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Principal's Press

I am so proud and thankful to all of our staff, students, and families for helping make the start to the 2021-2022 school year so successful. Nothing in today's world is easy, but everyone is showing patience and adapting to new challenges, which is allowing us to be together and learn together. As you read this newsletter we have begun the 2nd quarter and with that a return to colder temperatures, and more time inside. Please continue to stress to your child the importance of following doctors and health care professionals' recommendations.

We have so many wonderful, hardworking, and dedicated students please let me take some time to recognize a few. Congratulations to the following three Fairfield High School seniors who have been recognized for their academic excellence! Last fall, nearly 1.7 million high school juniors took the PSAT. Gabrielle LeFevre scored in the top 3%, earning the honor of being named a Commended Scholar. Additionally, College Board recognizes students who 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. We are tremendously proud to announce Andrea Udosen, as a recipient. Finally, we are so excited to announce Tatum Proffitt, an FHS Senior, has scored a perfect 36 composite score—the highest possible—on the ACT. Less than 1 percent of all test-takers achieve a 36 on the exam! Congratulations to all three!

At Fairfield High School we will continue our work to ensure your child has the highest quality of educational programming. Our

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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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focus will always be on the development of the whole child, through academic achievement, positive and safe behaviors, and good citizenship. Most importantly we are committed to working together with parents and community to further this mission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dr. William Rice, *Principal*

GO INDIANS!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 11/2/21 Teacher Inservice Day – No Students
- 11/24/21 Conference Exchange - No Students
- 11/25 & 11/26/21 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2/21 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7 pm
- 12/20/21 Conference Exchange - No Students
- 12/21/21 through 1/2/22 Winter Break
- 1/3/22 School Resumes
- 1/11/22 End of 1st Semester
- 1/12/22 Teacher Inservice Day – No Students
- 1/17/22 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 2/17/22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7 pm
- 2/21/22 President's Day – No School
- 3/17/22 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/28/22 Spring Break Begins
- 4/4/22 School Resumes after Spring Break
- 4/15/22 Spring Weekend (No School)
- 4/28/22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7 pm
- 5/7/22 Prom/AfterProm
- 5/23/22 Last Day for Seniors
- 5/26/22 End of 2nd Semester – Last Day for Students
- 5/28/22 Graduation, Cintas Center, Xavier University
- 6/6/22 through 7/1/22 Summer School – Advanced Credit
- 6/13/22 through 7/8/22 Summer School – Make-up and Online

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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!

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Creative Writing Club virtually hosted our esteemed guest Julie Coppens (jcoppens@cinradio.org) from "Democracy and Me – An educational outreach project of 91.7 WVXU" at our opening meeting for the 2021-2022 school year. Julie walked us through a writing strategy that helps you start a project! She also discussed the Power of the Pen and what that means to you as a writer. What inspires you to write? An event in your life? An injustice? To show expression of your true self? Creative Writing can look like a lot of things to different individuals. Julie also shared that *Democracy and Me* has paid internships in spring for both adults and high school students. They also accept student work for their blog and host a book club which is reading, "Different Disabled but UnBroken." We also listened to a poem written by Leslie Honore and you can learn more about her here: <https://www.leslehonore.com/media>. Please join us at our next meeting on November 5, 2021 from 2:30 to 3:15 PM in room 3203. Join our google classroom for writing prompts and meeting reminders using the code: weet47s. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Guenther (guenther_j@fairfieldcityschools.com) or stop by room 2211.



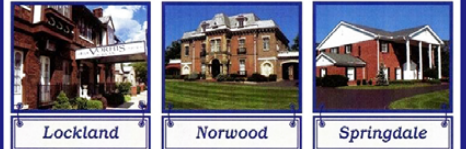
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MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

Congratulations to the Fairfield students who have been selected to perform with the Ohio All-State Ensembles! These students were selected as the VERY best in the state and will perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Convention in Cleveland in February. Congratulations to them on this prestigious honor!

Students as seen left to right: Kyle Ledbetter, Cello – All-State Orchestra; Alena Scott, Flute – All-State Band; Madelyn Zoller, Flute – All-State Orchestra; Anthony Balfour, Alto Saxophone – All-State Jazz Band.



The Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra (CSYO) is the premiere youth orchestra in our region. The CSYO consists of two full orchestras made up of 200 of the region's most talented young musicians. It is a tremendous honor to be accepted into these prestigious ensembles! This year, Fairfield is pleased to announce that seven students have been selected. Congratulations to Gabriel Sander, Ada Seppala and Dylan Vanderpool for being accepted in the Concert Orchestra and congratulations to Vanessa Agyei, Kennedy Baker, Mara Seppala and Madelyn Zoller for being accepted in the Philharmonic Orchestra!

BAND NEWS:

Congratulations to the FHS Marching Band on their two Superior Ratings on Saturday, October 2nd. They performed at two marching band competitions at Loveland High School and Norwood High School. At Loveland the band took best percussion as well as first in their class. At Norwood, they took best percussion, best auxiliary, and first in their class, as well qualifying for State Competition.

We have two more upcoming competitions to close out our marching season. On Saturday, November 6th the FHSMB performs at Mason High School for the Mid-States Band Association. Time is TBA. They then perform at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Dayton's Welcome Stadium on Sunday November 7 for State Finals! Best of luck to our marching band!

The band concert groups had two fantastic Fall Concerts and we are excited to be preparing Holiday music for our next concert series!

ORCHESTRA NEWS:

It has been an exciting Fall with performances at a home football game, a homecoming float and an epic performance with the Beatles tribute band, THE NEWBEES. Now it is time to get ready for Holiday performances! Students are already hard at work on great music to perform for you that will be certain to put you in the holiday mood!

The Fairfield Pops will hold auditions on Tuesday, October 26. All string, woodwind, brass and percussion students are invited to audition. This afterschool ensemble will collaborate with the chorus for an epic performance of the Hallelujah chorus on 12/16. Don't miss it!

Congratulations to the following Fairfield Orchestra members recently selected to Butler Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (BPYO), Alea Hoskins, Cadence Ledbetter, Kyle Ledbetter, Kyndle Ledbetter, Elizabeth Lindsay, Nate Smith. This youth orchestra meets on Monday evenings at the Fairfield Freshman School and is an outreach of the Butler Philharmonic.



CHOIR NEWS:

Concert Chords

Students in grades 8-12 choirs successfully completed their first choral concert on October 13th. The Fall Harvest concert highlighted several wonderful selections performed by the 8th Grade Chords from Creekside and Crossroads as well as pieces performed by Sound Check, (our Freshmen Choir) Tone Down for What (our concert choir) and Vocal Impact (our symphonic choir).

Show Chords

All of Fairfield's show chords have been hard at work in prepping their competition show for the 21-22 season since mid-July! All three groups have worked diligently to learn choreography in class and in outside rehearsals and we are proud of their progress thus far. On October 8th, the Choraliers performed the National Anthem for the Fairfield High School Homecoming game! The Choraliers will also have the opportunity to perform at the Veteran's Day Luncheon taking place at Fairfield High School on November 11th.

Both the Choraliers and Pure Elegance will be preparing to perform for their Winter Wonderland fundraiser on December 11th. We are looking forward to having all our supportive family and community members at some of our upcoming performances!

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Tuesday, 12/7 Holiday Orchestra Concert

Thursday, 12/9 Holiday Freshman Band, High School Concert
Winds Concert

Monday, 12/13 . . . Holiday Jazz, Chamber Winds, Wind Ensemble Concert

Tuesday, 12/14. . . . Holiday Choral Concert

Thursday, 12/16 . . . Holiday POPS Concert with Choir



BUTLER TECH

There will be a field trip to Butler Tech on Tuesday, November 23rd for sophomores interested in learning more about Butler Tech's programs. Permission slips are due to the counseling office no later than Friday, November 5th by 2:30 pm. Parents if you are interested in learning more about the programs that Butler Tech has to offer, they have an Open House on January 13th, 2022 at all of the campuses, time TBD. Butler Tech applications for the 2022-2023 school year will open November 8th-January 31st. Beginning this year, admission will be based on a lottery system and you must apply no later than January 31st.

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Fairfield Athletics is also transitioning to all digital ticket sales for the 2021-2022 school year! This decision is based on recommendations from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Ohio Department of Health. Save on fees by purchasing Winter/Spring Sports Passes (\$60 per adult/\$30 per student) for use at all middle and high school regular-season events.

Visit **GoFairfield.net/tickets**
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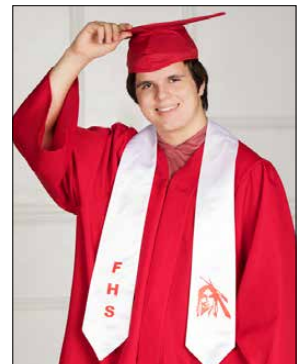
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The 2nd conference night of the school year will be held on Thursday 12/02/21. Conferences run in 15-minute increments and are scheduled with each teacher individually. Parent/Guardian sign-ups will start on Tuesday 11/02/21 and end on Sunday 11/28/21. If you have questions, please contact Roseida Riggs at FHS 513-942-2999 ext. 2609 or email riggs_r@fairfieldcityschools.com. Please allow up to 24hrs. working school days for a response.

As we continue to maneuver through the current CDC recommendations, parents/guardians will have the option this year of attending FHS conferences either VIRTUALLY or IN PERSON. As we have seen within the last 20 months, 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.

Please see below for the conference Time blocks:

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

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING WITH PTCFAST.COM:

1. Enter the following address directly into your browser window – DO NOT USE A SEARCH ENGINE - https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Fairfield_High_School
2. When prompted to pick a conference (teacher name) – you only need to pick 1 teacher, then hit submit. Please double check that you are choosing the correct type of conference before scheduling.
****Conferences are organized alphabetically by teacher last name & by VIRTUAL or IN PERSON.****
3. You will then register your student and enter an email address. After this information is submitted, an email will be sent to you confirming your registration along with a link to set appointment times and/or to schedule another student.

PLEASE REMEMBER: You must 1st register online and then the link to schedule conferences and pick a time. 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.



SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES

ATTENTION: All Senior yearbook pictures are **DUE: Sunday, Dec. 19th, 2021.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR PICTURES:

QUALITY: At least 300 dpi (High resolution)

POSE: At least waist up. No selfies! *If you are unable to get a picture, your fall picture day photo will be used.

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FAIRFIELD THEATRE NEWS!



FHS Theatre is off to a great start! Our four student directors - Aiden Harbaum, Kylie Keltner, Gillian Murray, and Hannah Neal - are set to showcase their work at our **Student**

Directed One-Act Festival this upcoming weekend November 13, 2021 (see www.kidslearntheater.com for festival schedule). The directors and a cast/crew of over 60 students have put together a fantastic day of theatre and a great beginning to our 2021-2022 theatre season. So come out and see, *Senator Jackson is Dead*, directed and written by Aiden Harbaum; *All The Bases*, directed by Kylie Keltner; *The Requiem of War*, directed and written by Gillian Murray; and *The 11th*, directed by Hannah Neal.

Following the fall Student-Directed Festival, we will gear up for our winter production of **Play On!**, directed by Mr. Mike Massie. This play is a fun-filled comedy about theatre and what can go wrong on stage; and how antics, physical comedy and acting skills are used to right the ship. This high energy piece will have you falling out of your seat with laughter. So bring a seat belt and plan to come out to the Freshman School February 3 -5, 2022 to see our talented students present **Play On!**. Students: auditions for this play will be November 16 -18, 2021 in the Freshman School Auditorium directly after school. Come prepared to read a scene, improv and do physical movement. This is going to be great!

Finally, yes finally... we will present **Newsies: The Musical** this spring, the weekend of April 21-24, 2022. Auditions for **Newsies** will be the week of December 6, 2021. For more information contact Director Trish Lutterbie and check our website and social media pages for more details.

If you want to stay in touch with FHS Theatre, catch us on **Instagram:** @fairfieldhsdrama, **Twitter:** @FairfieldDrama, **Facebook:** @FHSdrama, or log on to our web page, **www.kidslearntheater.com**.

In the meantime, here's a quick glance of our important "dates to remember":

- NOV. 13, 2021ONE ACT FESTIVAL: HIGH SCHOOL PAC
- NOV. 16 & 18AUDITIONS: WINTER PLAY
- DEC. 6 (week of) . . .AUDITIONS: NEWSIES
- FEB. 3 - 5, 2022WINTER PLAY PERFORMANCE: FRESHMAN SCHOOL
- APR. 21-24, 2022 . . .NEWSIES PERFORMANCES
- MAY 18, 2022DRAMA CLUB BANQUET
- DATE TBDNIGHT OF IMPROV

