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## Principal's Press

I want to thank our staff, students, and families for making the start of the school year so successful. It is hard to believe that we are finished with the first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. This year we have celebrated our End of Course testing scores, had a successful Homecoming, implemented a new hallway management system, and are continuing to find ways to improve instruction and engage our students.

There is already a lot to be proud of as a school, district, and community. In athletics, our sports teams are in the middle of playoff runs, and we have celebrated our Senior Fall athletes for their leadership and success. In Performing Arts, our Marching Band is working hard for their state championship event at the end of October, our drama students are preparing for The One Act Festival on November 11th, and the Show Choirs are gearing up for their competition season right around the corner.

We have so many hardworking and dedicated students, please let me take some time to recognize several. This year we recognize four students for being named National Merit Semifinalists. These students are Owen Crawley, Ian Fights, Anthony Gehrlich-Orr, and Quinton Jarrett. These four seniors scored in the top 1% of the 1.7 million students who participated in the 2022 PSAT. We also recognized Rylan Gehrlich-Orr, Xander Graman, and Ganesh Tiwari as Commended Scholars. These three seniors scored in the top 3% of the same 1.7 million students who participated in the 2022 PSAT. Additionally, the College Board awards 32,000 students from across the country with academic honors. To be recognized for these awards, students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, 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. Fairfield High School's 2023 award winners are Betty Acheampong, Natalia Delgado, Harmony Haro, Kayla Howard, Quinton Jarrett, Mya Love, Nnenna Otisi, and Kyla Tillman. Finally,

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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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## Principal's Press

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we are so excited to announce two seniors, Owen Crawley and Ian Fights, have scored a perfect 36 composite score, the highest possible, on the ACT. Less than one percent of all test-takers achieve a 36 on the exam! Congratulations to all these students on their accomplishments.

At Fairfield High School, our goal is to ensure your child has the highest quality of educational programming. Our focus will continue to 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 the community to further this goal. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ryan Bellamy, Principal

## 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 and 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 CANCELED.**

### 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.

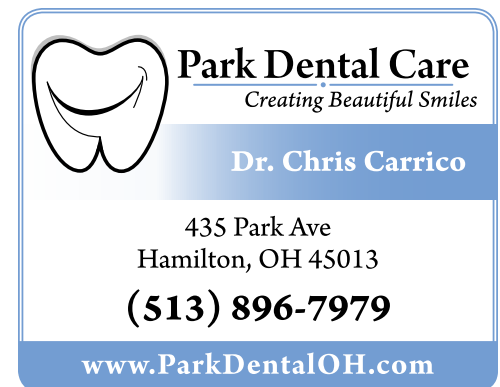
### PTCFast SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Fairfield\\_High\\_School](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 **SUBMIT**.
3. You will be prompted to enter your student's information and your email address **SUBMIT**.
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 **REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES**.
5. After you have scheduled all of your conferences **CONFIRM SELECTIONS AND EXIT**

### NOVEMBER 30, 2023 CONFERENCE SIGN-UPS:

- Sign-ups start at 8am on Wednesday 11/01/23 and end on Tuesday 11/28/23 2pm
- For questions, please contact the school office: 513-942-2999 ext. 2609

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

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 7, 2023 . . . . . Inservice Day #3 (No students)

November 20, 2023 . . . . . Conference Exchange Day (No school)

November 21 - 24, 2023 . . . . . Thanksgiving Break (No school)

November 30, 2023 . . . . . Parent Conferences

December 21, 2023 . . . . . Conference Exchange Day (No school)

December 22, 2023 . . . . . Winter Break Begins (No school)

January 4, 2024 . . . . . School Resumes after Winter Break

January 8, 2024 . . . . . End of 1st Semester

January 9, 2024 . . . . . Inservice Day #4 (No Students)

January 15, 2024 . . . . . Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School

February 15, 2024 . . . . . Parent Conferences

February 19, 2024 . . . . . President's Day – No School

February 28, 2024 . . . . . ACT Test

March 13, 2024 . . . . . End of 3rd Quarter

March 29, 2024 . . . . . Spring Weekend – No School

April 1 – 5, 2024 . . . . . Spring Break – No School

April 8, 2024 . . . . . All Buildings Closed for Eclipse

April 11, 2024 . . . . . Parent Conferences

May 17, 2024 . . . . . Last Day for Seniors

May 22, 2024 . . . . . Last Day for All Students

May 25, 2024 . . . . . Graduation at Cintas 9:30 am

## 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!



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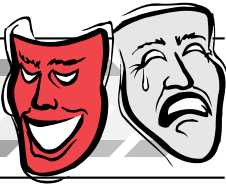
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## THEATER NEWS

We are thrilled to share the exuberant success that marked the kickoff of the Fairfield High School Drama season this October. The atmosphere was electrifying as we welcomed students, families, and community members to our "Taste of FHS Theatre" event. This initiative was masterfully coordinated by our very own FHS alum, Kyle Eberlein, whose dedication and passion for the arts helped make this event a resounding success. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kyle and commend the alumni and current students who contributed their time, talent, and energy to make this event truly exceptional.

Looking ahead, we have more exciting events in store that showcase the remarkable talent within our Fairfield High School community. Save the date for our upcoming Student Directed One Act Festival, scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the High School Performing Arts Center. This festival will feature captivating one-act plays directed by our talented Fairfield High School seniors: Amber Aichele, Rylie Alfrey, Mia Blondo, Ethan Magarin, and Anna Reed. We invite you to join us for an afternoon of outstanding performances and support our budding directors.

As we step further into this theatrical season, here are some key dates to mark on your calendars:

November 11, 2023 . . . . . One Act Play Festival at the High School PAC  
 November 28 & 29, 2023 . . . . Auditions for the Winter Play and Musical  
 December 18-20, 2023 . . . . . Additional auditions for the musical if needed  
 February 8-10, 2024 . . . . . Winter Play at the Freshman School

Our winter play will be "Letters to Sala" and our spring musical will be "The Addams Family". We anticipate a season filled with creativity, collaboration, and extraordinary performances. We thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement as we continue to nurture the artistic talents of our students. Together, let us celebrate the magic of theatre and the boundless potential within our Fairfield High School Drama community.

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## CCP ANNOUNCEMENT

Qualified students can take courses in Ohio's College Credit Plus program and earn college credit in grades 7-12. Fairfield High School will be offering informational sessions on **Thursday, November 30th** in the **Freshman School Auditorium**. At 5 PM, a Cincinnati State representative will present on taking college courses at the high school. Current sophomores and juniors planning on taking CCP/AS courses at the high school next year should attend this session. At 6 PM, a representative from Miami Regionals will present on taking courses at/on a college campus. Students currently in grades 6-11 should plan on attending this meeting if you are considering taking courses at/on a college campus. Attending this meeting is a prerequisite to students being able to participate in the off-campus College Credit Plus program for the 2024-2025 school year.



## TECH HUB HELP

Parents and students! Looking for some help with your 1:1 technology? Check out the Tech Hub. Tutorials and helps at your fingertips 24/7!



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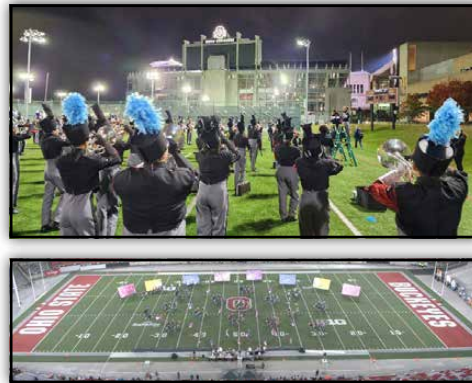
### BAND NEWS

The concert band groups had two fantastic Fall Concerts and we are excited to be preparing Holiday music for our next concert series! Please come enjoy some great music and enjoy the sounds of the season on December 7th and December 11th!

The Marching Band has had a busy and very successful season. They have performed at the Summer Music Games in Cincinnati DCI Show, the Hamilton 4th of July Parade, as well as many football games and competitions! They participated in Calendar Day, Band Night, the Homecoming Parade and our annual BANDcake Breakfast! Congratulations to the FHS Marching Band on their Superior Ratings at Tippacanoe High School and The Ohio State University. They also performed at the Bands of America, Music for All Obetz Competition and Midstates Kings and Mason competitions with their show, *We're Not in Kansas Anymore!* The group will finish the season with OMEA State Finals on Saturday, October 28th at Hilliard Bradley High School and the following Saturday for Midstates Finals at Mason High School! Congratulations to them on a REMARKABLE SEASON and a HUGE thank you to the students and our parent volunteers who have made it possible!

### ORCHESTRA NEWS

October has been a great month for Orchestra. Highlights include our Halloween themed concert called the Hauntcert. High School students collaborate with Middle School students for a fun night of music. We are certainly very proud of our five students who were selected to the District 13 Honors Orchestra. A special note of recognition for Kyndle Ledbetter and Kaden Theile who were named Cello & Bass sectional leaders respectively. Finally, we are very proud of our Chamber Club members who performed for a Serve City fundraiser. It is always wonderful to see our students able to give back and be involved in our community. If you missed our October performances, you can catch us live in on Thursday, December 14 at the FHS Performing Arts Center.



### CHOIR NEWS

The Fairfield Choral Music Department had an excellent first quarter! All of the choirs performed at the Fall Harvest Choir Concert which highlighted the 8th - 12th Grade Choirs. The Choraliers & Pure Elegance held their annual retreat at Camp Campbell Gard which was well received by the students and was a great day filled with excellent team bonding. Additionally, the Choraliers sang the National Anthem at the Homecoming Game. If you would like to attend any upcoming performances, students will be selling tickets for the Kiwanis Pancake breakfast on November 11th and all choirs will be performing on the Sounds of the Season concert on December 12th. For the most up to date calendar for the Fairfield Choirs, go to [www.fairfieldchoirs.com](http://www.fairfieldchoirs.com). You can catch the high school choirs performing on the following dates:

Please join us for our upcoming Music Department Concerts:

- Thursday, 12/7 . . . . . Holiday Freshman Band, High School Concert Winds Concert
- Monday, 12/11 . . . . . Holiday Jazz, Chamber Winds, Wind Ensemble Concert
- Tuesday, 12/12 . . . . . Holiday Choral Concert
- Thursday, 12/14 . . . . . Holiday Orchestra Concert

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## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Scholarship opportunities will continue to be made available to seniors through the rest of the year. Seniors are reminded to consistently check their Naviance account for the latest scholarship offerings. Scholarship opportunities are posted in Naviance as they are received and can be found under the "Scholarship Search" tab.

There will be a Hamilton & Fairfield Community Foundation Scholarship Help Day on December 12th and 13th for senior students. The Foundation scholarship will be available online starting on December 8th. Students will be able to get help on December 12th from 8a-11pm and December 13th from 12-2:30. A location will be announced on announcements.

If a senior has been offered scholarship money to any college or university, please bring a copy of the award letter(s) (emailed/forwarded copies will be not accepted) to their school counselor, even if they choose not to accept it. These scholarships will be listed in the program at graduation for the student.

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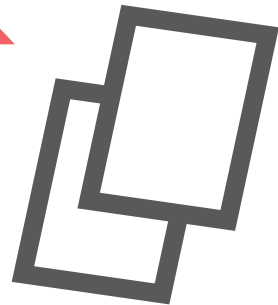
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## SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES

**DUE: SUNDAY, FEB. 18TH, 2024**

### Requirements for Senior Pictures:

- **Quality:** High resolution photos- at least 300 dpi
- **Pose:** Headshot photo or waist up- No full body images or selfies!
  - Δ If you are unable to get a picture, your fall picture day photo will be used.
  - Δ \*Pictures are subject to be cropped to fit the layout of the yearbook page.
- **Format:** Digital jpeg file
- **Email Subject Line:**
  - Δ Student last name, Student first name 2024 Senior Portrait
- **Email sent to:**
  - Δ Doris Williams at [fhs4memories@gmail.com](mailto:fhs4memories@gmail.com)

## FHS FAFSA DAY INFORMATION!

Fairfield High School will be hosting a FREE FAFSA Day – open to all seniors and their families. FAFSA Day will be on January 11th from 8a-2p, and 3pm - 6pm. FAFSA experts will be available to help students and families complete the FAFSA application. Anyone who plans to attend a University or Career/Tech/Trade school is encouraged to fill out the FAFSA application. We hope to see you here for our 2nd FREE FAFSA Day!



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Parking Permit Applications are available for completion through Final Forms ([www.fairfield-oh.finalforms.com](http://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
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- 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.**

**Students called out for early dismissal will be verified as a registered student driver before being released; students identified by the parent/guardian as a driver but do not have a parking permit will have the \$55 parking fee assessed to their student account. Parking fees are a non-waivable school expense.**