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Principal's Press

Wow, what a ride! In August we were worried about what lay ahead, there was uncertainty in our hearts, and a fear for what was to come. I am proud to say we made it work! I am thankful for the work our staff have done this year, I am thankful that all students and staff took the precautions needed to make this work, and I am thankful to all of our parents for trusting in us. It was a year like no other; we remain focused on doing what needs to be done, so that the worst can stay behind us.

Many of our traditional end-of-year celebrations will look different this year, but we are working hard to be able to recognize all of the accomplishments your sons and daughters have achieved this last year. For those senior parents, I would like to take a moment to remind you that should your son or daughter owe school fees you will need to make arrangements with the bookkeeper in order for them to receive their diploma. The last day for paying by check is May 3, 2021. We will accept payments by cash or credit card until May 28, 2021. You may only pay with cash at Cintas on May 29, 2021. Please contact the bookkeeper, Maria Buschmann, at 942.2999 with any questions.

You have always been supportive of our efforts at Fairfield High School and we appreciate that so much! Please take a moment to stress to your son or daughter the importance of finishing strong. It is important these last weeks to continue with good attendance, appropriate behavior, and representing one's self with class.

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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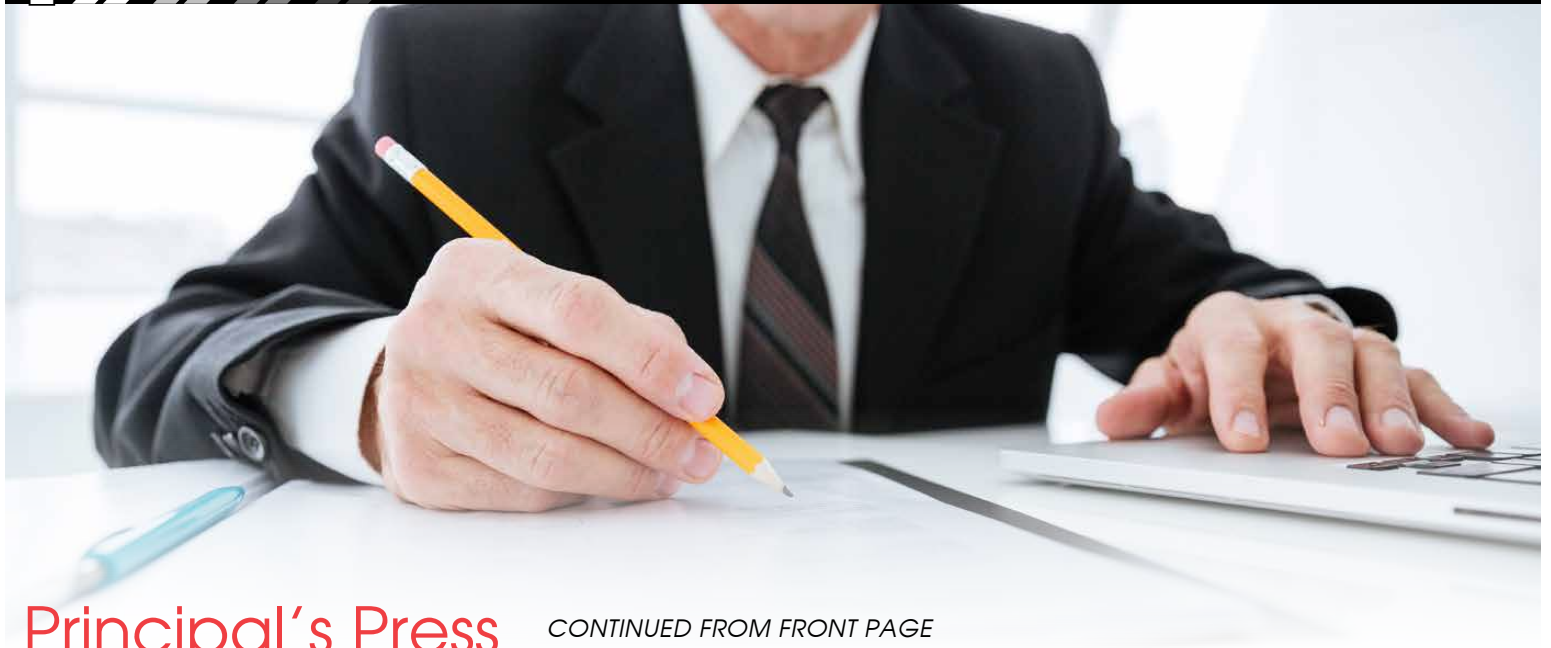
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Lastly, for those of you planning to attend the Commencement Ceremony on May 29th, I would like to remind you of a few items. In order to meet the social distancing requirements, set by the governor we will hold two identical ceremonies. Students with last names A-L will participate in the Commencement Ceremony at 10:00am, while those students with the last names M-Z will participate in the ceremony at 1:00pm. We anticipate being able to offer each family 4 tickets per graduate. More information about the ticketing process will be released soon. **Please remember that our graduation practice is mandatory and students not in attendance will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.** This includes all virtual students.

It is Fairfield Senior High School's **Class of 2021**, desire that Commencement be dignified and orderly. This goal requires the cooperation of graduates, parents, and spectators. One of the most disruptive aspects of Commencement can occur when audience members clap and make loud noises when a graduate's name is read. When this takes place, the parents and family of the next student have difficulty hearing the announcement of their graduate's name. Your cooperation in respecting this request is appreciated. The audience will have several opportunities throughout the program to show its appreciation for the entire class. Please be considerate of all members of this outstanding senior class.

If you have any questions about any events or anything else at the end of the year, please call the high school.

Sincerely,
William Rice

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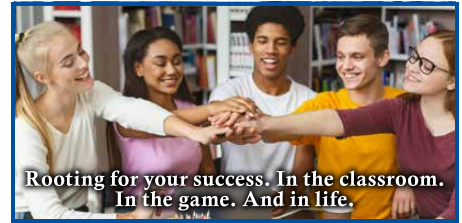


IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 5/11/21 Senior Awards Program
- 5/15/21 Prom
- 5/19/21 Seniors Revisit Elementary Schools
- 5/21/21 Seniors FairFIELD Day
- 5/24/21 Last Day for Seniors – Graduation Rehearsal
- 5/27/21 End of 2nd Semester – Last Day for Students
- 5/29/21 Graduation, Cintas Center, Xavier University
- 6/7/21 Summer School – Advanced Credit
- 6/14/21 Summer School – Make-up and Online
- 8/10/21 Sophomore and New Student Schedule Pick-up
- 8/11 & 12/21 Returning students Schedule Pick-up
- 8/17/21 First Day of School

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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

We would like to thank all the music students for their dedication throughout this challenging year!

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to all of our talented seniors in the class of 2021! We wish you all the best.

BAND:

We are looking forward to next year's marching band show – "Lost in Space."

Congratulations to the Drum Majors – Anthony Balfour, Carly Campbell, Alena Dorning and Alena Scott.

ORCHESTRA:

The Fairfield POPS recently completed its first official season and gave an amazing concert on March 23. The POPS is a full orchestra of students from Fairfield High School and it is directed by James Ledbetter and Jill Wilhelm. Highlights from the Hero vs Villains concert included; Star Wars, The Mandalorian, To Kill A Mockingbird and the Captain America March. At the end of April the ensemble will be performing two in-school concerts for 5th grade students from across the district. This performance is geared to inspire them to "choose music" and continue the great tradition of excellence for which Fairfield is known!



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1. **Reinforce positive and successful school habits.** *Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance* are key factors.
2. **Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules** on Progress Book.
3. **Help your student to create a plan** to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
4. **Be aware of tutoring and study assistance** classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
5. **Re-establish your student's home-study routine.**
6. **Help your student to stay focused.** 'Coasting' is a natural, but deadly tendency.

Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday.



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SENIORS VOLUNTEER TO HELP NAVIGATE TECHNOLOGY

As we wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, we would like to extend a big thank you to the Fairfield High School seniors who volunteered their time to help grades 6-12 navigate our new 1:1 technology initiative. This initiative provided each student with access to a computer. These seniors have helped in the planning, filming, editing and publishing of Student Tech Videos. This group of seniors saw it as their responsibility to educate and mentor their peers. The videos they recorded week after week have been used to teach students different technology skills at our high school building and in the middle schools. We can't wait to see the amazing things that you will do in the future:

- David Albrecht
- Phillip Biondo
- Caleb Frank
- Courtney Ross-Tipton


A big thank you to you all from your teachers, peers, administration and district leadership.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

- An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
- Chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their school performance.
- Good attendance is an important life skill.
- Parents play a key role in school attendance. Let your student know it is the expectation. Establish home-study routines and sleep habits that make attendance a non-issue. Encourage participation in school clubs, organizations, and sports. Monitor his/her progress and talk about it. Students who are engaged at home and at school rarely miss a day.





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