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Principal's Press

It is hard to believe that 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!

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments and our blessings! Please help us celebrate a few of our students, groups, and organizations that went above and beyond this first half of the school year.

- Congratulations to the Fairfield High School Marching Band! They performed at OMEA State Finals and earned a Superior rating (the highest possible) from EVERY JUDGE in EVERY CATEGORY!
- Congratulations to the FHS Drama Department for their performance in the One Act Festival.
- Congratulations to Talon Fisher, on breaking the Fairfield High School all time passing record.
- Congratulations to Talon Fisher, on being named Football GMC Offensive Player of the Year!
- Congratulations to Devin Ibrahim-Duncan, on receiving the OPPA Youth Prevention Excellence Award.
- Congratulations to the 37 students that were inducted into the National Honors Society.
- This fall we recognized seven students for being named College Board National Recognition Program awardees. Betty Acheampong, Harmony Haro, Kayla Howard, Kyla Tillman, Mya Love, Natalia Delgado, Nnenna Otisi, and Quinton Jarrett have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and 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.

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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 have recognized two students for being named National Merit Commended Scholars. Rylan Gehrlich-Orr, Xander Graman, and Ganesh Tiwari have tested in the top 2.1 % of approximately 1.6 million students who participated in the 2016 PSAT.
- We are excited to recognize four FHS Seniors who scored in the top 1% of the 1.7 million students who took the 2021 PSAT to be National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. These students are Owen Crawley, Ian Fights, Anthony Gehrlich-Orr, and Quinton Jarrett.
- Lastly, Owen Crawley and Ian Fights were recognized for receiving a 36, a perfect score on his ACT. Congratulations once again Owen and Ian!

We have so much as a school, district, and community to be proud of!

Thank you and Take Care!

Ryan Bellamy

2023 – 2024 PARKING PASSES

Parking Permits for the 23-24 school year are available for purchase using Payschools (www.payschoolscentral.com). **ALL** students driving to FHS (including but 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. 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 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.

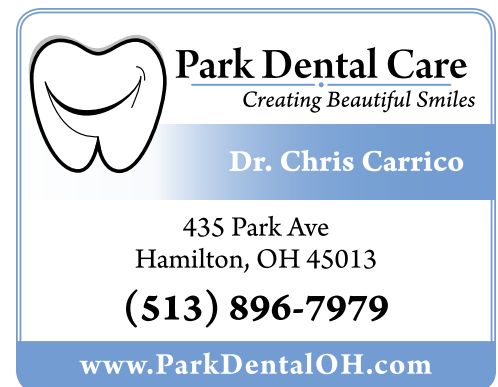


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HIGH SCHOOL PARENT E-MAIL

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!



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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 21, 2023. Conference Exchange Day (No school)

December 22, 2023. Winter Break Begins (No school)

January 4, 2024 School Resumes after Winter Break

January 8, 2024 End of 1st Semester

January 9, 2024 Inservice Day #4 (No Students)

January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School

February 15, 2024 Parent Conferences

February 19, 2024 President's Day – No School

February 28, 2024 ACT Test

March 13, 2024 End of 3rd Quarter

March 29, 2024 Spring Weekend – No School

April 1 – 5, 2024 Spring Break – No School

April 8, 2024 All Buildings Closed for Eclipse

April 9, 2024 Return from Spring Break/Eclipse

April 11, 2024 Parent Conferences

May 17, 2024 Last Day for Seniors

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*

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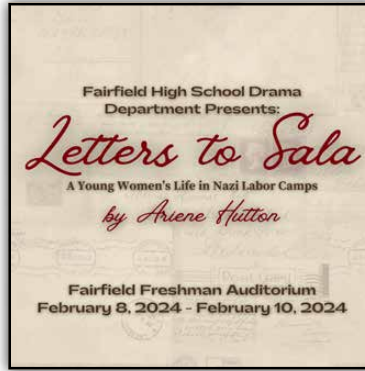
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THEATRE NEWS



Fairfield High School Drama Club looks forward to bringing you an exciting lineup of theatrical performances that promise to captivate and entertain. Mark your calendars for the winter play, "Letters to Sala," adapted by Arlene Hutton and directed by the talented Jay Muldoon. This compelling play, set in World War II, tells the true story of Sala Garncarz Kirschner, who preserved the letters she received during her time in labor camps. Join us at the Fairfield Freshman Auditorium from Thursday, February 8th to Saturday, February 10th, at 7PM. Tickets are available starting Thursday, January 8th at bit.ly/FHSDramatickets (case sensitive), and can also be purchased at the door with cash/check.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! Our students and staff are hard at work preparing for "The Addams Family: The Musical," directed by a masterful production team led by Michael Massie, vocal director Kelly Massie, choreographer Maiya Caldwell, and conductor of our all-student pit orchestra, James Ledbetter. Our spooktacular production is set to hit the stage at the Fairfield High School Performing Arts Center from April 25th to 27th. Get ready to be enchanted by the kooky and mysterious world of the Addams Family as they navigate love, secrets, and the supernatural. Don't miss this unforgettable musical experience.



We're incredibly grateful for the success of our 2023 One Act Festival — a dazzling showcase of one-act plays directed by our exceptionally talented seniors: Amber Aichele, Rylie Alfrey, Mia Biondo, Ethan Magarin, and Anna Reed. Their dedication, creativity, and leadership illuminated the stage, leaving the audience in awe.

A massive shoutout to our fantastic adjudicators: Rose Gibson, Sephyrah Martin, Matt Neal, and Tyler Parsons, who generously volunteered their time and expertise. Their valuable feedback not only enriched the performances but also played a pivotal role in nurturing the growth of our aspiring thespians. We're genuinely grateful for their commitment to fostering a love for the arts within our Fairfield community.

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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

ORCHESTRA

FHS Orchestra students have been busy with December performances, but first we want to celebrate two of our own who were selected to perform in the South West Region Orchestra. Under the baton of Peter Stafford Wilson, Mara Seppala and Kyndle Ledbetter both gave thrilling performances of music by Brahms, Elgar and Williams. In November, the entire FHS orchestra traveled to Music Hall to hear the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra perform. The trip included a post-performance discussion with CSO staff about the team of people required to bring world class performances to the Music Hall stage. December brought several opportunities to share out music with audiences and patrons were treated to master works by G.F. Handel, Rimsky-Korsakov and George Michael? Yes, a version of "Last Christmas" did make the stage of the PAC in a well-received mass orchestra performance of "Christmas by the Decades." Here is a list of the tunes we performed if you are interested.

90's – Somewhere in my memory
(home alone)

80's – Last Christmas

70's – Feliz Navidad

60's – Winter
Wonderland

50's – Jingle Bell Rock

40's – The Christmas
Song



BAND

Congratulations to Ari Coxhead for their selection and performance at the South West Region Orchestra Festival.

Congratulations also to the following students who were selected to perform at the Bowling Green State University Honor Band Festival. Students were able to tour campus, attend masterclasses, listen to concerts by BGSU top performing ensembles and rehearse to perform in a special concert. Participants from left to right are: Lillie Scott, flute; Helena Borden, flute; Luke Minnick, Clarinet; Ryleigh Whitt, bass clarinet; Chris Thompson, alto saxophone; Ben Reese, horn; Claire Lally Horn, and Ari Coxhead, trombone. We also want to congratulate all those who auditioned for OMEA District XIII Honor Bands!

We are proud of the MANY holiday performances the students gave in December! We enjoyed performing for all the 5th graders in Fairfield and encouraged them to choose music as an elective next year. We also enjoyed performing for our families and friends in the PAC, at the Fairfield Child Development Center, and at Creekside and Crossroads Middle Schools.

The students are eagerly preparing for are looking forward to Solo and Ensemble Festival and Large Group Band Contest.

CHOIR

The high school show choirs are hard at work preparing for their competition season. The Choraliers & Pure Elegance will be previewing their competition shows along with Rhythm Express at their annual First Look performances. Tickets are now on sale for the preview shows and information for purchasing tickets can be found on www.fairfieldchoirs.com. Shows will be on Friday January 19th at 7:00 PM and Saturday January 20th at 2:00 PM and 7 PM. Come out and support the show choirs as they kick off their competition season!

The Concert Choirs had a successful concert season in December getting the opportunity to perform with the band and orchestra at their Sounds of the Season concert. Vocal Impact is now turning their attention to OMEA Large Group Contest in March and are hard at work preparing for that contest. For more information about the Fairfield Choral Department, check out our website!

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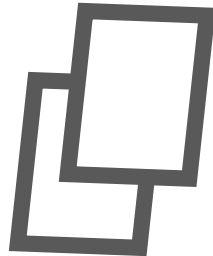
2024 SENIORS

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



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Scholarship opportunities will continue to be made available to seniors through the rest of the year. Seniors are reminded to consistently check their Naviance account for the latest scholarship offerings. Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance as they are received and can be found under the "Scholarship Search" tab.

If a senior has been awarded or offered scholarship money to any college or university, please bring a copy of the award letter(s) (emailed copies will not be accepted) to their school counselor, even if they choose not to accept it. We will recognize them for their award(s) in the FHS Graduation Program.



FHS FAFSA DAY

Fairfield High School will be hosting a FREE FAFSA Day – open to all seniors and their families. FAFSA Day will be on January 11th from 8a-2p, and 3pm - 6pm. FAFSA experts will be available to help students and families complete the FAFSA application. Anyone who plans to attend a University or Career/Tech/Trade school is encouraged to fill out the FAFSA application. We hope to see you here for our 2nd FREE FAFSA Day!

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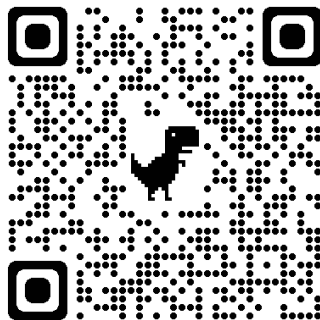
Welcome to Fairfield High School conference scheduling. FHS uses the online scheduling service PTCfast in order to streamline the process for parents/guardians. Please see detailed instructions below for how to register & schedule conferences.

All conferences at the high school are by appointment only with each individual teacher and held in 15-minute increments. Please be considerate of the teachers' & staffs' time; if you feel the need for additional time outside of the standard conference appointment, please contact your student's teacher or guidance counselor directly to see what arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs. **DO NOT sign up with multiple teachers for the same time slot – CONFERENCES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED.**

2023 – 2024 CONFERENCE DATES FOR FHS

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	9/21/23	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	11/30/23	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	2/15/24	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	4/11/24	3:30pm – 7pm

- This process is only for the dates listed. If you require a conference on any other date, please contact the teacher directly for scheduling.
- Meetings with the guidance office or an administrator are not able to be scheduled through PTCFast.



PTCFAST SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Fairfield_High_School
(only use this URL or QR code above)
2. Select the first teacher that you would like to schedule a conference with **SUBMIT**.
3. You will be prompted to enter your student's information and your email address **SUBMIT**.
4. You will receive an email with a link to pick the actual conference time. After selecting the time, you may choose to schedule with another teacher and/or select another student **REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES**.
5. After you have scheduled all of your conferences: **CONFIRM SELECTIONS AND EXIT**.

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