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A Note from the Principal:

As we look ahead, a major event is on the horizon. On March 16th through the 19th, the reading and writing portions of the WASL will be administered to all sophomores. Meeting standard on this assessment is required for graduation. Make-ups are not allowed by the state, so attendance is required. Support and encouragement for your student will be especially important at this time. You may contact our counseling office with any questions or concerns you may have. We have targeted our instructional efforts to maximize student achievement and are here to support each student's success.

Juniors and seniors who did not pass the WASL in these areas will also be taking the assessment at this time. Juniors and seniors who wish to retake the WASL for higher scores, or freshmen who want an early challenge, may request to do so via the main office.

During WASL testing time, our campus will be open for required academic support for freshmen who earned, in first semester, a C grade or below in English, math or science; for juniors who are behind on their Junior Research paper; and for seniors who are behind on their Culminating Project. These workshops are designed to give targeted support to assist your student in being more successful in their course work.

We value our partnership with parents for each student to achieve his or her potential. Working together, we can maximize students' opportunities.

Dawn Mark

Mark Your Calendar!

January 30	Semester Work Day- No School
February 7	Band Booster's Auction
February 11	Late Arrival- One hour late
February 13-16	No School-President's week-end
February 25	Early Release
February 28	TOLO



WASL Schedule/Information

WASL Testing Schedule

March 16, 17, 18, 19, 2009

Reading: Monday/Tuesday the 16th & 17th

Writing: Wednesday/Thursday the 18th & 19th

7:54 - 10:00 a.m. WASL Testing Session (126 minute total)

- 10th Graders on Campus for WASL Testing
- 11th Graders On Campus for Jr. Research Paper Work (those identified by Jr. English teachers as needing assistance) or for WASL re-take
- 12th Graders on Campus for Sr. Project Work (those identified by Sr. English teachers as needing assistance) or for WASL re-take
- 9th Graders on Campus - students who are pre-registered to take the WASL 2009
- 9th Graders on Campus - students who are required to attend mandatory morning academic tutoring (those 9th grade students identified by content teachers as passing class with less than a 70%)

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Transition from testing - All students on campus

10:15 a.m. First Bell

1st/5th period 10:21 - 11:11 50 mins.

1st Lunch 11:11 - 11:41
2nd/6th period 11:47 - 12:37 50 mins.

2nd/6th period 11:17 - 12:07 50 mins.
2nd Lunch 12:07 - 12:37

3rd/7th period 12:43 - 1:33 50 mins.

4th/8th period 1:39 - 2:30 51 mins.

Lunch will be determined by 2nd/6th period classroom.

1st Lunch
500 Wing (except 509)
600 Wing (except 606, 607, 608, 609 and 610)
700 Wing (except S. Andres' class)

2nd Lunch
Fine Arts Bldg.
400 Wing
Gym
Rooms 101, 509, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610 and S. Andres' class

College Test Dates

Juniors planning on attending a four year university or college must take a college assessment test. Please refer to the dates below and register on line at collegeboard.com for the SAT or actstudent.org for the ACT.

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
March 14, 2009	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009
*May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009

Fee: \$45.00
Late Fee: \$68.00

ACT (American College Test)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28 - March 3, 2009
*June 13, 2009	May 08, 2009	May 9-22, 2009

Fee: No writing \$31.00
Plus Writing \$46.00
Late Fee: Add \$20.00 to test fee.

* Test to be given at Ferndale High School

We need your help!

Volunteer to be a panelist
for our Senior Culminating Project!

May 20 and/or 21, 2009 at FHS
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

You will be impressed!

Call the Career Center @ 360-383-9540
or email us: mrockwell@ferndale.wednet.edu



Scoliosis Screening for 9th Grade Students

Dear Parents:

On _____, your school nurses and/or P.E. teachers will screen students to check for scoliosis. Scoliosis is a side-to-side curve of the spine. The purpose of this screening is to recognize, at the earliest stages, any deviation from normal so that the need for referral for treatment can be determined. We provide scoliosis screening as required by law for school students in the State of Washington, at FHS in grade 9.

The procedure is a very simple one. Students are asked to stand with their back to the examiner and then they bend forward at the waist as the back is examined (Adams Maneuver). Boys and girls are screened separately. If scoliosis is suspected, you will be notified in writing, so that you can request an evaluation from your own physician.

9th grade students are screened during their P.E. classes, if they do not have a P.E. class and you would like your child screened you may schedule a screening appointment for your child, please contact our school nurses through the main office.

You may refuse screening for your child by checking one of the exemptions below and returning the signed form directly to the school office. If your child is absent, refuses to be screened, or doesn't show up to the screening area he/she will not be screened, unless you schedule a make-up appointment.

It is important that you follow-up with your child on the evening of the screening to ascertain if they were screened, as only suspected cases will be referred in writing.

Sincerely,

Principal

Student's Name _____

_____ Please do not screen my child for spinal curvature as it conflicts with my personal, religious or philosophical beliefs.

_____ Please do not screen my child for spinal curvature as he/she is presently under the care of a health care provider for spinal curvature or a related condition.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signed exemptions forms must be delivered to the school on or before the day of screening.

Senior Grad Night 2009

To parents/guardians of FHS seniors: Sign up now to reserve a spot for your senior at Grad Night 2009, a drug-and-alcohol-free, all-night celebration which will take place after the graduation ceremony on June 6th. This promises to be an exciting, memorable and safe way to celebrate our graduates' accomplishments.

The Grad Night is being organized by a parent committee; this is not an FHS-sponsored event. The exact details of the party are going to be left a surprise, but some of the exciting possibilities for the evening might include: Dancing, swimming, music, great food, a hypnotist, comedy and much more...all in the company of FHS friends, together for a last hurrah!

The cost for the night's festivities will be \$50.00. The more people who go, the less the cost will be for everyone, and our continuing fundraising efforts will reduce the cost even more. If the total cost is reduced, you'll be reimbursed the difference!

Suggested payment schedule for the \$50:

\$25 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot - NOW

\$25 balance by May 20th, 2008, though payment in full may be made any time prior to May 20th.

Please mail tear-off and payment to: Class of 2009 Grad Night, P.O Box 2355, Ferndale, WA 98248

Student's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Amount included \$ _____

Permission Form: I give my permission for the above-named student to participate in the Ferndale High School Grad Night 2009 celebration organized by the Ferndale Senior Class of '09 Parent Committee. In consideration of this student being allowed to participate in the above activity, I agree to hold the Ferndale Senior Class of '09 Parent Committee, and any entertainment company they may be working with, harmless from any claim by or against it arising out of any negligent or wrongful action by the student. I understand the Ferndale School District #502 is in no way involved in this event. I understand that any misconduct or possession of illegal substances or weapons by the student will be reason for immediate removal from the Grad Night event and that I will be responsible for transporting him/her home. I give permission for the Grad Night chaperones to seek the services of a licensed medical professional in the case of an accident or illness requiring medical aid for this student. Phone number where I can be reached during the hours of the event in case of an emergency: ()_____.

Medical needs to be aware of:_____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I understand and agree to the above. Student Signature:_____

Both Parent/Guardian and Student signatures are REQUIRED.

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