' academic and intellectual achievements

MEMBERSHIP:

- Any high school student may participate
- Meetings begin in early September and practice is once per week up and twice per week in December through the district competition, which is around mid-January.
- It is a program that is beneficial for pre-law students as well as other college-bound students in our district.
- The program is challenging and requires a great deal of reading and preparation. It is unique in that students get to work hands-on with practicing lawyers in a real courtroom setting.



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To Addressee or Current Resident

FHS OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH 2023 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Get acquainted with your student's teachers **by following their daily schedule** and spending 10 minutes in each of their classrooms.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

5:00 – Announcement to begin the evening – no bell

5:00 to 5:15 – **1st period**

5:15 to 5:20 – pass time to 2nd period

5:20 to 5:30 – **2nd period**

5:30 to 5:35 – pass time to 3rd period

5:35 to 5:45 – **3rd period**

5:45 to 5:50 – pass time to 4th period

5:50 to 6:00 – **4th period**

6:00 to 6:05 – pass time to 5th period

6:05 to 6:15 – **5th period**

6:15 to 6:20 – pass time to 6th period

6:20 to 6:30 – **6th period**

6:30 to 6:35 – pass time to 7th period

6:35 to 6:45 – **7th period**

6:50 to 7:00 – free time to visit 2nd semester teachers (if student has a semester class).

7:00 – Announcement to close evening – no bell



SCHEDULE PICK-UP AND PICTURES 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

ALL STUDENTS

Thursday, August 3 from 8 am to 2:30 pm in the cafeteria

Friday, August 4 from 8 am to 2:30 pm in the PAC lobby (Door 1)

Monday, August 7 from 8 am to 2:30 pm in the cafeteria

- All students will be able to have their school picture** taken, pick-up their schedule, tour the building and pay fees. Our student leaders and staff will be available to answer questions and provide helpful tips and information about navigating the high school.
- Jostens will begin photographing students at 8 am until 2:30 pm
- **School ID cards are processed from this picture**, so even if you do not wish to purchase a picture package it is necessary to have a picture taken. IDs are used for sporting events, dances, etc.**. This picture will not be used for senior pictures in the yearbook if you turn in a senior photo for the yearbook.

- ***Schedules will only be distributed to students that have had their picture taken.*