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Principal's Press

We are well into the second half of the school year and we look forward to the spring season and warmer weather! As spring approaches we begin our preparation for testing season. The most important of which are the Ohio state end-of-year tests which we refer to as the End-of-Course assessments. Most of our students grades 9-11 will participate in at least one EOC. In addition to these assessments, many of our students will take the ACT (11th graders only) and many will participate in Advanced Placement (AP) tests. Below are the key dates and tests over the last months of the school year:

ACT test for all 11th Graders:March 1st (https://bit.ly/3GtpHSR2022ACTPlaybookparents for more info.)

ACT Test (11th Graders):March 1-4th and 7-11th with Accommodations

End of Course Testing: April 7-14th

End of Course Testing Retesting: April 18-29th

The End of Course tests are vitally important as they directly impact a student's graduation status. Each student currently enrolled in the following classes will be required to take the online exams: Algebra I, Geometry, 10th Grade English, Biology, American History, and American Government. For more information on graduation requirements please visit the Ohio Department of Education's website at the link below:

http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Graduation-Requirements

We anticipate having the scores from the Winter Testing Session in December back from the state during the second week of February. In March, all students will receive a testina

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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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letter to update them on their current EOC points standing and the progress towards graduation requirements.

This letter will also notify the students:

- Which test they are scheduled to take in the spring
- Specific Day of each test
- Specific Testing location
- Progress report that shows all points earned to date from previous EOC tests
- Retests (if needed)

Please encourage your student(s) to listen to announcements and talk to their teachers about possible remediation and review sessions beginning the end of February. Additional review and study sessions will be scheduled as the testing session approaches.

During the EOC testing week, all testing students should report to their assigned location by 8 o'clock. Students who are not testing on a specific day are not required to report to school until 11:30am, which is the conclusion of the testing period. There will be a study hall provided for all non-testing students who arrive at the normal school start time. If you have not received your student's testing information by Friday March 25th or have any other questions, please contact our guidance department or the testing coordinator, Assistant Principal Mr. Kareem Sanders.

Sincerely,

William Rice

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!

CAN YOU HELP A GRADUATE?

This joyous time of year when many 2022 graduates are planning parties, trips, college, and other senior events can be a difficult time for some families. The costs associated with caps and gowns, school fees, college fees etc. can be overwhelming especially in the current economy. We would like to help in a small way by seeking out gently used graduation caps and gowns to be re-used by students whose family cannot afford the more than \$50 that an outfit costs. If you or your already graduated student would be willing to donate a red graduation cap/gown for a boy or a white cap/gown outfit for a girl, please contact the Counseling office at the high school and we can arrange to get the donation to a student in need. Thank you.





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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

2/17/22
2/21/22
3/1/22ACT Testing
3/17/22 End of 3rd Quarter
3/28/22Spring Break Begins
4/4/22School Resumes after Spring Break
4/7/22 through 4/27/22EOC Testing
4/15/22 Spring Weekend (No School)
4/26/22
4/28/22
5/2/22 through 5/13/22AP Testing
5/7/22Prom/AfterProm
5/23/22 Last Day for Seniors
5/26/22
5/28/22Graduation, Cintas Center, Xavier University
6/6/22 through 7/1/22Summer School – Advanced Credit
6/13/22 through 7/8/22Summer School – Make-up and Online

FINAL FORMS

All Parents and returning Students please log in to Final Forms (https://fairfield-oh.finalforms.com/) to complete and sign required forms for the 21/22 school year. Final Forms 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 21/22 school year, you will be unable to sign forms until the school year begins and you have accessed your Fairfield-assigned email account.

Directions for accessing Final Forms can be found at:

https://www.fairfieldcityschools.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=184313&type=d&pREC_ID=1943950

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







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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES APRIL 28, 2022 (THURSDAY)

Our LAST conference night of the school year will be held on Thursday 4/28/2022. **Conferences are by appointment only** and are scheduled with each teacher individually in 15-minute increments. Conference scheduling is online thru PTCfast.com – see below for instructions. Make sure to sign up for the **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS** (FHS website: parents/forms/parent email news sign up) to get updates on conference dates and when parent/guardian sign ups open and close throughout the school year.

Parents/guardians will have the option this year of attending FHS conferences either <u>VIRTUALLY or IN PERSON</u>. As we continue to maneuver through the current CDC recommendations, events are subject to change and we will do our best to make accommodations as they arise. **Please remember if you choose to attend conferences in person that the Fairfield City School District strongly recommends facial coverings regardless of vaccination status.**

Instructions for conference scheduling:

- 1. Go to https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Fairfield_High_School
- Select the first teacher that you would like to schedule a conference with then hit SUBMIT.
 - **Conferences are organized alphabetically by teacher last name & by VIRTUAL or IN PERSON.**
- 3. You will be prompted to enter your student's information and an email address then hit **SUBMIT**.
- An email will be sent to you with a link to pick the actual conference time. After selecting the time, you may choose to schedule with another teacher REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES.
- 5. Once you have scheduled all of your conferences make sure to hit **CONFIRM SELECTIONS** and **EXIT**.

PLEASE REMEMBER: A conference is not considered "scheduled" until a time has been selected. You will receive an email with all conferences and times that have been scheduled. If you DO NOT receive a confirmation email, then your conferences have NOT been scheduled. DO NOT SIGN UP WITH MULTIPLE TEACHERS FOR THE SAME TIME SLOT – DOING SO WILL CAUSE YOUR CONFERENCES TO AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED BY THE SCHOOL. Please be considerate of the teachers and staffs time; if you feel the need for additional time outside of the standard conference appointment, please contact the teacher or counselor to make these arrangements.

Conference time blocks available:

VIRTUAL Conferences	IN PERSON Conferences
3:30pm – 4:00pm	4:00pm – 4:30pm
4:30pm – 5:00pm	5:00pm – 6:00pm
6:00pm – 6:30pm	6:30pm – 7:00pm



MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE ORCHESTRA NEWS

SO MUCH MUSIC > > SO LITTLE TIME!

2022 is off to a great start in the Fairfield High School Orchestra Department. Right now students are BUSY preparing for the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event and the Large Group State Contest. Each Thursday string players from both the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra meet to rehearse with the Fairfield Pops and very soon the pit orchestra for the musical will be begin.



Fairfield Pops and Holiday Chorus

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to our many students who performed in the OMEA District XIII Honor Bands on January 14-16th!

The Marching Band is looking forward to heading to Orlando, Florida from March 28-April 2nd.





We will be hosting OMEA District XIII Large Group Band Contest here on March 11th and 12th. We will need several student and parent volunteers. More information to come soon!

CHORAL NEWS

The high school show choirs, Pure Elegance and The Choraliers, successfully completed their First Look performances on January 21st and 22nd. The show choirs have an exciting competition seas with Findlay Fest on January 29th, Loveland Showfest on February 13th, the Winfield Emerald Classic (WV) on February 19th, and at South Dearborn (IN) on March 5th.

Vocal Impact will participate in OMEA Large Group Contest on March 11th-12th.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING CONCERTS:

February 8th..... Choral Concert

February 17th.... Orchestra Concert

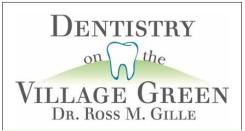
February 22nd Chamber Winds & Wind Ensemble

February 24th..... Freshman Band & Concert Winds

All concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm in the FHS PAC.







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AFTERPROM

Prom and AfterProm are scheduled for May 7. The AfterProm committee is planning its event with positive hopes we'll be able to safely provide the alcohol- and drug-free experience for students. If you'd like to help in any way or if you have connections to a local business that would like to donate funds, prizes or people power, please reach out to us at fairfieldhsafterprom@gmail.com. We need help in planning, set up and chaperoning. How can you help?



SENIOR SIGN FUNDRAISER

The Class of 2022 deserves all the celebration we can possibly offer. PARENTS



OF FAIRFIELD SENIORS - Now is your chance to order a senior sign to display your pride in your student this spring. You can announce their accomplishment with a colorful sign as a soon-to-be graduate. Customized signs are \$25 each. The fundraiser benefits Fairfield AfterProm. Please follow the instructions on the form in this newsletter and **order your sign by March 25**. The signs will be available for pickup at the school April 6-7.



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IT'S TIME TO ORDER SENIOR SIGNS!

Order your **FHS CLASS OF 2022** yard sign for only \$25.00!

Each sign is personalized with your student's name. The signs are 18"x24" and include a yard stake. Proceeds benefit Fairfield AfterProm.



ORDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Signs will be available for pickup at FHS on April 6 during lunches (10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.) & April 7 after school (2:15-3 p.m.)

FILL OUT ALL AREAS, PLEASE PRINT STUDENT'S NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE SIGN:

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Scan QR code & include student's name then email this completed form to lowchic1@gmail.com.

Please make sure to legibly include contact information, so we can contact you if pick-up times change.

Contact Kim Schuster with any questions: (513) 379-4880

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & INFO

Seniors! Various scholarship opportunities are being added weekly to Naviance. All scholarship opportunities can be accessed in Naviance by clicking the "College" tab at the top of the home page, selecting "Scholarship Search", then clearing the "Match and Filter" tab on the right of the page. Scholarships are available for various of reasons - please read through all criteria. You are able to apply for as many scholarships whose criteria you meet. Scholarships are available for students who are planning to attend COLLEGE or a VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOOL.

Additionally - if your Senior is awarded or offered scholarship money to any college, university, or vocational/trade school, please bring a hard copy of the award letter or email a copy to your student's counselor - even if they chose not to accept it. We will recognize the student for their award(s) at the Senior Scholarship Ceremony on May 10th and we will list their award(s) in our graduation program. Scholarship award letters need to be submitted to your student's school counselor by 2:30 on Thursday, April 14th, 2022. No later submissions will be accepted.



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