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A Note from the Principal:

November begins with conferences during Early Release days. This year we had the option for parents to sign up online and we hope this was helpful. We look forward to meeting with you and recognize that by working together we maximize the opportunities for student achievement.

Already we have held numerous sporting events, concerts, and activities for parents, neighbors, staff and students. Thank you for your involvement and attendance! A special thanks to the folks who came to support our Vocational Program on Comcast Days! You are an integral part of our community. We invite you to experience our Concerts, Talent Revue and post season play for Soccer, Volleyball, Swimming, Cross Country, Tennis and Football.

One of the strengths of Ferndale is the richness of opportunities and programs that we offer students. Your participation and support is encouraged and valued.

Dawn Fairchild

Mark Your Calendar!

October 24	FHS Fall Orchestra Conters-Auditorium-7:30 p.m.
October 31	Early Release - Conferences - 11:20 a.m.
November 1, 2, and 3	Early Release - Conferences - 11:20 a.m.
November 6	Parent Advisory -Room 503 - 7:00 p.m.
November 8	Choir Concert- Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
November 10	Veteran's Day - No School
November 16 and 18	Talent Revue - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
November 23-24	Thanksgiving - No School



Counseling Office Hours

This is a reminder that the Ferndale High School Counseling Office is open daily from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. If you would like to meet with your child's counselor, please call ahead (383-9252) to set up an appointment during these hours.

Senior Grad Night News

Football programs are still available for \$4 at all home games. We also have license plate covers(\$5) and cushions available(\$10). The next Parent Meeting will be 10/24/06 in room 503 at 7:30pm. Upcoming in February.....Dance/Auction fundraiser at the Boys & Girls Club.

Marching Band and Guard News:

The Band and Guard will be heading out to competitions with their show "Reflections". The first competition is at Tumwater, Oct. 13 & 14. Then they will be in Everett on October 28 and the state championship Nov. 11 in Auburn. You can also see the show at most FHS home football games and Nov. 4th at the WWU game. Visit www.ferndaleband.org <<http://www.ferndaleband.org>> for more information. The Band Boosters will be having their first annual auction February 10, 2007. Please mark it on your calendars and save the date. For more information on the auction email ferndaleband@gmail.com

Class Fees are NOW DUE!

If your student is taking any of the following classes, there is a class fee.

All class fees can be paid in the ASB office. You can reach the ASB office at 383.9281.

Industrial Technology - \$10

CAD Design - \$5

Ceramics - \$10

Spanish - \$5

German - \$4

Photo+Graphics - \$15

Art - \$10

Advanced Ceramics - \$15

French - \$5

Credit Check Letters

Credit check letters for students who are not on track to graduate with their class went out the last week of September. If you did not get a letter, that means your student currently has enough credits to be mathematically on track to graduate. If at any time you have questions about your student's credits or graduation status, please do not hesitate to contact his/her counselor.

After School Tutoring Program

The After School Tutoring Program is available to FHS students who need addition time or assistance to work on assignments. We meet in the FHS library, Monday - Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Just follow these two simple steps: 1) Bring assignments/projects to library. 2) Fill out tutoring slip. Students are not required to attend everyday or need to stay the entire time unless requested by parents, guardians or FHS staff. There is no cost to attend and the activity bus is available. Please contact Dianne Laundry at 383-9356 (dlaundry@ferndale.wednet.edu) Shannon O'Brien at 383-9258 (sobrien@ferndale.wednet.edu) if you have any questions.

Update FSD Administrative Procedure 2421(III)

In grades nine through twelve, students are offered eight courses per semester in an alternating A/B Block configuration, Each course has a .5 credit value. Thus, a student has the opportunity to earn 32 credits in four years (8 courses at .5 credit times 2 semesters times 4 years). In order to graduate, a student must earn 30 credits pass all required courses in each discipline, meet standard on all areas of the WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning), and successfully complete all requirements of the junior research paper and senior culminating project.

To better communicate a student's actual academic progress to the student and her or his parent/guardian, the high school recognizes the following placement benchmarks for each high school grade level:

1. Sophomore standing (10th grade) - a student must have accumulated six credits and have passed one semester each of freshman year English, math and science by the beginning of the school year.
2. Junior standing (11th grade) - a student must have accumulated fourteen credits, and have passed one semester each of sophomore year English, math and science by the beginning of the school year.
3. Senior standing (12th grade) - a student must have accumulated twenty-two credits , passed one semester of junior year English, and met standard on the junior research paper.

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