



Fairfax High School PTSA News

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School Calendar

March

- 25- Spring Music Trip- FL
- 28- Athletic Mulch Sale



April

- 2- End 3rd quarter
- 3- NO SCHOOL- teacher workday
- 6-10 – Spring Break
- 13- 4th quarter begins
- 17- 3rd qtr. report cards mailed
- 20- Highest Honors Luncheon
- 20- PTSA meeting- 7PM
- 22- PTSA staff appreciation lunch
- 23- Career Day
- 30- Most Improved Breakfast 7:30AM



May

- 1- Spring Musical- 7:30PM
- 2- SAT Test at Fairfax HS
- 2- Spring Musical- 7:30PM
- 3- Spring Musical- 2PM
- 4- AP Exams start
- 8- Spring Musical- 7:30PM
- 9- Spring Musical- 7:30PM
- 10- Mothers Day
- 14- IMPROV Show
- 16- Academy Dance Show- 7:30PM
- 18- PTSA meeting- 7PM

A Message from the Principal

Dear Rebel Parents,

The end of the 2008-2009 school year is almost upon us! I hope your son or daughter has had a positive experience this year at Fairfax High. I hope you feel that we are meeting your expectations and that we have accomplished our 3 goals for the 2008-2009 school year:

- 1) Increasing student achievement for all students,
- 2) Strengthening school climate,
- 3) Expanding professional learning communities to enhance student and faculty learning

I thank you for your support of these goals! Our biggest focus now is to maintain an outstanding instructional environment for the remainder of the school year. **Here are 3 key reminders:**

- 1. Please encourage your students to go to all their AP and SOL review sessions. Announcements on sessions will be included on Keep in Touch and the school website.**
- 2. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend school EVERY day ALL day. Outstanding student achievement can only occur with students being in school daily.**
- 3. Please encourage your son or daughter to make good choices. There are many things to celebrate at the end of the school year and your children deserve to participate in them. This can only happen when good choices are made!**

Thank you for your continued support of this faculty and staff!

Sincerely,

Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.



Hello everyone!

Do you appreciate the staff at Fairfax High School? Please join the PTSA in thanking the staff for all they do. We have a special day set aside to appreciate our staff- it is **April 22**. The PTSA is collecting **gift cards** which will be given out to staff during their special luncheon. We would love to have you buy a few and send them in. Purchase gift cards for any businesses that you like. Send them in a sealed envelope to Fairfax HS PTSA, Teacher Appreciation, Attn. Pam Boyle. Let's show them some love!

These last few weeks will just fly by. It's important that you (and your child) stay current on what is happening at FHS. I encourage you to carefully **READ** the weekly Keep In Touch messages from Dr. Brabrand. If you are like me, you may find yourself tempted to skim through the many items, but skimmers miss a lot of important details! If you are the parent of a graduating senior, then you have to make doubly sure you're on top of things. There is just **SO MUCH** happening in a very short time. Making a point every week to check the school's homepage will also help you to keep track of the myriad deadlines and details.

For those of us parents who have students returning to FHS next year, it's not too soon to start thinking about how you would like to be involved in the fall. The PTSA is looking for many parents to fill in the roster for next year. If you would like to become more involved in the PTSA all you need to do is speak up! We have a place for you!

It cannot be overstated. It's a proven fact that students whose parents are active at school achieve at a higher level than those whose parents are not involved. So please come join us. We'll be discussing our fall chair positions at the April 20 PTSA meeting. Come on- jump in- the water's fine!

Judy Thurston
PTSA Vice President
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PTSA Meeting Dates

- April 20 - 7PM
- May 18 - 7PM
- June 8 END OF YEAR SOCIAL



You know, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum...!

Fairfax High School (the FX Players) will be presenting Stephen Sondheim's musical **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, May 1-9. In a desperate attempt to win his freedom, the slave, Pseudolus, attempts to help his young master, Hero, earn the love of a girl. But the Captain wants the same girl. And poor Erronius is looking for his lost children. This musical comedy is the FX Players Cappies show. (Cappies are the Critics and Awards Program for High School Theatre and Journalism). Discounted tickets may be purchased in advanced through the website only: www.fxplayers.org. Please note: this production may not be suitable for elementary aged children.

NOTICE

Fairfax High School is offering the SAT Exam on May 2, 2009. Any student who needs to take the test must register by March 31, 2009. Students can register for the SAT test at <http://www.collegeboard.com> and use our school code 470785 to register.

FHS Bands

The FHS band program would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who helped in any way after the flood in the uniform room. From clean-up, to putting back together, to administrative tasks, this incident has kept many people busy. We would like to particularly thank Dr. Brabrand and Mr. Saunders for all they have done on behalf of the bands. Their support has been wonderful and is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the FHS Concert and Symphonic Bands for their excellent performances at District Band Festival held March 12-14. This is the performance the bands work for all year and their hard work certainly paid off. Symphonic Band was awarded the title of Virginia Honor Band, a first for Fairfax High School!

Now the students are off to compete in Disney World! The bands, as well as the Jazz band, will be in Florida March 25-28. Good luck during the competition, and have a great time.

The FHS Bands also want to wish good luck to the Winter Drumline as they compete at the WGI World Percussion Championships in Dayton, OH. This competition takes place April 15-17. The drumline and Winter Guard have been competing hard all winter and bringing home amazing results.

Please plan to join the bands for two upcoming fundraising nights. We will be dining at Noodles & Co and California Tortilla in April and May. These restaurants have generously agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds to the band program. Watch for the dates to be announced soon!

FAIRFAX ACADEMY NEWS

Applications & Student Visits: Academy applications for the 2009-2010 school year are due on March 31. Beyond that, applications will be considered on a space available basis. Many applicants took advantage of the Academy's visitation program, spending time in an Academy

class to observe what happens on a typical day. All students who applied for enrollment in Fairfax Academy classes will be notified of their status in mid-May.

Academy Auditions: April is Audition Month for the four classes requiring an audition for placement in their programs: Dance, Fashion Design, Music & Computer Technology, and Professional Musical Theatre and Actor's Studio. Students who have applied for any of those classes MUST also schedule an audition. Detailed information is available on the Academy's website: www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy. Just click on the course title in the "How to Apply" section on the Home Page. Read the instructions carefully and be sure to Print before you Send the form! Call the Academy Office (703) 219-2226 if you need assistance with any part of the application or audition process.

Creative Leaders Project Update: All second year Academy students are working on their Signature Projects which will be presented to invited professionals in late April and May. Many of these same students will also vie for the first Creative Leaders Scholarship to be awarded in May. In addition, Academy Ambassadors are working on leadership projects that include plans for the annual Academy Awards Showcase May 21. If you visit an Apple Federal Credit Union branch, look for the Apple Scholars mascot stands produced by Pro Graphics students!

Academy Day in New York City, March 20: More than 260 students and 35 plus teachers and chaperones participated in the Academy's annual professional development day in New York City. Eight Academy programs had their own individualized itinerary for the day. Students had behind-the-scenes tours of fashion design production facilities, advertising and design firms, and photography studios; toured the UN as well as exhibits at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the International Center of Photography, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame annex; and visited the NYU Clive Davis music program and the School of Visual Arts Computer Animation program. In addition, students took advanced workshops at the New York Film Academy taught by professional

film artists and master classes in Dance taught by professional dancers. Finally, students saw five different Broadway shows and a performance by the NY Philharmonic. It was a long, but VERY memorable 24 hour day! *Special Thanks* to all of the parents and families who supported this trip!

SAVE THESE MAY DATES!

MAY 15 & 16: "ROCK YOUR SOLE" Dance Concert

7:30 pm, Auditorium

MAY 21: ACADEMY AWARDS SHOWCASE

7:30 pm, Auditorium

MAY 22: FREE4ALL FILM & ANIMATION FESTIVAL

4:30 – 6:30 pm, Auditorium



Ready for the summer??? The class of 2011 is selling Fairfax Flip Flops for only \$15. They are perfect for athletes or to show your Fairfax spirit all summer long!

Please stop by the 10th grade subschool to pick up an order form!

Academic Boosters

Rebels on the Rise Breakfast

Twice a year the Academic Boosters and the Student Services Department host a "Rebels on the Rise Breakfast" for students who have made great academic strides. This year's first breakfast was held on February 27 and honored 84 students who

were nominated by their teachers. Hats off to our fabulous honorees:

Afia Acheampong
Isaiah Alcocer
Jose Aleman-Romero
Gabriela Alvarenga Alvarez
Obaid Amin
Ben Anderson
Christopher Anderson
Keontae Anderson
Kevin Araya Vargas
Laila Asifi
Abigail Baughman
Paola Bauza Izquierdo
Taylor Brodkorb
Sam Buttram
Carlos Carrasco Moreno
Marcquel Crutchfield
Taylor Deivert
Katherine Derrick
Fatima Diaz Hernandez
Ghulam Durrani
David English
Sabrina Faruque
Morteza (Mo) Fasihi
Tim Fontino
Lucia Galindo
John (Jake) Garon
Connor Gleason
Isabel Gonzalez
Aditi Gupta
Waleed Hamed
Stephanie Hancock
Scott Hopkins
Florencia Herceg
Christopher David Juarez
Rachel Kesselman
Evelyn Kim
Lauren Krohn
Travis Lauri
Trent (TJ) Lawrence
Jennifer Lee
Adwait Lonkar
Jackie Main
Gregory Malsoam

Werner Martinez
Bradley Matt-James
Madeline (Kenzie) McDermott
Kyle McTague
Andrea Mercado
Desiree Moore
Basil Mouneimne
Jonathan Nedeau
Tyeisha Newman
Raymond Odoom
Francis (Nnanyereugo) Okoli
Tokunbo Okulaja
Daniel Ordonez
Alejandra Orellana Hernandez
Vivian Otter
Robert Papetti
Mary (Christina) Pepin
Abdal Qasha
Marvin Rafael
Shubheksha Rayamajhi
Edgardo Rivera Lopez
Arnold Rodriguez
Angel Rodriguez Perez
Johana Rosalese Pereira
Hamdi Tarey
Liban Tarey
John Toenniessen
Vincent Tran
Jean Carlos Ventura Joaquine
Kassandra Ventura Joaquine
Eric Villani
Scott Wedell
Bryce Williams
Danielle Williams
Therese (Terri) Wolfe
Jackie Wood
Richard Yi

We would also like to thank the following people for donating their time to set-up and clean-up for the breakfast: Carol Allen, Mary Hacker, Celeste Kaceden, Ken Kuck, Teresa Liarakos, and especially, to the wonderful Sharon Kourtz and Clai Eldrup-Jorgensen! Also, many thanks to the numerous individuals who sent in a variety of delicious foods for the breakfast: Laurie Barnes,

Eileen Cytryn, Nora Derrick, Millie Gleason, Eileen Gorman, Mary Hacker, Lorrie Hallahan, Brenda Hinkle, MK March, Darci Nelson, Patti Pfeiffer, Vicky Pittman, Laurie Ross, Lori Rousseau, Patty Ryan, Diane Scibilia, Cheryl Sturgeon, Laura Welke, and Patricia White. We could not have done it without your support. Last, thank you Student Services Department for all of your work!

The next Rebels on the Rise Breakfast will be held on April 30. Once again, we will need the efforts of many parents to support this breakfast so please be on the 'look out' for emails from the PTSA.

Honor Rolls

Parents, we hope you have had an opportunity to view the Quarterly Honor Rolls posted by the Academic Boosters in the main lobby. We are pleased to announce that the Honor Rolls were recently added to the Fairfax HS website. Please be sure to review the honorees and congratulate those you know on the list. By the way, the Honor Rolls are designed and produced by students in Mrs. Kaylor's Computer Graphics class. Great job!

Last, please contact Shelly Bechert or Susan Kuck, co-chairs of the Academic Boosters, if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions regarding our committee. We welcome your input.

Shelly Bechert (ShellyBechert@verizon.net)
Susan Kuck (sjkuck@msn.com)

Athletic Boosters

Thank you to everyone for supporting our teams. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend several spring events. The spring season will mark the end of our participation in the Concorde District as Fairfax will move to the Liberty District next fall.

**Fairfax High School Athletic Booster Club
Is Accepting Officer Nominations
for the 2009-2010 School Year
Deadline is April 6, 2009
President, Vice President and Secretary
Please submit your nominations to
Tprice32@aol.com**

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the FHS Athletic Booster Club and of the Executive Committee. The President shall perform such other duties as prescribed by these by-laws or assigned to him/her by the FHS Athletic Booster Club or the Executive Committee. The President shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the FHS Athletic Booster Club in order that the purpose of the FHS Athletic Booster Club may be promoted. The President will also serve as a liaison between the Club, Individual Team Representatives and the Athletic Director. In addition officers of the Board all assist in representing the Club at various special athletic events.

The **Co-President** shall act as aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of that officer to act. The Co-President will also serve as a liaison between the Club, Individual Team Representatives and the Athletic Director. In addition officers of the Board assist in representing the Club at various special athletic events.

The **Secretary** shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and shall handle all correspondence necessitated by the activities of the FHS Athletic Booster Club. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking attendance at the meeting and comparing the attendee list with the member roster whenever votes are cast. The Secretary will also serve as a liaison between the Club, Individual Team Representatives and the Athletic Director. In addition officers of the Board assist in representing the Club at various special athletic events.

2008-2009 Board Officers

President: Tammi Price (**retiring end of June**)

Vice President: Deena Pittman (**retiring end of June**)

Secretary: Diana Larkins (**retiring end of June**)

Treasurer: Jeanne Loeffler

2008-2009 Committee Chairs

Internal Auditor: Sherry Brown

Advertising: Shelly Modes

Spirit Wear: Missy Edwards

Volunteers: Vacant

The Fairfax High School Athletic Booster Club is a group of parents whose mission is to enrich FHS athletic programs and the community at large by providing financial support for FHS athletics.

In addition to financial support, the Booster Club recognizes that participation in high school athletics benefits everyone, and the Booster Club promotes opportunities to build and strengthen relationships among all involved: the student body, Fairfax High School staff, parents and the community.

Career Day **Thursday, April 23, 2009**

Fairfax will host its first annual Career Day on Thursday, April 23 during R&R and Pride Time. Juniors and seniors will attend three, thirty minute sessions to hear Career Day speakers based on their individual preferences. Sixty-five career professionals from fields ranging from the arts to health to law enforcement have agreed to come and share what their typical days are like, what they enjoy most about their careers, educational qualifications and advice for students interested in pursuing careers in their respective fields. Freshmen and sophomores will remain in groups and attend both a workshop about launching a career that fits one's life and a "Dress to Impress" workshop, conducted by Kay Walters and Michele Webb.

Career Day is designed to raise students' awareness about career options, connect what they are learning in the classroom with the world of work and provide students with a fun and interactive way to speak with career professionals.

Maureen Kim, Career Center Specialist for FHS, would like to thank all the parents who have agreed to be Career Day Speakers and the PTSA for donating breakfast for Career Day. We are looking forward to a great event! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maureen Kim, Career Center Specialist at 703-219-2204, or Maureen.Kim@fcps.edu

Hey Senior Parents!!!

Do you realize it's less than three months until graduation?! It's time to start planning for it. Have you ordered your **personalized yard signs** yet? They will have the Fairfax lion and your child's name on them. Why not order two? The All Night Grad Committee will put one of your signs on Rebel Run to greet the grads on their day. Of course the sign is yours after graduation. You can order the signs by going to the school's home page and clicking on the link to All Night Grad.

Hey, while you're on the ANG site, why not sign your grad up for the all night party? The price goes up on April 27! Save \$10- sign up now!

And if you're interested in getting **reserved seats for graduation** you need to check out how to buy tickets for that raffle. The day's going to be hectic enough without fighting the lines!

And speaking of graduation day, have you signed up to help on the All-Night Grad Party yet? It takes literally hundreds of parents to pull this off- we need you for a few hours!! The volunteer information is also on the ANG site. Come on, you'll get a cool t-shirt!

Chorus

Be sure to look for reports on the **Pyramid Concert, District Choral Festival**, and the Music Department Spring Trip to **Festival Disney** in our next article. In the meantime, mark your calendars for the **Spring Show** on Wednesday 5/27/09. Please refer to the website www.fhschorus.net for more information. Thank you for your continuing support of Fairfax Chorus.

Prevention Conference

Fairfax County Public Schools' Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section, Unified Prevention Coalitions, and the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services are organizing and implementing the 2009 Prevention Conference on

substance use and violence prevention on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Oakton High School. This conference is for youth, parents, educators, and service providers. Registration brochures are available in the FHS Main Office. Translated registration brochures are available through the parent liaisons and are also located at <http://www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org/> by clicking the conference logo.

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Newsletter Submission Guidelines

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