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Also check the FHS web site at www.ferndale.wednet.edu/fhs for information about the WASL.

A Note from the Principal:

WASL testing is unique this year with many predictions about the future of the assessment. Until the legislature passes a law to change it, meeting standard on the WASL reading, writing and math remains a graduation requirement for the class of 2008 and beyond. Students should give their best efforts. We will communicate any changes and how they might impact your student.

This summer we will again offer summer school for students who did not pass the WASL. Courses will be focused on core content in reading, writing and math, and supplemental with key test taking skills and strategies. Students will have an opportunity in August, immediately after summer school ends, to take the WASL again. For more information contact Shannon O'Brien at 383-9258.

May 17th offers an opportunity to observe our seniors as they give their culminating project presentations to project boards. This is the final component in their senior project and an important step on the road to graduation. Community members are encouraged to join in a presentation panel and the celebration of our students' accomplishments. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Janell Massey at 383-9272.

Dawn Fairchild

Mark Your Calendar!

April 9 - 11
April 17 - 20
April 28
May 7
May 7
May 17
May 24

Spring Break
WASL Testing - Check below for late arrival schedule
Prom - Ferry Terminal, 9:00 - midnight
Latino Parent Night, 5:30 - 6:00 in the Cafeteria
Parent Advisory, Room 503, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Culminating Project Presentations - Early Release at 11:13 a.m.
Culminating Project Make-up Day - Time to be announced



Culminating Project Information/Schedule

MAY 17 will be the Culminating Projects Presentation Day for Seniors. This will be an early dismissal day for all other students. Following is the schedule:

First period	7:54	-	8:39
Second period	8:46	-	9:31
Third period	9:38	-	10:23
Fourth period	10:30	-	11:13

Actual presentations will start at 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Culminating Project Panels

May 17, FHS seniors will be presenting their culminating projects to a panel of community members and staff. If you are interested in participating on one of these panels, please email or call Janell Massey, Career Specialist, as soon as possible --jmassey@ferndale.wednet.edu or 383-9272. This is a great opportunity for parents of underclassmen to gain a better understanding of the culminating project process.

Senior Photos for Senior Recognition

Senior photos are needed now for the Senior Rec presentation. Check photo albums, family videos, CDs, and other collections of family pictures for photos you'd like to have included. Photos are due no later than April 20, and may be sent to the Counseling Office or the Library.

Photos in printed or digital formats can be used. Please identify the exact photos you want shown and be sure to mark with your name and/or the name of your student. Please limit individual pictures to no more than two per student, but you may submit multiple pictures of groups of students. Photos will be returned.

Interpreters

Ferndale School District is seeking Spanish and Russian language interpreters to interpret during parent meetings. If you are interested, please contact Renee in the district's special services office at 383-9212 or via email at rmclluskey@ferndale.wednet.edu.

Community Meeting

Second Annual City of Ferndale Community Meeting - Ferndale 2027 - "You spoke, we listened." The Community Coordinating Association (CCA) of Ferndale is hosting a "Second" Annual Community Meeting at Eagleridge Elementary School on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7 pm. ALL citizens are encouraged to attend! We will be reviewing and confirming the community "Vision Statement" created by the citizens in 2006, presenting a comprehensive plan update, an updated city status

report, a report of the transportation task force, a centennial celebration report, and a discussion on how to get involved. There are a lot of exciting new developments happening within the City of Ferndale and we need the citizens of the community to help in planning the future of this city! Like Margaret Mead said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that we ever had." If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jodi Wills at 360-380-0745 or e-mail at jodiwills@hotmail.com.

Merçi

A big "Merçi" to all who donated berries and Waffle Irons for our French Celebration of the WAFL W.A.S.L. The Waffles were délicieux and the kids really enjoyed them. *Melissa Monda*

Senior Health Information

Pursuant to WAC 246.100.166, page 93, Washington state immunization law requires all teenagers to have a tetanus/diphtheria booster (Td or Tdap) by their 17th birthday. If you have not had yours, please contact your health care provider or local health clinic. Tetanus/diphtheria boosters should be repeated every 10 years. If you are injured, seek medical advice about getting a booster even sooner.

An increasing number of employers, universities, community colleges, technical institutes, and the military are requiring immunization information. We recommend all seniors request a copy of their immunization record before they graduate.

Washington state law requires the district to keep your cumulative file for two years after graduation. After that time, you may have your file upon request. The file is destroyed approximately May 1st in the third year after graduation.

Returning Athletes Sports Physicals

There will be a returning athletes sports physical night on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. Cost to register is \$10.00. Students must pick up an eligibility packet and return the completed packet along with the payment to the Athletic Office at Ferndale High School. At that time, we can sign the students up for an appointment. This is for returning athletes only, incoming freshman are required to have a full physical. If you would like further information, please contact the Athletic Office at 383-9249.

Class Fees Are Now Overdue!

If your student is taking an art, ceramics, industrial technology or photographics class - there is a class fee. Contact the ASB office at 383.9281 for more information.

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. You can pick up a registration packet in the counseling office or register on line at collegeboard.com or act.org.

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
*May 05, 2007	April 03, 2007	April 11, 2007
*June 02, 2007	April 27, 2007	May 09, 2007
Fee: \$41.50		
Late Fee: \$63.00		

ACT (American College Test)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
June 09, 2007	May 04, 2007	May 18, 2007
Fee: No writing, \$29.00 Plus writing, \$43.00		
Late Fee: add \$19.00 to test fee		

*Test to be given at Ferndale High School

WASL

For key dates having to do with the WASL and for our WASL schedule, please go to the FHS web site at www.ferndale.wednet.edu/fhs and click on the WASL link in the menu.

Need a Sports Physical?

To participate in public school sports programs, your child must have a physical exam within the last 12 months.

Sports physicals are different than complete physicals, which emphasize prevention and health education.

Most family doctors recommend that children over the age of 14 have a complete physical at least every two years.

No Health Insurance for your child? There is help.

Washington State offers health insurance to children of all ages. Did you know that a family of four can make \$4300 a month & still qualify?

Call 715-6594 to see if this is an option for your child. Applying is easy!

The Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA) is a nonprofit community service that helps families look at their options (both state and commercial plans) and complete applications.

Most types of health insurance don't pay for sports physicals

Complete physicals are covered by insurance,
usually without a co-pay.

The easiest & best way to clear your child to participate in sports is to give them the benefit of a complete physical every year, which can be scheduled in the summer before school begins and is valid for sports participation all year.

1. Call your child's primary care doctor.
2. Ask to schedule a complete annual physical.
3. Present your child's insurance coverage at registration.
4. Ask the doctor to complete the school's physical form.
5. It is important to remind the doctor to give your child a complete physical and not just review the things requested on the form.

But practice starts in a week and our doctor doesn't have an appointment that soon. What do we do?

- Ask your child's school if there are any sports physical clinics planned.
- Ask if your doctor can schedule sooner for a sports physical and what it will cost if your insurance doesn't pay for the visit.
- Call the walk-in clinics listed on the back of this sheet to see if they schedule complete physicals. If they do, make sure they accept your insurance without a referral.

Whatcom Alliance

for
Healthcare Access
715-6594
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Clinics for Urgent Care in Whatcom County



Walk-In Health Clinic

4029 Northwest Ave
Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 734-2330

Hours: 8am - 6pm M-F
8:30am - 5pm Sat-Sun

- Open DSHS coupons
- Medicare
- Molina & CHPW not accepted

Express Care

4280 Meridian St Suite 120
Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 734-4300

Hours: 8am-8pm M-F
9am-5pm Sat

Commercial Insurance Only

Village Family Medicine

910 Harris Ave Suite 102
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 734-2131

Hours: 9am-6pm M, T, Th, F
9am-4pm W

- Primary Care/ Urgent Care
- Open DSHS coupons
- Molina & CHPW not accepted

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