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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 2024-2025 school year. We have had a successful Homecoming, implemented a new bell schedule, and are continuing to find ways to improve instruction and engage our students. I am also excited to share that Fairfield High School has exceeded the state average and has earned an overall rating of 4 stars on the state report card.

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 9th, 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 two students for being named National Merit Semifinalists. These students are Hadi Dabdoub and Garrett Von Gostomski. These two seniors scored in the top 1% of the 1.7 million students who participated in the 2023 PSAT. We also recognized Garson Gagen and Dharma Patel as Commended Scholars. These two seniors scored in the top 3% of the same 1.7 million students who participated in the 2023 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, First-Generation College Student, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Fairfield High School's 2024 award winners are Portia Owusu-Ansah, Hadi Dabdoub, Marc

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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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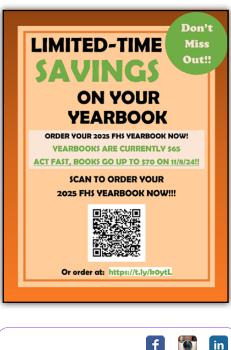
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Dylan Falcon, Shannon McDaniel, Kaeley Ohmit, and Rylan Palmer. Congratulations to all these students on their accomplishments.

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



2025 **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES &** INFORMATION

Scholarship opportunities will continue to be made available to seniors through the rest of the school year. Seniors are reminded to consistently check their SchooLinks account for the latest scholarship offerings. Scholarship opportunities are posted in SchooLinks as they are received and can be found under the "Finances \rightarrow Scholarship Matching" tabs.

The Hamilton and Fairfield Community Foundation Scholarship will be available online starting on December 2nd. There will be two Hamilton & Fairfield Community Foundation Scholarship Help Davs on December 11th from 8a-11pm and December 12th from 12p-2:30p in the PAC Lobby, Students will be welcomed to receive help on the application, as needed - laptops will be required in order to receive help on the application.

If a senior has been offered scholarship money to any college or university that they have been admitted to, please bring a copy of the award letter(s) to their school counselor, even if they choose not to accept it. Please note - emailed and/or forwarded award letters will not be accepted, letters need to be printed and turned in as a hard copy to their counselor. These scholarships will be listed in the graduation program for the student.

SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES DUE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025

Requirements for Senior Pictures:

- Quality: High resolution photos- at least 300 dpi
- Pose: Headshot photo or waist up- No full body images or selfies!
 - If you are unable to get a picture, your » fall picture day photo will be used.
 - *Pictures are subject to be cropped to fit the layout of the yearbook page. Format: Digital jpeg file
- Email Subject Line:
 - Student last name, Student first name 2025 » Senior Portrait
 - Email sent to:
 - Doris Williams at
 - fhs4memories@gmail.com
 - (*A confirmation email will be sent within » 5 business days.)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November, 5, 2024 Inservice Day #3 (No students)
November 25, 2024 Conference Exchange Day (No school)
November 26-29, 2024 Thanksgiving Break (No school)
December 2, 2024 School Resumes
December 5, 2024 Parent Conferences
December 20, 2024 End of 1st Semester/ End of 2nd Quarter
December 23, 2024 Conference Exchange Day (No school)
December 24, 2024 Winter Break Begins (No school)
January 6, 2025 Inservice Day #4 (No Students)
January 7, 2025 School Resumes After Winter Break
January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School







PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 2024 - 2025

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 FHS are appointment only and held in 15-minute increments with each teacher individually. Please be considerate of the teachers and staffs time; if you feel the need for additional time outside of the standard appointment, please contact your student's teacher or guidance counselor directly to see what arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

2024 – 25 FHS CONFERENCE

	DAIES	
Day	Date	Time
Thursday	12/5/24	3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday	02/13/25	3:30pm – 7pm

Sign-up dates for 12/5/24 Begins: Monday 11/04/24 8am Ends: Monday 12/2/24 3pm

Sign-up dates for 2/13/25 Begins: Monday 1/13/25 8am Ends: Monday 2/10/25 3pm

- If you would like to schedule a conference for a date outside of what is listed, please contact the teacher directly.
- Sign-up dates are per conference and subject to change; all dates are specific and time sensitive. Any updates will be available through the website & parent emails. To sign up for FHS parent emails:

High School News » High School News

PTCFAST SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. https://www.ptcfast.com/ schools/Fairfield_High_School

** use this URL only or scan the QR code **



2. Select the first teacher that you would like to schedule a conference with

3.

Conference with **SUBMIT** You will be prompted to enter your student's information and your email address. **SUBMIT**

 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

REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES

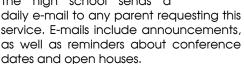
5. After you have scheduled all of your conferences:

another student.

CONFIRM SELECTIONS AND EXIT

- DO NOI sign up with multiple teachers for the same time slot – CONFERENCES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED.
- Appointment requests for the guidance department or administration <u>CAN NOI</u> be scheduled through PTCFast; you must contact that office directly.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT E-MAIL The high school sends a



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!

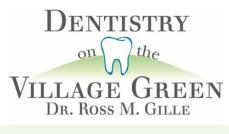
CCP ANNOUNCEMENT

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 an informational session on **Thursday**, **December 5th** in the **Freshman School Auditorium**. The session will start at 5:30 and will go over the classes offered at the high school and the risks and benefits of taking classes 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 2025-2026 school year.

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 22nd from 8a-1p & 2p-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 and attend FAFSA Day. We hope to see you there!





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2024 – 2025 PARKING PASSES

Parking Permits for the 24-25 school year are available for purchase using Payschools (<u>www.payschoolscentral.com</u>). ALL students driving to FHS (including by not limited to PSEO/CCP students, Flex and CBIP) are **<u>REQUIRED</u>** 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. Parking Permits will not be processed if information/documentation is missing.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Student's Driver's License 1.
- Auto Insurance for vehicle being driven 2.
- **Current Vehicle Registration** 3.

Students will receive a pass to come to the office when their parking hang tag is ready for pick up.

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.

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WELLNESS RESOURCES

Fairfield Senior High School has the following Wellness Resources available. Please contact your student's School Counselor for more information or referrals for these services:

- School-based Support Worker, Porcha Gragston: Our school-based support worker helps students by supporting them during a crisis, connecting them to therapy, and providing long-term supports including coping skills and community resources.
- Community Liasion, Morgan Luckhaupt: The Success Program provides students in need with: Food, clothing, school supplies, etc.; Housing; Medical, mental health, and dental treatment; Resource information for gas, electric, rent assistance; Meeting student/family needs
- School-based therapy, New Path and Catalyst: Therapists provide mental health treatment and support that enables students to find balance, coping skills, and develop the ability to navigate life with a hopeful, positive outlook.
- Case Management, New Path: Helps students to build essential skills like: social and emotional support, anger management, healthy coping skills, communication skills, life skills to foster increased independence, and resources for families
- Envisions Student Support Groups: Our partnership with Envisions allows us to provide support groups to our students for a variety of needs
- Companions on a Journey Grief Support Groups: COJ provides monthly support groups where students coping with grief feel loved, accepted, and supported.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 12TH GRADE (SENIOR YEAR)

The Ohio Department of Health has added meningococcal immunizations to the list of required immunizations for school attendance. Pursuant to sections 3313.67, 3313.671 and 3701.133 of the Ohio Revised Code (1) – students entering the twelfth grade (12th) are **REQUIRED** to have a meningococcal immunization on or after their sixteenth (16th) birthday. *If your student had a meningococcal vaccination prior to their 16th birthday, another dose is required.*

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Grade 12

Two doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W and Y) vaccine. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first does was given on or after the 16th birthday, only one dose is required.

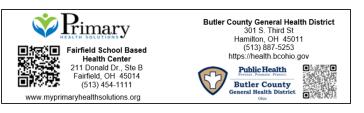
Please check your student's immunization records or with their healthcare provider to find out if the necessary immunization has been obtained. If your student has received the required vaccination, please make sure that the documentation is received by the school nurse by either (a) submitting a copy directly to the school nurse or (b) faxing a copy to the school nurse at 513-942-3288. ** Please note, it is the parent/guardian responsibility to ensure that the vaccination has been obtained and proper documentation has been received by the school nurse. FHS staff are not authorized to request this information from medical providers. **

STUDENTS WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE 12TH GRADE. "...During and after the school year beginning in 2016, no pupil who is the age or older that the age at which immunization against meningococcal disease is recommended by the state department of health shall be permitted to remain in a school subject to the state board of education's minimum standards for more than fourteen (14) days unless the pupil presents written evidence satisfactory to the person in charge of admission that the pupil has been immunized by a department of healthapproved method of immunization or is in the process of being immunized against meningococcal disease." (2).

If you do not have a current physician or health care provider, the following resources may be able to help. Please contact the providers directly for additional information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

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(2) https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/ section-3313.671





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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 hear some great music and enjoy the sounds of the season on December 12th and December 16th!

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 hosted our annual BANDcake Breakfast! Congratulations to the FHS Marching Band on their Superior Ratings at Valley High School and the Hamilton Band O'Rama. They have earned several awards including best Music, Best General Effect, Best Percussion, Best Color Guard and Grand Champion. The group will finish the season with OMEA State Finals on Saturday, October 26th at Hilliard Bradley 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:

Fairfield Orchestra just presented its annual "Hauncert". This fall theme concert featured the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra side by side with members of the Creekside and Crossroads eightgrade orchestra. With the PAC stage full to capacity, the audience was treated to a musical tribute to Danny Elfman. A prolific film score composer, Elfman has written music for The Simpsons, Edwards Scissorhands, Beetlejuice and an orchestra favorite, the Nightmare before Christmas. Next students will be preparing for December concerts and the ever-popular Hallelujah Chorus performance on Tuesday, December 10 in the FHS PAC. Come early to get a great seat!

CHOIR NEWS:

The Fairfield Show Choirs held their annual retreat at Camp Campbell Gard and had a fun filled day of team building and group activities in preparation for Homecoming. The Choraliers performed the National Anthem at the Homecoming game on September 20th. The Choral Music Department held their first concert on October 7th and it featured singers from 8th - 12th Grade performing a wide variety of repertoire to a packed house. The show choirs also performed portions of their competition show on November 2nd at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. For upcoming performances, check the Fairfield Choirs website at www.fairfieldchoirs.com.

Please join us for our upcoming Music Department Concerts:

- Holiday Orchestra Concert and Departmental Concert – Tuesday, 12/10
- Holiday Freshman Band, High School Concert Winds Concert – Thursday, 12/12
- Holiday Jazz, Chamber Winds, Wind Ensemble Concert – Monday, 12/16
- Holiday Choral Concert Tuesday, 12/17





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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS PERFORMING IN OUTSIDE GROUPS!



BPYO – <u>Front Row</u>: Stacy Villo, Marc Dylan Falcon, Olivia McIlvaine, Desirae Wong, Kasinda Willingham, Kylie Ford, Kallea Willingham, <u>Back Row</u>: Cadence Ledbetter, Kaden Theile, Mariah Williams, Ada Seppala, Kyndle Ledbetter, Ellie Schuka, Jayla Williams, Cindy Perez



NOUVEAU - Strings -Kasinda Willingham Kallea Willingham Cindy Perez (not pictured)



CSYO – Heather Bromwell Lucas Elmore (not pictured) Rylan Palmer Kaden Theile Kasinda Willingham Kallea Willingham



DPYO -Claire Lally **CYWE –** Ben Holloway



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> > **Band:** Rylan Palmer

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THEATER NEWS

turnout to our opening week meeting, we were off and running with auditions for both of our fall offerings: The Student Directed One-Act Festival and OctoberFest: A Look at Theatre. With our student directors chosen and plays decided we took to our August auditions and cast over 50 students for the five One-Act plays. As the students and directors rehearsed their One-Acts, Mike Massie and our Theatre staff put together a theatre experience for our students that offered an educational journey through audition techniques, acting, movement, script study and performance.

What a great turn out for our OctoberFest, this past October 26th weekend. A big thanks to Mike Massie, Chelsey Cavender, Trish Lutterbie, Lori Vail and Rose Gibson for all they did for our kids - incredible. With the success of our OctoberFest, it is now time for the One-Act Festival and the directing debut of Carson Alexander, Emily Leugers, Abby Martz, Shannon McDaniel and Aaralyn Schulte. These directors have been working since this past summer preparing their One-Acts for this weekend's, November 9, 2024, festival. Please join us this Saturday in the FHS Performing Arts Center: Jim and Pat Davis House for a day of great theatre, and to celebrate our FHS Drama students (see schedule below)

FHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: The Jim and Pat Davis House

(\$5.00 per show or \$15.00 dollars for day pass - all tickets sold at the door)

1:00pm Skin Deep Written by Mary Lynn Dobson Directed by Shannon McDaniel

2:30pm Waiting Room Written & Directed by Emily Leugers

After a very exciting and large

4:00pm Law and Disorder Written by Michael Wehrli Directed by Carson Alexander

5:30pm Gossip Written by Brian Hampton Directed by Aaralyn Schulte

7:00pm Little Women Written by Marisha Chamberlain Directed by Abby Martz

UPCOMING AUDITIONS:

Auditions for the winter play, Radium Girls, and spring musical, Peter Pan, will be Monday, November 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 19 in the FHS Davis House. Please come to one of the 2 dates to audition for the productions. You will be reading/acting scenes from the shows, and if also interested in the musical, you will learn a dance combination. On Wednesday, November 20, if you are interested in the musical, you will have your vocal audition.

FHS THEATER ARTS TEAM

Jay Muldoon, Director Mindy Reed, Assistant Director

Mike Massie, Associate Director, PAC Manager Chelsey Cavender, Associate Director

TECHNICAL THEATER NEWS:

Rose Gibson will lead our Set Construction crew Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with additional days added as needed. All skill levels are welcome, just show up ready to learn! If interested, please join the tech crew Remind group with the code @fftechies as well as the FHS Drama Google Classroom.

> Trish Lutterbie, Asst. PAC Manager Lori Vail, Producer