

From the principal:



The beginning of April marks the start of the final quarter of our school year. For some of our faculty, it is also the final stretch of their career in education. This year, the Fremd community celebrates the contributions of the following retirees: **Dwight Aukee**, English teacher; **Gregory Douglas Haney**, mathematics teacher; **Gael Laymon**, world language teacher; **Michiko Murakami**, food service; **Charlene Paddock**, assistant principal's secretary; **Irene Pinion**, media assistant; **James Ryan**, custodial/maintenance personnel; and **Donna Testo**, attendance clerk. They have placed their personal touches on the lives of the 3,350 people who walk daily through the doors of the school each year!

Compassion appears throughout our lives in unique ways. It may be someone who has pushed us a little further than we would have gone, taken the time to stop and listen, or patiently lent assistance without being asked. Every year, we offer students, parents, graduates, and community members the opportunity to say "thank you" to a member of the Fremd staff through our annual **Staff Member Commendation** form. All commendations received by May 4 will become a part of teacher appreciation week (May 4-8). A commendation form is included in this mailing and is also available on the Fremd website under the **Parent** tab. Please consider someone at Fremd who has made a difference and take a moment to send your thanks. I would also encourage you to help your son or daughter use this form to send a note of gratitude to a school staff member. A personal note that may be done in just minutes can have everlasting effects.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small
Principal

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 20. In order to give students recognition, we must have notification from you no later than Monday, May 4. For record keeping purposes, we request that a copy of the award letter be on file with the counselor.

Senior final exam exemption policy 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.

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 at that time 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 22 and 23. 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 22 and 23, 2009, 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 22, freshman and senior students will not have classes for the day; sophomore and junior students will be dismissed following the exam at approximately 12:05 p.m. On April 23, sophomores and juniors will test in the morning; and ALL students will have a late start beginning at 10:20 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 and the specific schedules for students on April 22 and 23 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>.

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.



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

dates to remember

- April 6** NHS Induction – 7:00 p.m.
- April 7** Pinhole Camera Reception
7:00 p.m.
- April 8** Concerto/Aria Concert
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- April 10** Non-Attendance Day
- April 13** Teacher Institute - No Classes
- April 14** Incoming Freshman Student
Night - 7:00 p.m.
- April 16** Activity Recognition Program
Cafeteria, 4:30 p.m.
- April 17** Choral Classics Concert
Countryside Church, 7:00 p.m.
- April 20** Principal's Advisory Board of
Parents Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- April 22-23** Prairie State Exams for Juniors
- April 27** Academic Teams' Awards
Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- May 4-15** Advanced Placement Testing
- May 6** 4x5 Art Show Reception
(Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.)
- May 14-16** Spring Play,
"A Comedy of Errors"
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Summer School Food Service

During summer school, the food service department will be offering a complimentary breakfast in the cafeteria to all students before the start of the school day.

Also, in addition to cash payments, prepayment accounts will now be accessible to in-district students for a la carte purchases. Deposits can be applied to a student's prepayment account by check or cash, and deposit slips are located by the cafeteria cashier. Account balances from the school year will transfer with students to their summer school building.

If you are not currently approved for free or reduced price meals and would like to apply for summer school, applications are available in the schools. Please remember that a new application must be completed for the 2009-2010 school year. The new application will be mailed to all households at the end of July.

If you have any questions, please call the Director of Food Service at (847) 755-6680.

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Vikings Shine!

- ★ Congratulations to December Social Studies Student of the Month **Gilberto Cisneros**.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Nicole LaBeau** and the Boys' Swimming Team on being the MSL West Division Champions. Congratulations to sophomore **Jeff Freundis** on being the Conference Champion in the 500 Freestyle.
- ★ Congratulations to wrestler **Jim Norris** on winning the Sectional Championship with a record of 39-1 and qualifying for the State championship.
- ★ Congratulations to sponsor **Jan Boehm** and the Fremd Math Team on placing 1st in the ICTM Regional and advancing to State. State qualifiers include: **Arjun Arya, Leslie Chan, Adam Cheng, Danny Cho, Ashley Chong, Moez Dawood, Amir Djavid, Tyler Gregory, Annie Huang, Chao Huang, Prathi Jain, Peri Johnson, Ina Joshi, John Kaczor, Nikhi Kanneganti, Sameera Kanneganti, Bonjoon Koo, Albert Kim, Robert Kramer, Alwina Liu, Michelle Lundholm, Vivek Mehta, Akshaj Pole, Akshaya Prabhakaran, Arjun Puranik, Christine Qian, Meygappan Ramu, Rohan Shah, Richard Sheng, Henry Shin, Andrew Song, and Jerry Zhou.**
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Nicole LaBeau** and the Boys' Swim Team on placing 2nd at the Sectional Meet. The following students received awards: Diving 2nd place, **Evan Russiero**; 3rd place and State Qualifier, 200 Medley Relay of **Varun Shivakumar, Mike Freeman, Brent Caras, and Sam Childs**; 1st place and State Qualifier, 200 Freestyle, **Sean Gonzalez**; 1st place and State Qualifier 200 IM, **Varun Shivakumar**; 3rd place and State Qualifier, 50 Free, **Brent Caras**; 3rd place, 100 Fly, **Sean Carroo**; 2nd place and State Qualifier, 100 Free, **Sam Childs**; 1st place and State Qualifier, 500 Free, **Jeff Freund**; 2nd place and State qualifier, 200 Free Relay; 1st place, State Qualifier and new sectional record, 100 Back, **Varun Shivakumar**; 1st place, State Qualifier, and new sectional record, 400 Relay of **Sean Gonzalez, Dustin Anderson, Varun Shivakumar, and Sam Childs.**
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Jim Guest** and the Girls Gymnastics Team on being Sectional Champions. **Tori Sarantakis** was the Sectional Champion in the All-Around, Vault, Uneven Bars, & Floor Exercise Events; **Sarah Torp** was the Sectional Champion on the Balance Beam; **Maegan Wochinski** placed 3rd on Uneven Bars, and **Alyssia VanDuch** placed 4th on the Uneven Bars and 5th on the Vault.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Jim Guest** and the Girls' Gymnastics Team on taking 4th place at the State Competition. **Tori Sarantakis** placed 2nd on Floor Exercise, 4th in the All-Around, and 5th on Vault and **Sarah Torp** placed 2nd on the Balance Beam.
- ★ Congratulations to the Varsity Scholastic Bowl team on winning the 2008-2009 MSL Conference Championship. Seniors **Max Meigel** and **Robert Kramer** were named MSL West All-Stars.
- ★ Congratulations to seniors **Michelle Lundholm** and **Sahana Rao** on being selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program.
- ★ Congratulations to English February Student of the Month **Jessica Tackett**.
- ★ Congratulations to seniors **Gianna Abruzzo** and **Sam Thelin** and junior **Taylor Glassman** on making Girls Basketball All-Conference.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Speech Sectional Qualifiers: **Brian Park** and **Chris Origer**, Dramatic Duet Acting (Scorned); **Logan Frey**, Dramatic Interpretation (David and Goliath); **Stephen Whitfield**, Extemporaneous Speaking; **Logan Frey** and **Rick Weidelman**, Humorous Duet Acting (Basic Training); **Christine Gao**, Humorous Interpretation (Camp Sunshine); **Stephen Whitfield**, Impromptu Speaking; **Moez Dawood**, Oratorical Declamation (Making the Grade); **Yale Cho**, Original Comedy (No Strings Attached); **Nahey Schwartz**, Poetry Reading; **Tyler Petersen**, Radio Speaking; **Aj Curry**, Special occasion Speaking (Prostitots) and Performance in the Round performers: **Asha Bazil, Iulia Gheorghiu, Jim Steinberg Julianne Connors, Michelle Gorecki, Nathan Gerowitz, Nikhi Kanneganti, Rachel Baum, and Hannah Kroll** (Nothing Says I Love you like Bad Poetry).
- ★ Congratulations to the following Speech State Qualifiers: **Haley Schwartz**, Poetry Reading and **Stephen Whitfield**, Extemporaneous Speaking.
- ★ Congratulations to **Stephen Whitfield** on taking 2nd place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the IHSA Speech State Finals.
- ★ Congratulations to junior **Lena Brotzman** on being named as a Distinguished Finalist in The 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in Illinois.
- ★ Congratulations to **Jamieson Gray** on winning the President's Volunteer Service Award from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Nicole Clement** and Coach **Katie Fedota** and the Fremd Poms on winning the State Championship for their pom routine and 3rd place for their kick routine.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach **Shana Dinham** and Coach **Dawn Glaser** and the Fremd Vickettes for taking 2nd place in both their tall flag routine and lyrical routine at State.