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What's Up?

Read on for . . .

- Withdrawing a student
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- Chess Jam

Also check the FHS web site at www.ferndale.wednet.edu/fhs for Career Center News, State Deadlines for WASL testing, and WASL Test Prep information.

A Note from the Principal:

As we look ahead, a major event is on the horizon. During the weeks of March 12th and 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 necessary. Support and encouragement for your student will be especially important at this time. You may contact our counseling office with any questions/concerns you may have. We have targeted our instructional efforts to maximize student achievement and are here to support each student's success.

Juniors who did not pass the WASL in these areas will also be taking the assessment at this time. Juniors who wish to retake the WASL for higher scores, or freshmen who want an early challenge, may go on line at OSPI to register.

During this time, our campus will be open for required academic support and instruction for freshmen who earned in first semester a C grade or below in English, math or science, for juniors who are behind in their Junior Research Paper, and for seniors who are behind on their Culminating Project. These workshops are designed to give specific support to assist your student to be more successful. Working together, we can maximize student's opportunities.

Dawn Fairchild

Mark Your Calendar!

January 15
February 5
February 5
February 6
February 7
February 7
February 8
February 19-23

Martin Luther King Day - No school
Parent Advisory - Room 503 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Finals - Blue Day
Finals - Gold Day
Semester Work Day - No school
FHS Concert Series - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
Start of second semester - BLUE DAY
Mid Winter Break



Withdrawals

Students transferring from one school district to another require specific documentation for the receiving school. If you plan to move or your student will NOT be attending in Ferndale for second semester, please be sure to notify Mrs. Yale at 383-9253 TWO DAYS before the last school day your student will attend. This will allow your student to complete the withdrawal process, return books, pay fees and/or fines. Unreturned books or unpaid fines will prevent us from sending the transcript required by the new school. If a withdrawal is last minute it may take several days before they can begin attendance at the new school. Please let us know as soon as possible.

Student's withdrawing before the last day of the semester (February 6) may lose credit for incomplete classes. Be sure to contact your student's counselor if they will be withdrawing before the end of the semester.

Part Time Seniors

Seniors who are taking all the classes they need to graduate BUT are not taking at least 7 classes per semester are reported as PART TIME students to DSHS, social security, court child support inquiries, etc. PLEASE be sure you are aware of your student's status if you need to file these reports.

Report Card Information

Final Report cards for first semester will be withheld if there are any outstanding fines or fees. Contact the ASB Office at 383.9281 if you have questions regarding fines and fees.

Whatcom County Scholastic Chess Championships January 13, 2007 at the Lynden Fairgrounds

Open to youth who attend school or reside in Whatcom County. A chess tournament for chess players of all abilities, from beginner to experienced tournament competitor, from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Players must pre-register to play. No on-site entries. Entry fee \$7, all entries must be mailed in with entry fee enclosed, and must be received no later than Thursday, Jan. 11. Mail entries to: Theresa Tromp Chess Tournament, P.O.Box 705, Lynden WA 98264; Include the following: Student's Full Name, Address, School, Grade, Phone, Email, Entry fee. FAQ at <http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/whatcom07.html>.

Tenth Annual International Chess Jam is open to Grades K-12 Saturday, February 3, 2007 in the FHS Cafeteria

Lots of changes this year for the tenth edition of The Jam. Four sections: K-1, 2-3, 4-6 and 7-12th grade sections. The FHS Big Hall will be available for camping/running. Door prizes have returned, the biggie being a Franklin Mint Star Trek three-dimensional chess set. Advance registration only (unlike in years past.) The FFA Festival running concurrently in the gym that day might provide fun between-round activities, stay tuned. Full entry information and FAQ is at <http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/jam07.html>.

Senior Grad Night 2007

TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF FHS SENIORS: Sign up now to reserve a spot for your senior at Grad Night 2007, a drug-and-alcohol-free, all-night celebration which will take place immediately after the graduation ceremony. 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 *no more* than \$100. 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 \$100:

\$40 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot - NOW

\$30 payment by February 1, 2007

\$30 balance by May 15, 2007

- Payment in full may be made any time prior to May 15 (if the total cost is reduced by fundraising, you will be reimbursed the difference).
- No portion of the payment is refundable after May 15.
- The cost will increase \$10 for any payments made after May 15.

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Please mail tear-off and payment to:

Class of 2007 Grad Night, 1410 W. Axton Rd. 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 2007 celebration organized by the Ferndale Senior Class of '07 Parent Committee. In consideration of this student being allowed to participate in the above activity, I agree to hold the Ferndale Senior Class of '07 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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