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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 (Visit bit.ly/3OmYCGB for more info.)
- **ACT Test with Accommodations (11th Graders):**
March 1 - 3rd and 6 - 10th
- **End of Course Testing:** April 10 - 16th
- **End of Course Testing Retesting:** April 16 - 26th
- **AP Testing:** May 6 - 17th

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](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. On April 9th, 2023, all students will receive a testing letter to update them on their current EOC points standing and the progress toward 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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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 9th, or have any other questions, please contact our guidance department or the testing coordinator, Assistant Principal Mr. Kareem Sanders.

Sincerely,
Ryan Bellamy

2024 AP EXAMS

Please see below for the 2024 AP Exam Schedule. Exams will begin promptly at the start time listed below. Please encourage your student to arrive early! It is suggested that students arrive between **6:30-7:00am** for exams that start at **8:00am** and between **10:30-11:00am** for exams that start at **Noon**. Students will not be permitted into the exam room once the exam has started.

Contact Mrs. Owens-Nelson in the Counseling Office with questions.

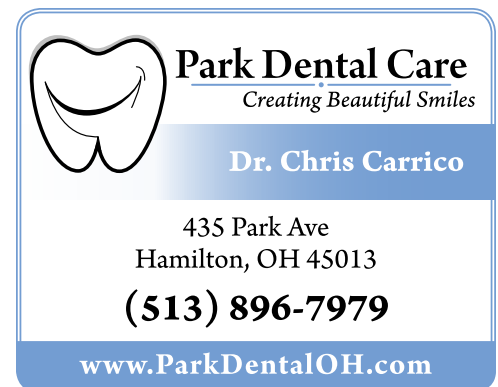


Exam	Date	Exam Start Time
AP United States Government and Politics	Monday, May 6, 2024	8:00am
AP Chemistry	Monday, May 6, 2024	12:00pm
AP Statistics	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	12:00pm
AP English Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	8:00am
AP Computer Science A	Wednesday, May 8, 2024	12:00pm
AP Environmental Science	Thursday, May 9, 2024	8:00am
AP Psychology	Thursday, May 9, 2024	12:00pm
AP United States History	Friday, May 10, 2024	8:00am
AP Calculus AB/BC	Monday, May 13, 2024	8:00am
AP English Language and Composition	Tuesday, May 14, 2024	8:00am
AP World History: Modern	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	8:00am
AP Computer Science Principles	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	12:00pm
AP Music Theory	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	12:00pm
AP Biology	Thursday, May 16, 2024	12:00pm
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Friday, May 17, 2024	8:00am
AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based	Friday, May 17, 2024	12:00pm

Exam locations to be announced.

All students enrolled in an AP course will be required to take the AP exam, paid for by Fairfield City Schools. Should a student not take the exam in May for any reason, parents/students are responsible for the \$40 unused/cancellation fee (per exam), which will be added to student fees.

GO INDIANS!



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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 15, 2024 Parent Conferences

February 19, 2024 President's Day – No School

February 28, 2024 ACT Test - Juniors

March 13, 2024 End of 3rd Quarter

March 28, 2024 Last day to turn in CCP Intent Forms

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 10 – 16, 2024 End of Course Testing

April 11, 2024 Parent Conferences

April 19, 2024 Career Fest All Day

April 20, 2024 Prom/AfterProm

April 30, 2024 Fishing Trip

May 6 – 17, 2024 AP Testing

May 17, 2024 Last School Day for Seniors

May 20, 2024 Elementary Walks and Senior Fairfield Day

May 21, 2024 Mandatory Graduation Practice & Breakfast

May 22, 2024 Last day for '24-'25 Schedule Changes

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*

2024-2025 SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Scheduling for the 2024-2025 FHS school year will start at the beginning of February for our current Sophomores and Juniors. Below are important pieces of information to remember for this process:

- Students will meet individually with their School Counselor to go over course selections for next school year. Counselors will also review credits and diploma seals.
- The last day to make changes to the 2024-2025 schedule is the last day of this school year: **May 22, 2024.** Changes will not be made after this date. Students should meet with their counselor to make changes.
- To find information on our course offerings for the 2024-2025 school year, the Program of Studies is available with descriptions and requirements for each of our courses. The Program of Studies is available on our website at: <https://sites.google.com/fairfieldcityschools.com/programofstudies/home>



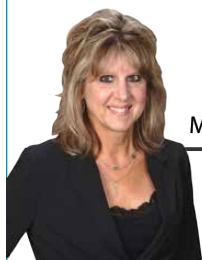
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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

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 22nd Orchestra Concert

February 29th Choral Concert

March 5th Chamber Winds/Wind Ensemble Concert

March 7th Freshman Band/High School Concert Winds Concert

BAND MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all of our students who performed at OMEA District XIII Honor Band and Honor Jazz Band! They were selected as some of the best musicians in Southwest Ohio and did a fantastic job at their concerts.

CONGRATULATIONS **OMEA DISTRICT 13 HONOR BAND**

We are so proud of the following Fairfield band students who have been selected to perform in the OMEA District 13 Honor Bands & Honor Jazz Bands:

7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE	9TH GRADE	WIND SYMPHONY II	WIND SYMPHONY I
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*Indicates student was chosen as an Alternate for the ensemble.

We are also very proud of all of those who prepared music for Solo and Ensemble Festival on January 27th! All of the students who participated earned an Excellent or Superior Rating – the highest two possible.

Congratulations to Rylan Palmer who was selected as a member of the clarinet section in the Ohio All-State Band! This means that Rylan was selected as the one of the very BEST clarinet players in the state of Ohio! The ensemble performed at the Ohio Music Education Association Convention in Columbus in early February!

We were excited to have alumni, Dr. Cory Near, Director of Bands at Luther College come work with our students in the beginning of January!



All of our Concert Bands are preparing music for Large Group Band Contest which will be hosted at Fairfield High School on March 15th and 16th.

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 29th.

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CHOIR NEWS

The Chorallers and Pure Elegance kicked off their competition season with an excellent showing at First Look! After a week of tough rehearsals, the group put on one of their most successful and well attended First Look performances. This month the show choirs will travel to Homestead, Olentangy, and Ross to compete against several top groups from across the country! The concert choirs will also present a concert on February 29th for Leap Day! For the most up to date information on the Fairfield Choral Music Program, check out the website at www.fairfieldchoirs.com.

ORCHESTRA UPDATE CREATING MUSIC WITH FRIENDS

The Halls of Fairfield High School were vibrating with activity on the final Saturday of January 2024. The annual Solo & Ensemble Day had arrived and the performers were ready to make music with a FRIEND. This event was the culmination of the Chamber Music Club which meets each Monday after school in room 1102. Super shout-out to all performers for a memorable day.

Fairfield High School Students, Kallea Willingham, Kasinda Willingham and Cadence Ledbetter provided some inspiration for 5th grade

students at Compass Elementary. They participated in the "Choose Music" Assemblies by giving students an instruments "test drive". Fairfield Orchestra is hard at work preparing for a February concert and March contest. You can catch their contest preview concert on Thursday February 22. Wish them best of luck!



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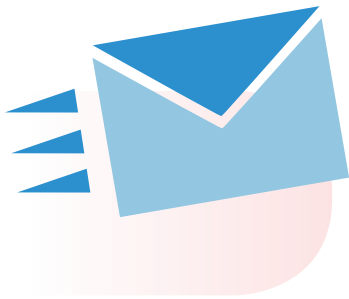
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If you would like to participate in this program, please go to the district website www.fairfieldcityschools.com. Schools-Senior High School-High School News, subscribe on the right hand side of the page! It's that easy!

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 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. 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.

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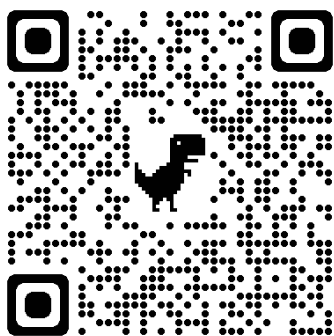
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TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

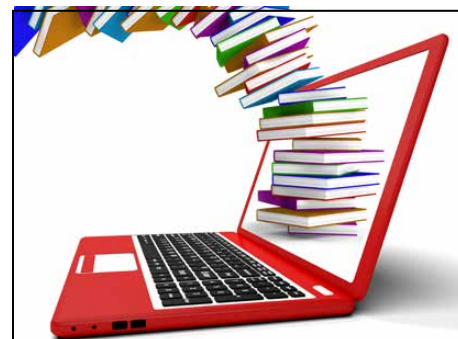


Day	Date	Time
Thursday	9/21/23	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	11/30/23	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	2/15/24	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	4/11/24	3:30pm – 7pm

- 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
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3. You will be prompted to enter your student's information and your email address
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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
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