

From the principal:



In today's society, our schedules tend to feel more full than free. Throughout the year, the students, staff and parents of Fremd High School find a way to donate their time and energy to others. My thanks to each one of you who have taken the time to help others within the Fremd High School community and beyond. As we approach our winter break from classes, I hope that your schedule allows you to find time to spend with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small
Principal

After School Tutoring

In an effort to increase student achievement, Fremd continues to offer students a resource to assist them with their school work. Our After School Tutoring Program meets from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Room 2. Students who are in need of academic support can attend the tutoring center, no appointment necessary. Tutors consist of Fremd High School teachers certified in the areas of English, Math, and Science. Tutors are available to assist students with their homework, test or quiz preparation, written essays and other academic systems of support. Math tutors are available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; science tutors on Tuesday and Wednesday; and English tutors on Thursday. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's counselor or Assistant Principal Tony Miller at amiller@d211.org.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Each year at Honors Convocation in May, distinguished Fremd High School alumni are recognized. The award recognizes Fremd High School graduates for achievements in their profession and philanthropic contributions to their communities and provides current students with role models for exceptional accomplishments. Those nominated must have graduated from Fremd High School at least 10 years ago; demonstrate a high level of achievement with significant accomplishments in their field; and exhibit leadership, character, and service to their community. Parents, staff, retired staff, and all interested parties are asked to make nominations. Self-nominations are welcome. Individuals who wish to nominate an alumnus should complete the nomination form that is available on Fremd's website under the "General Info" tab. The deadline for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award nominations is January 31, 2011.

Planning a Vacation

As the holiday season is approaching, if you are planning a vacation which will affect your student's attendance at school, please call the attendance office (755-2670) early to pre-arrange absence(s). A pre-excused pass will be issued and the student can pick up the pass the following morning. The student must procure signatures of all instructors and return the signed pre-excused pass to the attendance office at the end of the same school day.

*Have a safe and happy
holiday season!*

*from the staff at
Fremd High School*



Grant - A - Wish Program

The FHS National Honor Society will be kicking off the annual Grant- A -Wish and Angel Tree wish drive. This is the largest charity event for the FHS National Honor Society and more than 500 wishes for underprivileged children in Chicago along with 160 children and senior citizens in Palatine are served by this event. NHS members are responsible for getting wishes out to FHS students and staff along with local businesses and community members. December 8 is collection day with gifts being delivered on December 9 and 10.

dates to remember

- Dec. 7** Orchestra Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 9** Choral Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 11** Booster Craft Fair
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14** Band Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 17** Dance Team Holiday Show
students may attend during their lunch hour
Kolze Auditorium
- Winter Vacation Begins
at the Close of School
- Jan. 3** School Resumes
- Jan. 17** Martin Luther King Day
No School
- Jan. 19** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 1, 2 and 3
- Jan. 20** Incoming Freshmen
Parent/Student Night
7:00 p.m.
- First Semester Final Exams
Periods 4, 5 and 6
- Jan. 21** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 7 and 8
- Jan. 24** Teacher Institute
No School
- Jan. 25** Floral Design Showcase
7:00 p.m. Kolze Auditorium
- Second Semester Begins
- Jan. 27** College Planning Seminar

Included with this
Newsletter is the
Computer Network Use
brochure.
Please take some time
to review it.

Viking achievements are reasons to celebrate

- ✱ Individual departments began in late October to nominate students for the Viking Pride (Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence) Awards. This award recognizes outstanding achievement or improvement. Our congratulations to the following winners: **Amy Andersen, Frank Biagi, Michael Chemello, Julie Conrath, David Czerkies, Scott Downing, Sam Fox, Grayson Garcia, Miranda Gerowitz, Angelica Green, Jarrell Lewis, Marlo Marisie, Briana McAlister, Kaitlyn McGuinn, Teagan Reid, Luke Rohrbacher, Bushra Shams, Laura Smearman, Ashley Stallings, Erika Teufel, Sudheer Vundru, Justin Wallace, Jessica Xenakis, Lauren Zambelli, and Mayra Zavala.**
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Josh Teschner** and the Boys Golf Team on placing 10th at the IHSA State Meet. **Zach Isoda** had a hole-in-one!
- ✱ Congratulations to Boys Cross Country runner **Jake Winter** on being named All-Conference.
- ✱ Congratulations to Girls Cross Country runners **Kelly Breen, Victoria Moroney** and **Emi Sudo** on being named All-Conference.
- ✱ Congratulations to the Girls Tennis Doubles Team **Holly Kometer** and **Maggie Lundholm** on qualifying for the IHSA State Meet.
- ✱ Congratulations to English teacher **Jaclyn DeRose** who received the ISBE *Those Who Excel* Early Career Educator Award.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Lauren Hall** and the Girls Tennis team on placing 3rd in the IHSA Sectional.
- ✱ Congratulations to Girls Volleyball All-Conference players **Alex Messner** and **Kayla Price.**
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Mike Bruce** and the Boys Cross Country Team on placing 4th at the IHSA Regionals and advancing to the Sectional Meet.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Steve Keller** and the Boys Soccer Team on winning the IHSA Regional Championship.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Mark Anderson** and the Girls Cross Country Team on placing 2nd at the IHSA Regional and qualifying for the Sectional Meet. **Kelly Breen** was named All-Regional with a 3rd place finish.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Tony Romano** for being awarded the Illinois Author of the Year award by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English.
- ✱ Congratulations to English October Student of the Month **Elise Dirkes-Jacks.**
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Mike Donatucci** and the Fremd Football Team on their first round victory in the playoffs.
- ✱ Congratulations to Girls Cross Country runner **Kelly Breen** on placing 7th in the IHSA Sectional and qualifying for the State Meet. **Kelly** was also named All-Sectional.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Andrew Kittrell** and the Girls Swimming & Diving Team on tying for 2nd Place in the MSL Conference. **Breanna Anderson, Megan Kennedy, Emily McCarthy** and **Amy McEllen** placed 2nd in the 200 Free Relay.
- ✱ Congratulations to FCS teacher **Jen Mertins** and the pre-school classes on organizing and running a terrific Halloween Trick-or-treat fest.

Looking for Holiday Gifts

Fremd High School Viking Booster Club *Holiday Craft Fair* is on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Free admission and parking! Complete your last minute holiday shopping with over 200 crafters who offer unique handmade items, seasonal decor, stocking stuffers, gourmet food and more. Concessions are available all day.

The Viking Spirit Shop has new items for students, families and friends of Fremd! New this year: winter hats, sports bags, flannel pajama pants, ornaments, personalized pillows, and tee shirts for moms, dads and future Vikes. The spirit shop is open Monday-Thursday 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

A Few Reminders...

- First semester final exams are scheduled for January 19, 20, and 21. Students must bring their textbooks to class before they will be allowed to take final examinations. **Students who do not turn in their textbooks or fail to pay for lost textbooks will not be allowed to take their final examinations.** Please help us avoid the extra tension this situation creates by reminding your kids to have their books available according to their teachers' instruction.
- Picking up students after a dance, activity, or sporting event? Parents are reminded that special school dances usually end at 10:30 p.m. Most other events are over by 9:30 p.m. We would appreciate your assistance in arranging rides so that we can clear and secure the building as quickly as possible.