




Fairfax High School PTSA News

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School Calendar



- 19- MLK Holiday- **No School**
- 20- Presidential Inauguration- **No School**
- 23- End of 2nd Quarter
- 23- Singin' In The Rain- 7:30PM
- 24- Singin' In The Rain- 7:30PM
- 26- Teacher Workday- **No School**
- 27- Teacher Workday- **No School**
- 30- Singin' In The Rain- 7:30PM
- 31- Science Fair 
- 31- Singin' In The Rain- 7:30PM



- 1- Super Bowl 
- 3- Curriculum Night- 6:30PM
- 7- ACT Test
- 9- PTSA Meeting- 7PM
- 9- Chorus Cabaret Night
- 10- All Night Grad Meeting- 7PM
- 11- Junior Parent/Student College Planning- 7PM
- 16- Presidents Day- **No School**
- 18- Rebel Roundup- 7:30-9:20AM
Students start late- 10:20AM
- 23- Spring sports begin

A Message from the Principal

Dear Rebel Parents,

We are almost through the second quarter. I hope your son or daughter is still having a positive experience this year at Fairfax High. We are continuing to focus on the 3 goals of increasing student achievement, strengthening school climate, and expanding professional learning communities to enhance student and faculty learning. Here are updates to the questions I've been asked about the school and our programs.

How is the Rewards and Remediation (R&R) program going?

R&R is a program that rewards students for academic achievement while providing extra help during the school day for struggling students. Fairfax High School had over 20% fewer students with F grades in the first quarter compared to last year at the same time. We look forward to continued success during the second quarter. We will continue to assess the impact of R&R on student achievement throughout the school year.

How are our students doing?

Our students are challenging themselves more than ever before with enrollment in Honor or AP classes. Since 2004, we have moved from 22nd place in the Washington area based on Jay Matthews' Challenge Index to 17th and we have moved from 14th to 5th place in FCPS. No high school in FCPS challenges its students more based on the school's percentage of free and reduced lunch.

How was Rebel Roundup?

Rebel Roundup was a huge success. Both parents and teachers saw this as an excellent opportunity to have conversations about individual students' academic achievement in the classroom. That's why we'll be doing it again on 2/18. Thank you for all your support of Fairfax High School! We look forward to a wonderful 2009!

Sincerely,
Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.



PTSA Meeting Dates

- February 9 (change in week due to holiday)
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 8 END OF YEAR SOCIAL



Just imagine! You're sitting in the theatre watching a classic musical when it starts to rain *inside the theatre!*

What do you do? You A) *Run outside the theatre where it's dry;* B) *Put up your umbrella and finish the show;* or C) *Sit back, laugh, and enjoy Fairfax High School's production of Singin in the Rain, while the cast on stage gets wet!*

Of course, the answer is C! And you'll have an opportunity to see this classical musical, performed by students in the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts and Fairfax High School, four days only: **January 23, 24, 30, and 31, 2009 at Fairfax High School.** Showtimes for the Friday and Saturday evening performances are **7:30pm.** Advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Tickets may be purchased online at www.fxplayers.org.

Donations being accepted now for Seniors' All Night Grad Party

- Gift cards from all types of stores

- Gift certificates for services (nails, massage, hair, etc.)
 - Restaurants- food items
 - \$ Contributions always welcomed!
- Contact Sue Rawls, (703) 830-9206 if you need more info.



Senior Parents-
Can we count on you?
ANG Planning meeting
February 10- 7 PM

Contact Marlene Williams to sign up - we need all types of volunteers!
mwilliams@bcisse.com

Career Center News...

Junior Parent/Student College Planning Night

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 7:00 pm
FHS Auditorium**

Admissions Representatives from the following schools will be at FHS to discuss the college application and admissions process, as well as answer questions from parents and students:

University of Maryland – College Park
Northern Virginia Community College
University of Richmond
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech

Get your questions ready and join us for this very informative evening!

**Military Services Academy/ROTC Night
Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 7:00 pm
Oakton High School Cafeteria**

Please note this is a shared event with Oakton, Woodson and Madison High Schools @ Oakton High School. Representatives from the following academies and ROTC Programs are scheduled to attend:

US Air Force
US Army
US Navy & Marine Corps
US Merchant Marine
US Coast Guard

There will be a five minute presentation from each representative, followed by break out tables to visit individual representatives for specific questions and answers.

**Career Day
April 23, 2009**



I am still looking for Career Day Speakers for Fairfax High School's First Annual **Career Day** to be held **Thursday, April 23** from 8-10:30AM. We are particularly interested in professionals from the arts, entertainment, and sports industries.

If you would like to be a Career Day speaker, or just a volunteer for the day (we need those too!), please contact: Maureen Kim, FHS Career Center Specialist, at 703-219-2204 or Maureen.Kim@fcps.edu.



Chorus

Happy New Year, fellow music lovers! Hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season. Personally, my year is off to a great start thanks to the festive sounds and atmosphere I experienced at the **Winter Concert** on 12/18/08. Talented Fairfax singers performed many holiday favorites in addition to John Rutter's Magnificat. The orchestral accompaniment for Magnificat was, well, magnificent, and the various choirs gave joyous and innovative performances.

Your next opportunity to experience FHS Chorus will be **Cabaret Night** on Monday 2/9/09. Details are closely held, but here's what I can tell you now: students will perform alone or in small groups; auditions occur 1/22/09; the evening will be staged in the FHS café; and this is a fundraiser, so tickets, food, and a raffle/auction are likely. Based on what I've heard and seen this season already, this event promises to be very entertaining and fun for the whole family. See the website www.fhschorus.net for the latest information and contact your chorus students for tickets. See you at the Cabaret!

Other chorus information for your new 2009 calendars: the final **Spring Trip** payment is due 2/13/09; **District XI Chorus** events occur at FHS 2/19 – 2/21/09; a mandatory **Spring Trip** meeting for traveling students and a parent/guardian will be held on Thursday 3/12/09; and the **Pyramid Concert** at FHS is on Tuesday 3/17/09. Thanks for your continuing support of Fairfax Chorus.



Orchestra

Orchestra News

The Fairfax Orchestras are hard at work preparing for our Pre-Festival Open Dress Rehearsal, District Festival, and our Spring Trip to Orlando, Florida.

The Pre-Festival Open Dress Rehearsal will be on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in Room J165. This is an opportunity for parents, family, and friends of the Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras to observe the two orchestras in their final rehearsal before festival.

District Festival will be Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21 at Westfield High School. As soon as more information about the specific dates and times of our performances become available, I will send the information home in a letter.

Plans are well underway for our Spring Trip to Orlando, March 25-29. *The final trip payment is due Friday, February 13.* Information about selecting chaperones will be coming home soon. The mandatory trip meeting for all parents who have children going on the trip is Thursday, March 12.

Congratulations to Consuelo Sevilla for securing a place in the District XI Junior Orchestra. They will be rehearsing Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10 at Robinson Secondary School under the direction of a guest conductor. The concert will be at Robinson at 3:00 PM on January 10.

Band

Fairfax High School Band Students auditioned for District Band on Saturday 10 January. The students who made All District Bands will be announced in the next PTSA newsletter and they will participated in the All-District Band Festival on 5 – 7 February at West Potomac High School. The concert will be Saturday 7 February.

All Bands are preparing for District Band Festival on 12 – 14 March at Westfield High School. The next concerts will be the Fairfax Pyramid Pre-Festival concerts, with bands from Lanier participating also. These concerts are scheduled for 23 –24 February.

The final Spring Trip payment is due 13 February. Bills we be sent soon which will include monies earned from the recent fundraisers. There will be a Mandatory Spring Trip meeting for Students and Parents on 12 March.



Earn Money For Fairfax HS - Register Your Grocery Cards!

Did you know that Fairfax High School is registered to earn money back at 3 local grocery stores; Bloom, Giant, and Safeway? FHS can benefit greatly every time you go food shopping. It costs you nothing, but will add up to money that can be put directly back into your child’s education! Simply register your Bloom Breeze, Giant Bonus Bucks, and/or Safeway cards at the store’s customer service counter or register online with the links below. Together we can make a difference!



BLOOM – Sign up for the new Bloom - Breeze

Rewards Card at Guest Services inside any Bloom store. Our high school code is **#01053**.

Alternatively, sign up online at www.ShopBloom.com.



GIANT – Each time you shop using your Giant Bonus Card, our school will earn A+ BonusBucks which convert into cash at the end of the

school. *Please remember that if you designated FHS last year, you will need to re-designate FHS this year.* To register online: Log on to www.GiantFood.com. Click on **Our Stores** and go to **A+ Register your card**. Fill in the two blanks with the first three letters of your last name and your Giant Card number. The FHS school ID# is

01873, currently only six people are registered for FHS. Alternatively, you can email your card number and first 3 letters of your last name to volunteermom@verizon.net and I will register for you and send you an email next fall to see if you would like to renew the registration.



SAFEWAY - Safeway Club Card contributes up to 3% of your purchases to our school. Register your Safeway Card - go to www.escrip.com/ Fairfax High School ID **2145176**. You can also designate purchases made with other cards to benefit FHS.

Curriculum Night

Parents of current 9th-11th grade students should plan to attend the Curriculum Night on February 3rd (beginning at 6:30pm) at Fairfax High School. Teachers and school counselors will be available to talk with parents about the curriculum, course selection, and elective options. In addition, there will be presentations on graduation requirements, AP courses, and a separate presentation for parents of rising 9th graders.

Academic advising for the 2009-2010 school year will begin on February 3rd with the course selection fair during Pride Time. Students will have a chance to visit 3 elective or AP classes to find out more information about the courses that will be offered next school year. Students will meet in large groups with their counselors starting on February 11th to go over graduation requirements and course sequences. Students will then meet one-on-one with their counselors through English classes to select courses for next year. A list of registration dates is available in the Student Passport.

FCPS Superintendent Presents Proposed FY 2010 Budget

A public hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, January 21st at 6pm at Luther Jackson. The link includes how you can get on the speakers list. Your input is more crucial than ever. Here is the link:

<http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1048>

For more information on the FY 2010 budget, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2010.htm>.

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Newsletter Submission Guidelines

This PTSA newsletter is a monthly publication. Deadline for submission for the February newsletter is Thursday, February 12 (usually the 2nd Thursday of each month).

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