

# Golden Eagle News

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## A Note from the Principal:

Congratulations to our Marching Band for winning State at the Auburn Veteran's Day Marching Championship! They placed first in the AA Small Class for bands with 60-90 members. Our Flag Team also gave an outstanding performance. These well-earned accomplishments were made possible by our dedicated staff, students, and parents.

Ten of our fall season athletic teams received the WIAA Academic Award for team GPAs. Of the ten, seven were Distinguished, with team GPAs from 3.0 - 3.49. Our JV and C Volleyball teams, and our Girls' Cross Country team, all received the Outstanding award for team GPAs of 3.5 and above. These accomplishments demonstrate our commitment to both academics and athletics. Research shows that participation in school activities raises student achievement as it builds a sense of community and belonging.

Our football team has wrapped up the season as Northwest Conference Champions with a 9-0 record. In addition, Girls' Swimming, Boys' Cross Country and Boys' Tennis have sent, or are sending, members to state championships. Thank you for your support of these teams. *Go Eagles!*

Dawn Fairchild

## Mark Your Calendar!

November 23-24

December 1

December 4

December 7

December 14

December 20 - January 2

January 3

Thanksgiving - No School

FHS Concert Series - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

Parent Advisory - Room 503 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Night for Seniors - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Seasonal Concert - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

Winter Break.

School Reopens



## Marching Band and Guard News

The Golden Eagle Marching Band and Guard won the state championship competition at Auburn on Saturday, Nov. 11. They won in the categories of Best Percussion, Best Auxiliary (Color Guard), Best Marching, Best General Effect, and Best Music. This is the second consecutive year the Band and Guard have won this state competition. As with sports, the band is extracurricular and the students have been rehearsing after school and on weekends since July.

The Band Boosters will be holding a live auction and dinner on February 10, 2007. Please mark your calendars. If you have goods or services to donate to the auction, please contact Kathy Green, Band Booster Secretary at [ferndaleband@gmail.com](mailto:ferndaleband@gmail.com) or [www.ferndaleband.org](http://www.ferndaleband.org).

## Withdrawing a Student

Mobility is the byword of our society today. Many of you have joined us in Whatcom county in the past year, welcome; and many of you may be moving to other parts of our county, state, or out of state before this school year ends.

PLEASE keep in mind you MUST contact FHS when you move. The receiving school will need certain documents that we cannot put together at a moments notice. Other school districts may have entry restrictions that prohibit a student beginning classes until these documents are in their hands. In order to make the student's transition easier, please have them follow our regular withdrawal procedure.

TWO DAYS BEFORE their last day of school the student should start the following process.

- 1) See our registrar, Mrs. Yale, in the counseling office for a withdrawal form. Your student will take the form around to their teachers for that day, turn in books, get signatures and transfer grades for the new school.
- 2) That evening a PARENT SIGNATURE will be required on the bottom of the form.
- 3) The following day the other 4 teachers will sign the withdrawal form, give transfer grades, and collect books. A signature from the Library and ASB office are also needed. NO transcripts will be sent if fines are not paid and books returned before leaving.
- 4) At the end of their last day, your student should return the withdrawal form to the counseling office. Mrs. Yale will give them the necessary enrollment papers for their new school -- a copy of the withdrawal form, a copy of their immunizations, a copy of their transcript (provided fines are paid) to take to their next school.

A smooth transition makes life easier for both student and parent, and less interruption in the learning process. We want to assist you in that process. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Yale at 383-9253.

## Financial Aid Night for Seniors and Their Parents

Stressed about paying for college? Don't know how to apply for financial aid? Then come to FHS's Financial Aid Night on Thursday December 7th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM! A representative from Western Washington University will be in the FHS Library that night to talk about the financial aid process, the different types of financial aid, and to answer your questions regarding financial aid. This information is applicable whether you are planning to attend a two-year college, tech school, or four-year college. We encourage ALL college bound students to apply for financial aid, so we hope to see you there! (Please note the date in this article is different than the one published on the senior calendar. We apologize for the error and hope to see you December 7th.)

# Career Center News

Janell Massey, Career Specialist  
Selena Burgess, Career Center Assistant

## Culminating Project

FHS seniors have completed the proposal stage of their Culminating Projects and we have many students looking for adult mentors to guide their projects. The role of the mentor is to guide, encourage, assist, and support students in planning and developing meaningful projects. Contact time between the student and the mentor will be at the discretion of the mentor. However, it is recommended that a student meet with his/her mentor a minimum of three times during the project.

If you are interested in mentoring a student, please contact Janell Massey at the high school. Mentors assignments may be related to the mentors' career area, hobbies and interests. Send contact information to Janell at [jmassey@ferndale.wednet.edu](mailto:jmassey@ferndale.wednet.edu) or 383-9272.

## Scholarships

Seniors interested in applying for scholarships to help fund their education next year should be picking up a scholarship request form each Monday in the career center. Fall scholarships tend to be very competitive State and National competitions but provide great practice for more regional and local scholarships released after the New Year. Although all scholarship applications are different, there are common questions and information requested: education/career goals, colleges/universities of interest, accomplishments, list of school and community activities, financial need (often determined by the FAFSA), and grades.

If you or your student would like a list of scholarships emailed to you each week, contact Selena Burgess at [sburgess@ferndale.wednet.edu](mailto:sburgess@ferndale.wednet.edu) or 383-9548.

A group of community members formed a Ferndale Dollars for Scholars Foundation during the summer. The purpose of this nonprofit volunteer organization is to raise money to provide our Ferndale School District graduating seniors with financial assistance for college. A fall fundraising activity will include selling two sizes of polyester "Ferndale Golden Eagle" flags. If you would like to make a donation to this organization or like more information about how you can help our students, contact Bill McCourt at 380-3262 or [bmccourt@msn.com](mailto:bmccourt@msn.com).

## Junior Job Shadows

All students in Mr. Adam's Health classes are required to complete a half to a full day job shadow observing someone working in a career field of interest to the student. This activity is a culminating activity for their career unit that is integrated into the Health curriculum. If you would like more information about the job shadow program or hosting a student in the future, contact Janell at the above email address or phone.

## Freshmen Career Unit

All freshmen will begin a career unit in December. This unit takes place in the Transitions class and includes an interest inventory, work values sorter, and researching careers of interest. Part 2 of the unit will start in March and include college research. The purpose of the unit is to encourage students to think about a possible career path and learn to use tools that can help them with career/college research. This research is also the foundation for a Career Plan that students write at the end of their 9th and 11th grades. Encouraging students to think about their career path beyond high school also helps the counseling department recommend courses and programs to prepare students for their career path.

Parents can view the website that we will use with students at [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com). The site ID is -0065120 and the password is ferndale (all lowercase). Parents will also find parent resources at this website.

## Ferndale School District School and Transportation Information for Inclement Weather

School and bus schedules may change or be altered during winter weather conditions. If this should happen, you need to know how to access this information.

### How can I get information about school and bus schedules during bad weather conditions?

There are several ways to find out. Please do not call the Transportation Department because these phone lines need to remain open for emergencies. School and bus information is usually announced no later than 6:00 a.m. All school closures and/or changes to school start times and bus route information are available by tuning into the following radio stations.

### School Closure/Inclement Weather Phone number is 383-9888

Radio, AM Band: KARI 550      KGMI 790      KIXT 930      KPUG 1170      KRPI 1550  
Radio, FM Band: KISM 92.9      KAFE 104.3      PRAISE 106.5  
TV STATIONS: KVOS CH. 12      KOMO CH. 4      KING CH. 5

### What kind of changes to my school schedule could occur?

Emergencies can result in a variety of changes, schools generally do one of three things:

- 1) Close for the day,
- 2) Open on a delayed schedule, or
- 3) Open on a regular schedule but with "snow routes" in effect.

### If schools are open on a delayed schedule, when will the bus come?

Buses will follow their normal routes but the pickup time will be delayed for a specified period of time. For instance, if your student was normally picked up at 8:30 A.M. and there was a delay of 30 minutes, the new pickup time would be 9:00 A.M.

### What are "snow routes"?

Snow routes are bus routes that are substituted for regular routes in areas where buses have a difficult time maneuvering because of road and weather conditions. **Students affected by "snow routes" need to catch their bus at the alternate stop.** NOTE: It is important to know that students are dropped off at their alternate stops regardless of any change in the weather.

### How will I know where to catch my bus if I live on a snow route?

Weather emergencies can sometimes disrupt telephone and electrical lines. It is always a good idea to have a battery-equipped radio as your emergency communications backup. ALSO, parents are reminded that they need to update their student's emergency forms should any changes occur. Designated Snow routes are listed on the back of this flyer. It is your responsibility to know if you live in an area affected by snow routes. Additional snow routes may be added on a case-by-case basis. Radio stations will have information on additional snow routes.

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<b>If You Live On</b>	<b>Your Bus Will Stop Here</b>
Arnie Road between Bruce and Ham Roads	Corner of Bruce Road and Maine Street
Arnie Road west of Kickerville Road	Corner of Arnie Road and Blaine Road
Atwood Road	Corner of Atwood Road and Grandview Road
Barr Road (between Mt. View & Thornton Roads)	HS/MS-Corner of Thornton and Barr Roads
	Elementary-Mt View/Barr or Thornton/Barr
Birch Bay-Lynden Rd between Percie & Ham Rds	Birch Bay-Lynden Road and Percie Road
Birch Terrace (ALL)	Corner of Birch Terrace & Perice Road
Brown Road between Olson & North Star Roads	Corner of Brown Road and Olson Road
Cherry Point (including Gulf Road)	Corner of Kickerville and Henry Roads
Conifer Drive	Corner of Enterprise Rd and Conifer Rd
Dalhberg Place	Corner of Dalhberg Rd and Dalhberg Place
Double R Ranch	Corner of Blaine Road and Hitchcock Road
Everett Road south of Bay Road	Corner of Bay Road and Everett Road
Fat Dog Lane off Aldrich Road	HS/MS-At Gillian Way/Top of hill
	Elem. - Top or Bottom of Hill
Finkbonner Road	Corner of MacKenzie Rd and W Eagle Ave
Fox Road between Vista Drive and Olson Road	Corner of Fox Road and Vista Drive
Ham Rd between Arnie and Birch Bay-Lynden Rds	Corner of Arnie Rd & Birch Bay-Lynden Rd
Ham Road north and south of Bay Road	Corner of Bay Road and Ham Road
Jess Road between Delta Line and Sunrise Roads	Corner of Jess & Sunrise or Jess & Delta Line
Kaas Road (during flooding)	Corner of Portal Way & Kaas Road
Kickerville Rd between Arnie & Birch Bay-Lynden	Corner of Kickerville & Birch Bay-Lynden
Kickerville Road between Bay and Arnie Roads	Corner of Bay Road and Kickerville Road
Kickerville Road north of Birch Bay-Lynden Road	Corner of Kickerville & Birch Bay-Lynden
Lake Terrell Road north of Mt View Road	Corner of Lake Terrell Rd and Mt. View Rd
Loomis Trail Road east of Valley View Road	Corner of Valley View Rd & Loomis Trail Rd
Loomis Trail Rd between Delta Line & Sunrise	Corner of Delta Line Rd and Loomis Trail Rd
Loomis Trail Road east of Valley View Road	Corner of Valley View Rd & Loomis Trail Rd
Matz Road	Corner of Matz Road and Enterprise Road
McGee Road	Corner of McGee Road & Valley View Road
Neptune Circle & Germaine Road	Corner of Germaine Road and Sucia Drive
Newkirk Road and Gadwa Road	Corner of Portal Way and Newkirk Road
North Star Road north of Brown Road	Corner of North Star Road and Brown Road
Olson Road between Fox and Grandview Roads	Corner of Olson Road and Grandview Road
Olson Road between Fox and Vista Roads	Corner of Olson Road and Vista Drive
Portal Way north of Loomis Trail Road	Corner of Portal Way and Loomis Trail Road
Scott Road	Corner of Lummi Shore Rd and Scott Rd
Stein Road north of Haynie Road	Corner of Stein Road and Haynie Road
Storr Road north of Mt View Road	Corner of Storr Road and Mt View Road
Sunrise/Delta Line/Burke north of Badger/Haynie	Old store on W. Badger or Sunrise Church
Valley View Rd between Bay & Grandview Rds	Corner of Valley View & Bay or Grandview
Valley View Road between Bay and Arnie Roads	Corner of Valley View Road and Bay Road
Valley View between Loomis Trail and Behme	Corner of Loomis Trail Rd & Valley View Rd
Valley View Road north of Arnie Road	Corner Valley View Road and Portal Way
Valley View Road north of Loomis Trail Road	Corner of Valley View Rd & Loomis Trail Rd
Zell Road west of Delta Line Road	Corner of Zell Road and Delta Line Road

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non-profit can help.

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