

# Golden Eagle News

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## A Note from the Principal:

We are excited about the upcoming Talent Revue that will be held at Ferndale High School and hope you have marked your calendars to attend one of these evenings of entertainment.

Eleven of our fall season athletic teams received the WIAA Academic Award for team GPA's. Of the eleven, ten were distinguished with team GPAs from 3.0 - 3.49. Our Girls Cross Country team 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 AAA Champions with a 10-0 record. In addition, Girls's Swimming, Girls Cross Country and Boys Tennis have sent, or are sending, members or alternates to state championships. Thank you for your support of these teams. *Go Eagles.*

Dawn Fairchild

## Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 11	Veteran's Day - No School
Nov 15 and 17	Talent Revue - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving - No School
Dec 3	Parent Forum - Room 503 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Dec 5	Financial Aid Meeting - Library - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Dec 18	Seasonal Concert- Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
Dec 24-Jan 6	Winter Break



## Senior Information

Your senior class officers will be hosting a college application night from 6 - 9pm on Wednesday, November 14th. The counseling office, career center, and the 501 computer lab will be open for use. This will be a great opportunity to work on your college applications, essays, and personal statements. Mrs. Davis, Mr. MacSlarrow, and Mrs. Rockwell will be available to answer questions and provide guidance. We hope to see you there.”

## Senior Parents

There will be a college financial aid meeting for seniors and their parents from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec 5th. We will meet in the FHS Library. The presentation will cover scholarships, grants, low-cost student loans, work-study, and how to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). A representative from the WWU Financial Aid office will be making the presentation and will be available after to answer individual questions.”

## WIAA Academic Awards

The following Ferndale High School Fall Athletic teams received WIAA academic awards. Distinguished award winners had a team GPA from 3.0-3.49. Outstanding award winners had a team GPA of 3.5 and above.

Boys V Tennis	Distinguished	3.210	Coach Rudy Vendiola
Boys JV Tennis	Distinguished	3.286	Coach John Shaw
Girls V Soccer	Distinguished	3.342	Coach Shelly Chambers
Girls JV Soccer	Distinguished	3.319	Coach Michelle Elston
Volleyball Varsity	Distinguished	3.441	Coach Patti Hoetzle
Volleyball JV	Distinguished	3.482	Coach Holly Hilton
Volleyball C	Distinguished	3.314	Coach Katie Zukowski
Girls Swimming	Distinguished	3.453	Coach Mary Guest
<b>Girls Cross Country</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>3.555</b>	<b>Coach Allison Porter</b>
Boys Cross Country	Distinguished	3.111	Coach Allison Porter
Football	Distinguished	3.069	Coach Jamie Plenkovich

## Ferndale Giving Store will Serve Local Children

The Holiday Giving Store will open for the fifth year to assure low income and homeless children in the Ferndale School District have holiday gifts. Volunteers are asking businesses, churches, schools and anyone who has the “giving spirit” to help stock the store through donations on the suggested gift list, hooded sweatshirts and cash. Last year the Giving Store was able to help 300 children from families verified to have financial need and who were not being served by other programs. Most families are referred by school personnel or through other charities, which cannot accept more requests for assistance. Many are the “working poor” struggling to make ends meet, and without discretionary income to spend during the holidays. Families interested in assistance can get an application from the school Family and Community Coordinator or school counselor, or from Tanya at the Ferndale School

District Office. Many schools are doing targeted gift drives, such as a "sports gear" drive by the Leadership Class at Ferndale High School. If interested in helping please check with your school to find out about planned activities. The next FHGS Planning Committee meeting will be held November 14, at 6 PM at Benson's Deli. To donate or offer your help, contact Mary Lafond, Coordinator, 392-0883.

## Phone Extensions

Attendance 383-9250  
Athletics 383-9249

Counseling 383-9252  
Main Office 383-9240

Registrar 383-9253  
Principal 383-9243

## School Closure/Delay Information

School Closure/Delay Line: 360-383-9888

School Closure/Delay News Posted on: [www.ferndale.wednet.edu](http://www.ferndale.wednet.edu) and [flashnews.net](http://flashnews.net)

Each year, the district faces the possibility of school closure or delay in starting time due to weather, road conditions or other emergencies. Student safety is of primary concern.

In the event of weather related incidents, district personnel and the superintendent survey various roads in the district early in the morning and decide whether students can safely reach school in cases of snow or ice.

In the event closure or a delay in starting time becomes necessary, announcements will be placed on the closure/delay line and district web site. Also, the following media stations will be requested to make announcements beginning at 6:00 am.

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)

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS, STATIONS OR THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU.**

Unless you hear an announcement to the contrary, you should assume that Ferndale School District will operate on schedule.

Buses may run behind schedule when fog, ice, or snow conditions exist. Parents are urged to see that their children are adequately clothed so that waiting in cold weather will not be too uncomfortable. In the event of starting late on a given day, buses will try to maintain a corresponding schedule. If county officials close blacktop roads to district buses, it will be the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation to school.

Unless a previous notice has been given, the district will not dismiss school early except when a definite safety or health factor is involved.

The health care system can be  
confusing and time-consuming .

Have questions?

Need health insurance?



a community-based,  
non-profit can help.

715-6594

[www.whatcomalliance.com](http://www.whatcomalliance.com)

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