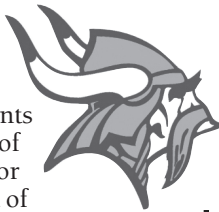


**From the principal:**


Although the vast majority of our students model exemplary behavior, it is this time of year when students tend to make decisions or choose to act in ways that are completely out of character for them. The Fremd staff seeks parental support to encourage their students to finish this year with dignity and pride. Inappropriate behavior that endangers others or disrupts the school is inconsiderate to all and reflects on the overall reputation of the school community. Pranks almost always lead to vandalism, injuries and police involvement. The Board of Education has passed specific policies applying to these circumstances which include suspension, loss of senior activities, and recommendation for expulsion. Parents and teachers provide a powerful influence on students, especially when their message is consistent. We can team together to support students and encourage them not to risk all they have worked for on one bad decision.

Commencement exercises will be held again at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates this year. Graduation information will soon be available on the school website: [www.fhs.d211.org](http://www.fhs.d211.org). Parents of juniors and seniors will also be receiving a mailing outlining the guidelines and expectations for prom and graduation. Presentations will be given in senior English classes on May 27 to discuss these expectations with students and encourage them to demonstrate the maturity and upbringing that exemplifies Fremd students. We look forward to celebrating a safe and happy ending to the 2007-2008 school year!

*Find your true path. It's so easy to become someone we don't want to be, without even realizing it's happening. We are created by the choices we make every day.*

- Bernie Siegel, M.D.

Marina D. Scott  
Principal

**Academic Scholars Honored**

Students with the highest weighted and unweighted grade point averages in the Class of 2008 were recently named Academic Scholars. They will be recognized at our annual Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremonies

We congratulate the following students for four years of exemplary academic achievement: **Laura Allison, Jessica Amundsen, Aubree Anderson, Heha Awati, Claire Baker, Scott Bezek, Ioana Calcev, Christopher Chandler, Joseph Chemello, Nathan Foltz, Nicole Fuhs, Matthew Gilles, Jordan Gorrell, Eric Hattenhauer, James How, Chelsea Insprucker, Julianne Johnson, Ryan Jozwiak, Elissa Kim, Kellie Kinsella, Ruichao Liang, Chen-Yuan Lin, Xiaohan Ma, Mary Mc Nerney, William Menegas, Cari Muszynski, Michael Nowicki, Emma O'Brien, Rossen Raskhov, Chelsea Roseri, Carlie Schaeffer, Sara Schmidt, Srona Sengupta, Autumn Spensieri, Mark Tolzien, Laura Tong, Joanna Whitfield, Kristine Williams, Dinan Wu, and Tim Yuan.**

**2008 Summer School Information**

- Summer school for District 211 students will be held at Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, and Palatine High Schools this year. First semester will begin on **Wednesday, June 11**, and end on **Tuesday, July 1**. Second semester will begin on **Wednesday, July 2**, and end on **Wednesday, July 23**. No classes will be held on Friday, July 4, 2008.

- Tuition for credit classes is \$140 per semester and tuition for non-credit physical education classes is \$60 per semester. The driver education course fee is \$350.00.

- Summer school is a concentrated program and special rules regarding absences apply. Students who are absent the first two days of a semester or accumulate three days of absence will lose course credit and fees. Two tardies count as one day of absence. Summer school students should not schedule vacations during the summer school sessions.

- With the exception of the absence rules listed above, regular school year rules are in effect during summer school. Misconduct including tobacco use, truancy, excessive tardiness, substance abuse, and gross misconduct will result in course dismissal, forfeiture of credit with no refund, and possible disciplinary action.

- District 211 school buses will run for morning credit classes only. District transportation is not provided for afternoon classes. The fee is \$35 for one semester, \$70 for both semesters. Because of irregular schedules, students in driver education classes may not be able to benefit from bus service.

- Brochures outlining courses, fees, and regulations have been mailed to all students. The course catalog is online. Please visit [www.d211.org](http://www.d211.org) and click on the Summer School Catalog link for a PDF file of the summer school course list and registration information.

**Registration Information**

Incoming freshmen and current students should contact their counselor to enroll in summer school.

*Registration dates are as follows:*

First Semester – April 28 through June 10

Second Semester – April 28 through July 1

**Payment is expected at the time of registration.**

**Happy Retirement!**

Best wishes to our retirees, **Ron Dowiarz, Jack Drollinger, Tony Flores** (December retirement) **Karen McConnell, Carol Plodzien,** and **Joan Volberding**. Thank you for your years of service to District 211 and to the students of William Fremd High School.



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

## dates to remember

- May 21** Honors Convocation  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 22** Senior Recognition Choral Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 20** Senior Recognition Band Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 22** Yearbook Distribution  
6:00-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- May 23** Thespian Induction  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 23** Senior Picnic, 1:00 p.m.
- May 26** Memorial Day-No School
- May 28** Spring Sports Awards  
7:00 p.m., Gymnasium
- May 29** Senior Recognition Orchestra Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 29** Senior Brunch  
11:00 a.m., Stonegate
- May 30** Prom, 6:00 p.m., Westin Hotel  
Early Dismissal (11:50 a.m.)
- June 1** Graduation Ceremonies  
2:00 p.m., Sears Centre
- June 4-6** Final Exams

## *Prairie State Achievement Exam*

Junior students recently took the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) on April 23 and 24.

Although the Illinois state standards are rigorous and demanding, it is Fremd's goal to have all students meet standards in both reading and mathematics. Staff members continue to develop academic initiatives to address the needs of those students who have not been successful in meeting Illinois standards. Over the past two years special cohort academic programs have been developed; team taught courses have been initiated; the mathematics requirement for graduation has been increased; several traditional math courses have been extended to 1.5 or 2 periods; the incoming freshman, sophomore, and ESL summer academies have been developed to provide additional academic opportunities; and guided study halls and after-school tutorial programs have been initiated. Most recently, teachers have utilized our LATE Start days to develop and analyze common course assessments to improve student learning.

Students who meet or exceed state standards as measured by the Prairie State Achievement Exam will have that status reflected on their high school transcript. In preparation for this year's PSAE, the Fremd faculty actively worked with the junior class as the students completed a practice ACT. The practice test was followed by review sessions during which test taking strategies were shared.

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## *Way to go Vikes!*

- ✪ Congratulations to our recent Viking Pride recipients: Rachel Bomba, Danielle Burkhardt, Alexandra Campbell, Lauren Chemello, Anthony DeNotto, Corey Esposito, Noelle Falk, Sarah Flores, Mike Gasiorowski, Catherine Gray, Terese Halm, Michael Hartman, Neha Husain, Justin Inman, Kathleen Joyce, Ryan Kelly, Julie Kim, Shelby Kukla, Aylla Lashaway, Sarah Lee, Andrew Lombardo, Michelle Lundholm, Michelle Mammarella, Mayra Mariscal, Garrett Meyers, Jasmine Mitchell, Kevin Moy, Ashley Muolterer, Julian Nallabelli, Michael Nitti, Jennifer Norenberg, John Onystok, Tom Ptak, Rossen Raskhov, Thomas Reardon, Jennie Robledo, Brian Rogers, John Saplis, Nicholas Settlemayer, Emily Smietana, Kyle Stanko, Julio Valentino, Lauren Walter, and Megan Wongkamalasai.
- ✪ Congratulations to April English Students of the Month **Christine Chen** and **Colleen Veit**.
- ✪ Congratulations to Business Student of the Month **Michelle Mammarella**.
- ✪ Congratulations to the 2008 Mr. Fremd winner, **Nick Addison**. The Mr. Fremd contest raised over \$3000 for the YHOP fund.
- ✪ Congratulations to the Fremd Math Team on winning the Regional Math Team Competition and advancing to State. **Alwina Liu** and **Arjun Puranik** were Regional Champions along with the Geometry Team, the Frosh/Soph eight person team and their two person team.
- ✪ Congrats to the Fremd Symphonic Winds and Wind Symphony for their performances at the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival" at Hersey High School.
- ✪ Congratulations to **Robert Kramer** on receiving the AFS Award for Excellence Scholarship.
- ✪ Congratulations to **Mindy Park** on being selected as a semifinalist in the 2008 Presidential Scholar Competition.
- ✪ Congratulations to sponsor **Jessie Monticello** and the Fremd Journalism Team on taking 1st place overall at sectionals. Award winners are: 1st place: **Eunhye Oak**, advertising, **John Beyer**, info. graphics and newspaper design, **Nicole Thompson** and **Stephanie Calabrese**, yearbook theme development; 2nd place: **Meghan Morrison**, copy editing, and **Neha Awati**, yearbook copy writing; 3rd place **Rachel Allen**, editorial cartooning, **Amy Liu**, feature photography and **Maggie Zhang**, review writing; 4th place: **Jackie Wallentin**, feature writing and **Sean Leahy**, headline writing; 5th place: **Sean Leahy**, sports writing.

## *Locker Clean Out*

Students are reminded to clear both their P.E. and hall lockers of all contents by the last day of school. All lockers are emptied and cleaned over the summer and left over contents are donated to charity.

## *Senior Activity Dates Set*

- **Cap and gown distribution** will take place during the day of the senior picnic, Friday, May 23. Graduation tickets will also be distributed at that time. See FHS cashier to pay \$25 cap and gown fee.
- **The Senior Picnic** will be held on May 23rd at 1:00 p.m. on the practice field adjacent to the stadium. Tickets can be purchased from the cashier for a price of \$3.00. The rain date will be Tuesday, May 29.
- **Senior Brunch** will be held at The Stonegate in Hoffman Estates at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 29. Tickets will be available from the Business Office beginning May 12 through May 23. Cost is \$10.00. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- **Graduation practice** will be at 7:30-11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 30 in the main gym. All graduating seniors need to attend.
- **Prom** will be held on Friday, May 30th at the Westin Hotel 400 Park Boulevard, Itasca. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Seniors may purchase prom tickets and post-prom tickets from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and juniors from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17th. Prom tickets will be sold at the auditorium box office and post-prom tickets will be sold in the auditorium hallway. Prom tickets are \$115.00 per couple or \$57.50 for an individual. Post prom tickets are \$35.00 a couple. Separate checks are required.
- **Graduation** will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at The Sears Centre, Hoffman Estates. Ten general admission tickets will be given to each graduate. Please see the link to the Senior Class website on the main FHS webpage under students.
- **Senior final exams** will be administered at the same time as underclassmen (June 4, 5, 6).

Included with this Newsletter is  
the Extra-Curricular brochure. Please take some time  
to review it with your child(ren).