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Principal's Press

It is hard to believe 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 is the Ohio state end-of-year tests which we refer to as the End-of-Course assessments. Most of our student's 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: February 28th (bit.ly/3wJvPTC for more info.)
- ACT Test with Accommodations (11th Graders):
 March 1-3rd and 6-10th
- End of Course Testing: April 5 12th
- End of Course Testing Retesting: April 13-26th
- AP Testing: May 1-12th

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

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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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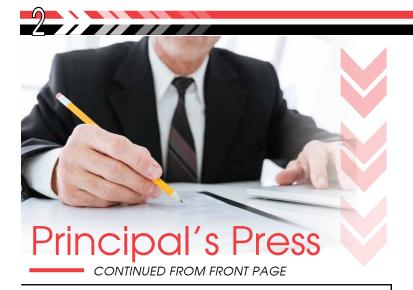
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We anticipate having the scores from the Winter Testing Session in December back from the state during the second week of February. On April 4th, 2023, all students will receive a testing letter to update them on their current EOC points standing and the progress toward 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 at 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 11:30 am, 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 April 4th, or have any other questions, please contact our guidance department or the testing coordinator, Assistant Principal Mr. Kareem Sanders.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bellamy

2022-23 PARKING PERMIT REMINDER

ALL students driving to FHS – including PSEO (College Credit Plus) students, Butler Tech students parking at FHS to catch the shuttle bus, Flex and CBIP students – are REQUIRED to purchase a parking permit. Please allow up to two (2) school days for processing. Students may stop by the office **BEFORE** or **AFTER** school to pick up their parking hang tag – passes **WILL NOT** be distributed during lunches (10:40am – 1:15pm) as office staff are helping to cover other positions during this time.

STEPS TO PURCHASING A PARKING PERMIT:

- 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).
- 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

ERIENDLY 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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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 16, 2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 -7pm

February 20, 2023 President's Day – No School

February 28, 2023 ACT Test - 11th Grade

March 16, 2023 End of 3rd Quarter

March 27 - 31, 2023 Spring Break - No School

April 3, 2023 School Resumes after Spring Break

April 5 – 12, 2023 End of Course Testing (EOC's)

April 7, 2023 Spring Weekend - No School

April 13, 2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7pm

May 7, 2023 Arts Fair

May 1 – 12, 2023 AP Testing Dates

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





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mark your calendars for conference nights for the 2022-2023 school year. Fairfield High School uses online scheduling for conferences through PTC fast. Make sure to sign up for the High School News https://hs.fairfieldcityschools.com for additional information. FHS conferences are by appointment only and are scheduled with each teacher individually in 15-minute increments.



CONFERENCE DATES 2022-2023:

- February 16, 2023 Thursday
- April 13, 2023 Thursday

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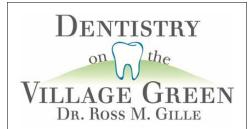


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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

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.

February 16th..... Orchestra Concert

February 21st Chamber Winds/Wind Ensemble Concert

February 23rd..... Freshman Band/High School Concert Winds Concert

February 28th..... Choral Concert

BAND MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Ari Coxhead, Aiden Harbaum and Tyler Warner who participated in District XIII Honor Jazz Band! Congratulations also to Nathan Barkley, Heather Bromwell, Aiden Brown, Madison Fetherland, Landon Ford, Ben Litteken, Kayla Lovell, Max Margutte, Violet Miller, Luke Minnick, Aiden Neace, Nick Petrosky, Harlan Powell, Lucy Reed, Brandon Reese, Delia Sparks, Samantha Staggs, Kosuke Thyagaraj, Sarah Alhilu, Ari Coxhead, Natalia Delgado, Jonah Ficklin, Zach Fisher, Claire Lally, Cheyanne Marion, McKenna Martin, Joey Olivo, Ben Reese, Julia Schuster, Joseph Thibault, Milo Troup, Tyler Warner, Lucas Gagen, Travis Jones, Caden McCollum, Rylan Palmer, Michiko Russell-Wood, Lillian Scott, William Stewart, Brooke Thibault, Kyla Tillman and Samuel Williams who performed in the District XIII Honor Bands!

We are also very proud of all of those who prepared music for Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 11th!

Congratulations to Caden McCollum who was selected as Principal Bass Clarinet of the Ohio All-State Band! This means that Caden was selected as the very BEST bass clarinet player in the state of Ohio! The ensemble performed at the Ohio Music Education Association Convention in Columbus on February 4th.

All of our Concert Bands are preparing music for Large Group Band Contest which will be hosted at Fairfield High School on March 3rd and 4th.

We are currently planning the Marching Band season for the fall and are excited about the opportunities ahead! We will be having our Marching Band information meeting on Monday, April 24th.





To learn more, go to TriHealth.com/Butler or call 513 894 8888.





CHOIR NEWS

The High School Choirs had a very successful January! The Choraliers and Pure Elegance opened up their competition season with their First Look Performances on January 20th & 21st along with Rhythm Express. On January 28th, the Symphonic Choir, Vocal Impact, competed at the Franklin Community Showfest along with the Choraliers and Pure Elegance. All three choirs earned Second Place honors with Vocal Impact winning Best Alto Section and Choraliers and Pure Elegance winning Best Vocals. The high school show choirs will continue their competition season on February 17th at the Chesterton Trojan Classic in Chesterton, Indiana.

ORCHESTRA NEWS

The start of quarter three finds things humming right along in the ORCHESTRA LAND! Congratulations to our Freshman students who were selected to participated in the OMEA District 13 Honors Orchestra. This event increased our students instrumental technique, musicianship and ensemble skills, The weekend culminated in a concert directed by locally renowned music educators David Smarelli and Lynn Denny. Congratulations to: Desirae Wong, Kasinda Willingham, Kallea Willingham, Armani Doakes, Cindy Perez.





Chamber Club has been very active lately with many students preparing for the OMEA High School Solo & Ensemble competition. Of special note are the following members, Mara Seppala, Nathanael Smith, Dylan Vanderpool and Kyle Ledbetter who are preparing the first movement of Borodin's second quartet for competition!

Finally, Mara Seppala and Dylan Vanderpool travelled to Columbus, Ohio to participate in the All-State Orchestra. All State is the highest achievement possible by a high school string player and these two amazing musicians are very deserving for all the hard work they have done!



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Congratulations to the student-directors of Fairfield High School's One Act Festival! Kylie Stewart, Willow Haynes, Azaria Jones and Tim Massie have done an incredible job bringing their vision to life in their respective plays: "Abra Cadaver", "Bad Auditions for Bad Actors", "Waiting for the Bus" and "I am but a Sheep". Their hard work and dedication was evident in the final product and the audiences were thoroughly entertained. Well done to the entire cast and crew for their contributions in making the festival a huge success.

FHS THEATER ARTS TEAM

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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HIGH SCHOOL PARENT EMAIL

The high school sends a daily email 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!





SENIOR SIGN FUNDRAISER

The Class of 2023 deserves all the celebration we can 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 customized sign. Each sign is sold for \$25. The fundraiser benefits Fairfield AfterProm. Please follow the instructions on the form in this newsletter and order your sign by Wednesday, March 22. The signs will be available for pickup at FHS, April 4th during lunch and April 5th after school until 3pm.



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Order your FHS CLASS OF 2023 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: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Signs will be available for pickup at FHS on April 4 during lunches (10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.) & April 5 after school (2:15-3 p.m.)

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