

From the principal:



With Spring Break behind us, we begin the final stretch of the 2007-2008 school year. For some of our teachers, it is also the final stretch of their teaching career. This year the Fremd community celebrates the career contributions of the following retirees:

Jack Drollinger, Ron Dowiarz, Carol Plodzien, Joan Volberding and Karen McConnell. Each of these teachers and support staff personnel has made a lasting contribution to the Fremd culture through the sharing of their special talents. Their impact on students is impossible to measure and brings to mind the words of Pat Conroy who said, "One can do anything, anything at all...if provided with a passionate and gifted teacher."

Most likely, we have all received support, guidance or a kick in the pants from a special teacher or coach. Unfortunately, many of us have never taken the opportunity to express our appreciation to these individuals. Others of us may have waited years after graduation to do so. Every year we offer students, parents, and graduates the opportunity to say "thank you" to Fremd faculty in a formal, meaningful way. Our annual **Staff Member Commendation** forms will be presented to faculty during teacher appreciation week May 5-9. A form is included in this mailing and is also available on the Fremd website. All commendations are due in the main office by **May 1**. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete one. There is nothing more rewarding to a teacher than a personal note from a student or parent. I am certain your thought will be appreciated by that person for years to come.

Sincerely,

Marina D. Scott
Principal

Senior Brunch pictures

The Senior Brunch Committee is busy planning a memorable Senior Brunch for the Class of 2008. The brunch will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Stonegate restaurant in Hoffman Estates on May 29. Brunch tickets will be available from our cashier from May 12-23 for \$10.00. Additional information for seniors can be found on the website.

Calling all scholarship winners

If your son or daughter has won a scholarship for use at a college or university, please advise your student's counselor. We will be happy to announce these accomplishments at our Honor's Ceremony on May 21. In order to give students recognition, we must have notification from you no later than Monday, May 5. For record keeping purposes, we request that a copy of the award letter be on file with the counselor.

Senior final exam exemption reminder ...

In order to qualify for the senior final examination exemption, seniors must meet the following criteria:

- Have at least a C average in the class;
- Have less than six absences from the class;
- Have never been truant from the class;
- Have never been suspended from the class;
- Not be incomplete on assignments required by the teacher

Seniors may qualify for an exemption from their last semester final examinations in English, mathematics, and/or science if the student meets all the above criteria plus:

- Has met or exceeded standards on the Prairie State Achievement Examination in the corresponding core academic area. Seniors who do not exempt from last semester final examinations will take their examinations at the regularly scheduled times for semester examinations.

Sophomores select class rings

In April, representatives from the sophomore class will view displays from ring companies for this year's ring sales. Information packets and ordering instructions will be made available to interested students and orders will be taken later this spring. Rings will be ready during the summer and may be paid for then or when school resumes. All class ring purchases are optional, and students should review costs and styles with their parents before they decide on class ring purchases.

April State Testing

Juniors across the state of Illinois are preparing to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) on April 23 and 24. The P.S.A.E. measures a student's progress in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. Students are required to participate in the P.S.A.E. or Illinois Alternative Assessment to be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

On April 23 and 24, 2008, all junior students will be taking the PSAE and sophomore students will be participating in practice ACT and WorkKeys assessments. The results for junior students will be a part of their official transcript. The results for sophomore students will provide information regarding areas of improvement needed in English, mathematics and science. On April 23, freshman and senior students will not have classes for the day; sophomore and junior students will be dismissed following the exam at approximately 11:55 a.m. On April 24, sophomores and juniors will test in the morning; and ALL students will have a late start beginning at 10:25 a.m. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for all students at the start of the day and back home at the end of their respective schedules.

Additional information regarding the PSAE the specific schedules for students on April 23 and 24 will be sent to parents and students prior to the test dates. Information on the tests and sample test items are also available on the Illinois State Board of Education website, <http://www.isbe.net/assessment>.



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-2600.

dates to remember

- April 8** NHS Induction – 7:00 p.m.
- April 8** Pinhole Camera Reception
7:00 p.m.
- April 9** Spring Choral Concert
Countryside Church
7:00 p.m.
- April 11** Concerto/Aria Concert
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- April 16** Activity Recognition Program
Cafeteria, 4:30 p.m.
- April 22** Principal's Advisory Board of
Parents Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 24** Academic Teams' Awards
Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- April 23-24** Prairie State Exams for
Juniors
- May 7** 4x5 Art Show Reception
(Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.)
- May 5-16** Advanced Placement Testing
- May 15-17** Spring Play
"Up the Down Staircase"
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- May 21** Honors Convocation
Kolze Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

College Visitation

College-bound juniors and seniors may be excused for two days to visit colleges to which they have applied for admission. These absences must be prearranged through the attendance office by calling 847.755.2670 early with the dates. Be sure to mention that the absence is due to a college visit as it is coded differently.



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Vikings Shine!

- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Shana Dinham** and Varsity Vikes on their State Championship in their Winterguard Program and their 2nd place finish at State in their 3 minute flag routine.
- ★ Congratulations to Coaches **Nicole Clement** and **Katie Fedota** and the Varsity Pom Team on winning 3rd place in pom at the State Competition.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Jim Guest** and the Girl's Gymnastics Team for winning the IHSA Girl's Gymnastics State Championship. Also, congratulations to **Mary Burke** for winning all four individual events and the all around, as well as, **Tori Sarantakis** who was a third place medalist in the balance beam.
- ★ Congratulations to **Sam Childs** on being named the MSL Conference Champion in the 200 freestyle for boy's swimming.
- ★ Congratulations to the Boy's Swim Team and Coach **Nicole La Beau** for winning the IHSA Sectional Swim meet. Sectional Champions were: **Sam Childs**-200 Free & 100 Free; **Brandon Trostrud**-Diving; **Jeff Freund**-500 Free; and **Varun Shivakumar**-100 Backstroke. Also qualifying for the state meet are: **Evan Ruggiero**-Diving; **Mike Moravek**-100 Breaststroke; 200 Medley Relay Team, 200 Freestyle Relay Team & 400 Free Relay Team.
- ★ Congratulations to **Sam Childs** who received a 12th place state medal in both the 100 yard freestyle and the 200 yard freestyle races at the Boys State Swim meet.
- ★ Congrats to the FHS Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo for their straight "Superior/Division 1" Ratings at Saturday's "Jazz in the Meadows" Festival at Rolling Meadows High School. Both ensembles were awarded three straight superior ratings from six different judges.
- ★ Junior **Patrick Kennedy** was also awarded "Outstanding Jazz Soloist" for the entire large school Jazz Combo division (ten schools). Patrick was awarded full tuition to an outstanding summer jazz camp for his performance
- ★ Junior **Sahana Rao** recently testified before the Illinois Legislative Committee on Environment and Energy regarding a bill she had drafted as a part of the Critical Thinking/Gifted program. Sahana's legislation on the use of recycled paper in public schools is being sponsored in the legislature by Rep. Suzi Bassi.
- ★ Congratulations to February English Student of the Month **Rita Pello**.
- ★ Congratulations to Family & Consumer Sciences February Student of the Month **Stephanie Kendzior**
- ★ Congratulations to Business February Student of the Month **Cody Adams**.
- ★ Congratulations to **Kelly Johnson** on being recognized as a Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award winner.
- ★ Congratulations to **John LaPointe** on qualifying for the state wrestling tournament at 285 lbs.
- ★ Congratulations to **Kellie Kinsella** on being one of the eight top runners-up for the 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Award of Illinois.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Speech State Qualifiers: **Chris Pantelis** and **Logan Frey** (Dramatic Duet Acting); **Rita Pello** (Radio Speaking); and **Elodie Senetra** (Verse Reading).
- ★ Congratulations to sponsor **Jeremy Malinowski** and the Snow Sculpture team on placing 2nd at the 4th Annual Chicago Snow Sculpting Competition with their entry "The Great Escape." Members of the 2008 team are: Team Captain- **Thomas Wall (Sr.)**, **Daniel Klaisner (Sr.)**, **Jaclyn Macek (Sr.)**, and **Emily Smietana (Jr.)**
- ★ Congratulations to **Sarah Finegan** on placing 1st in the entire state (out of hundreds of students who auditioned) in flute. Congratulations also to **Colin Fleming** who placed 1st in the state for percussion.
- ★ Congratulations to FCS March Student of the Month **Heather Blazek**.
- ★ Congratulations to coach **Kevin Palmer** and the Scholastic Bowl Team on being Regional Champions.
- ★ Congratulations to the following BPA National Qualifiers: **Jeni Hauer & Marie Fitton**; **Greg Tourville**: 2nd Place in both C++ Programming and Java Programming; **Nathan Shumway**: 2nd Place for Extemporaneous Speech; **Jim Steinberg**: 5th Place for Fundamentals of XHTML; **Christine Chen**: 1st Place for Presentation Management Individual; **Krishan Thakkar**: 3rd Place for Presentation Management Individual;
- ★ Congratulations to **Joey DePaolis** on advancing to the IHSA "Country Companies" boys basketball 3 point shootout at Peoria this weekend.
- ★ Congratulations to school psychologist **Dr. Julia Coyne** for earning her doctorate degree from Loyola University, Chicago.
- ★ Congratulations to March Business Student of the Month **Patrick Xanakis**.
- ★ Congratulations to **Srona Sengupta** March English Student of the Month
- ★ Congratulations to sponsor **Marilyn Berdick** and Group Interpretation for placing second in the IHSA sectional and advancing to the state finals this weekend in Springfield.
- ★ Congratulations to sponsor **Judy Klingner** and Contest Play for placing second in the IHSA sectional and advancing to the state finals in Springfield.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who were named to the All-State cast for Group Interpretation at the State Competition: **Sally Fluhler**, **Michelle Oates**, **Chris Pantelis** and **Brian Park**.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Debate Team winners: **Nathan Shumay** took quarterfinalist honors in the Lincoln Douglas Debate at the ISHA State Debate Tournament; **Tyler Igielski** and **Dan Kendzior** won the octo-finalist medal in Public Forum; **Laura Tong** and **Ajooi Sethi** took 3rd place in Public Forum at the State Championship.
- ★ Congratulations to the Boys Track Team for their 3rd place finish at the MSL Invitational. Congratulations to indoor conference Champions **Desmond Ogoke**- 55 meter dash, **Jeff Bobek**-shot put, and **John Wood**- pole vault.
- ★ Congratulations to **Meghan Shanahan** for being named to the All-State Cast for Contest Play at the IHSA State Tournament.
- ★ Congratulations to junior **Joanna Cichomski** on winning the 2008 gold medal in Cadet Women's Saber at the Junior Olympic Championships in Charlotte, North Carolina and being named a member of the USA National Team for the 2008 Junior Cadet World Championships to be held in Italy in April.