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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 2024-2025 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 8th (Last names A-L) and August 9th (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 13th 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, who will bring fresh ideas and resources to further enhance our students' success. We are committed to fostering a culture that values input from students, teachers, and the Fairfield community, and building 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 ensuring that every student feels safe and welcome as they walk through our doors. Our focus is always on serving our students, parents, and community with dignity and purpose. Our staff is committed to working together to provide the highest quality educational programs. Please don't hesitate to call or visit if you have any questions.

Ryan Bellamy

Principal

Principal Ryan Bellamy

Assistant Principals Ricardo Calles Joe Muhlberg Jordan Smith

> 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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2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: BACK TO SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025 - FAFSA DAY!

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

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Approved by the Fairfield Board of Education on October 20, 2022 – Resolution 22-90

PARTICIPATION/ACTIVITY FEES FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR **HIGH SCHOOL/FRESHMAN GRADES 9-12**

- Sports: \$125 ٠
- Marching Band/Choraliers: \$75
- Freshman Jazz Ensemble: \$30
- POPS: \$30
- All Clubs: \$20





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school? We have a solution for you!

Fairfield High School Counseling Department will be hosting a *FAFSA DAY* - dates to be determined. We will be sending out information about dates and times at the beginning of the school year.

We will be bringing in FAFSA professionals to help you start and/or complete your FAFSA and talk about scholarship opportunities offered through the Hamilton-Fairfield Community Foundation. 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 transitioning from using Naviance to SchooLinks! SchooLinks is a platform that is designed with updated features to help students become career, college, and life ready. Students can access SchooLinks at https://app.schoolinks.com/login/k12 and by logging in through their Clever account. More information to come in the Fall of 2024!

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.

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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 results in a "WF" (withdraw fail) for that semester of the course that 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 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. omissions 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!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 31, 2024Senior Parking Spot Paint Day!				
August 1, 2024 Pictures/Schedule Pick Up Sophomores &	New Stude	nts		
August 2 and 5, 2024 Pictures/Schedule Pick Up – All Students				
August 7, 2024 Inservice Day - Teacher Inservice (No stu	udents)			
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August 12, 2024 All Students Report				
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September 20, 2024 Homecoming Football Game				
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January 6, 2025 Inservice Day #4 (No Students)	SI			
January 7, 2025 School Resumes After Winter Break				



BUTLER COUNTY SUCCESS PROGRAM

The Butler County Success Program removes non-cognitive barriers to learning by building bridges between home, school, and the community to improve school success and self-reliance. Our Success Program Liaison at the High school is Morgan Luckhaupt. This is

Morgan's 6th school year at the high school. As a liaison, she works directly with parents or guardians of school-aged children to help them access needed supports and resources. Some examples of supports would be housing assistance, food/grocery assistance, assistance obtaining school supplies and hygiene supplies, rent and utility assistance, holiday assistance (Thanksgiving and Christmas), etc.

If you believe you may benefit from these supports, please reach out to Morgan Luckhaupt via her school email at Luckhaupt_m@fairfieldcityschools.com.





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HIGH SCHOOL PARENT E-MAIL

The high school sends a daily e-mail to any parent requesting this service. Emails 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!

FINALFORMS

At this time, all Parents and returning Students may log in to FinalForms (<u>https://fairfield-oh.finalforms.</u> <u>com/</u>) to complete and sign required forms for the 24/25 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 24/25 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.

SENIOR PAINT DAY

Seniors who have previously purchased a Senior Paint Spot – *PAINTDAY is on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 beginning at 8am*. If you have not completed & signed the Parking Application and/or uploaded any missing documents, you WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PAINT until these tasks have been completed.

Only the APPROVED design that was originally submitted may be painted. Any changes must be re-submitted for approval. Parking spots will be assigned on a first come basis; there is no guarantee of any spot assigned except for After Prom Raffle winners (unless otherwise approved by administration).

Students may NOT "save" a spot for any other student – spots will only be assigned to the student and/or the student's parent/ guardian. Any other type of arrangement will be at the discretion of administration.

Please remember to reference the information sheet that you were given prior to signing & turning in your paint contract. Make sure to plan accordingly for the weather and that there is NO ENTRY into the building at any time to clean and/or dispose of supplies used or to wash off paint.

CLASS OF 2025

SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES **DUE: SATURDAY**,

MARCH 1ST, 2025 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 2025 Senior Portrait
 Email sent to:

Doris Williams at

- fhs4memories@gmail.com
- (*A confirmation email will be sent within 5 business days.)



FHS OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH 2024 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



TECH HUB HELP

Parents and students! Looking for some help with your 1:1 technology? Check out the Tech Hub. Tutorials and helps at your fingertips 24/7!

https://bit.ly/StudentTechHub

FHS PICTURE DAY! STUDENT ID CARDS!

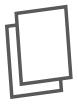
Thursday, August 1 Sophomores & New Students: 8am – 2:30pm in the cafeteria

Friday, August 2..... All students: 8am – 2:30pm in the cafeteria Monday, August 5..... All students: 8am – 2:30pm in the cafeteria

Wednesday, October 23 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.

Order at **JOSTENSPIX.COM** or for questions call: 1-877-515-1447. Please do not wear green due to new green screen technology to personalize backgrounds. **Event Code: FE2124**



SCHEDULE PICK-UP AND PICTURES 2024-2025 STUDENTS

Thursday, August 1 . . . from 8 am to 2:30 pm in the cafeteria – Sophomores and New Students

Friday, August 2.... from 8 am to 2:30 pm in the cafeteria – ALL Students Monday, August 5... from 8 am to 2:30 pm in the cafeteria – ALL Students

- 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
- <u>School ID cards are processed from this picture</u>, 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, TESTING, blood drives, 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.





MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE WELCOME BACK!

CALENDAR DAY!

Music students from the entire district will be distributing calendars and asking for donations on Saturday, September 7th.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

The Marching Band will be hosting its annual "BANDCAKE" Breakfast on October 4th

The Rhythm Express/Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be November 9th

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 1st – Jazz Ensemble/ Chamber Winds/Wind Ensemble Concert

October 7th – Choral Concert October 8th – Freshman/High School Concert Winds Concert October 17th – Orchestra Concert

from Creekside and Crossroads.

ORCHESTRA NEWS

MARCHING BAND NEWS

The Marching band is excited to perform our 2024-2025 show, entitled "Double, Double, Toil and Trouble" 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 2nd

HOME football games in August and September: Fairfield vs. Wayne on August 23rd Fairfield vs. Lakota East on September 20th (HOMECOMING)

Competition dates in September: Kings High School on September 7th Valley High School on September 28th

CHOIR 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 October 4. Many of our

students are preparing an audition for the Butler Philharmonic Youth Orchestra on August 22

and 23...Good Luck to them all! Finally, rehearsals are underway for our annual Hauntcert con-

cert in October and we are looking forward to our collaboration with the 7/8th grade students

The show choirs are excited to be starting their 2024 - 2025 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.

SOPHOMORE PARENT TIP SHEET "TOP TEN WAYS I CAN HELP MY STUDENT BE

SUCCESSFUL AT FAIRFIELD"

- 10. Sign up for parent High School News
- 9. Encourage your student to participate in an extracurricular 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
- Attend a school activity

 athletic event, concert, drama production
- 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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DRAMA NEWS!

Fairfield High School Drama Department is set for another great season. We offer opportunities for all students to get involved on stage, and behind the scenes with set construction, painting, lights, sound, and running crew. Please note, the Drama Club is open to Freshman School students as well!

On Friday, August 16 we will have a meeting in the newly dedicated FHS Performing Arts Center, The Jim and Pat Davis House! At that time, we will go into more detail about the productions we are planning, and give you the chance to meet the Drama Team, student directors, and Troupe 390 Officers. We hope to see you there!

Below is a list of important dates. We hope you will join us for this wonderful season. If you have questions about the season, the FHS Drama Club, or Thespian Troupe 390, please join us on August 16 and follow us on our social media platforms.

August 16, 2:45-3:30pm:

Opening Meeting @ FHS: PAC: The Jim and Pat Davis House

October 24—26, 2024:

October Show @ Freshman Auditorium November 9, 2024:

Student Directed One Act Festival @ PAC: The Davis House

February 6—8, 2025:

Winter Show @ Freshman Auditorium

April 24—26, 2025:

Spring Musical @ PAC: The Davis House May 14. 2025:

Drama Banquet @ PAC: The Davis House

FHS THEATER ARTS TEAM

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





OHIO HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

Advisors: Ann Creary and Dan Gehr

Sponsored by the Ohio Center for Law Related Education, "The Ohio Mock Trial Program is an academic competition designed to foster a better understanding of the American democratic legal system and to encourage development of analytical and communication skills. In moving from the classroom to the courtroom, high school students add an important dimension to their learning experience in citizenship education. Through first-hand experience, the



Mock Trial Competition can serve to teach students about their rights and responsibilities under the Constitution and prepare students for possible future involvement as parties, witnesses and jurors in trials."

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
- \$25 participation fee for annual case file access and competition dues
- Meetings begin in September and are held weekly until the district competition in January
- The program is challenging and requires a great deal of reading and preparation.
- Students get the unique experience of networking and learning from practicing attorneys, magistrates, and judges in a courtroom setting.











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To Addressee or Current Resident

2024 – 2025 PARKING PASSES

Parking Permits for the 24-25 school year are available for purchase using Payschools (<u>www.</u> <u>payschoolscentral.com</u>). **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

Parking Passes will be available for pick up starting Wednesday August 14, 2024.

Students may stop in the office <u>BEFORE</u> or <u>AFTER</u> school only to pick up their parking pass hang tag. <u>PASSES WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED DURING ANY OF THE LUNCH BELLS.</u>

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.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS!

In preparation for the upcoming school year all of us will be doing some back to school shopping. As vou 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.fairfieldcitvschools. com, and enter Dress Code in the "search this site" bar.

SCHOOL MEALS School Meal Prices for 2024-2025 School Year:

Breakfast - Grades 6-12...\$1.50

Lunch - Grades 6-12....\$3.20

High School alternate hot entrees \$3.50 or \$3.75