


### From the principal:



The spring weather is finally here and with it comes the anticipation of the end of the school year. Although the vast majority of the Fremd High School students make consistent, sound decisions, the end of the school year seems to tempt some students to make uncharacteristic choices. The Fremd staff is seeking parental support to encourage our students to finish this school year with dignity and pride. Inappropriate behaviors and pranks that disrupt the school day or endanger the safety of others are taken very seriously. The Board of Education has passed specific policies applying to these circumstances which include suspension, loss of senior activities, and recommendation for expulsion. As parents and school staff, we can team together to send a consistent message to our teenagers about good choices during the last weeks of school.

There are many exciting end-of-the-year events at FHS. Prom will be held on May 29th at the Westin Hotel in Itasca followed by a Viking Booster Club Post-Prom event at Navy Pier. All school rules and expectations are followed at the end-of-the-year events. Students with inappropriate behavior risk suspension and loss of privileges including not participating in commencement exercises. Commencement exercises will again be held at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates on May 31st at 6:00 p.m. Parents of juniors and seniors will be receiving a mailing outlining the guidelines for prom and graduation. Presentations for students will be given during English classes the week of May 11th to discuss these expectations and encourage students to continue to demonstrate the high level of maturity we see every day at Fremd High School.

All senior event information is available on the school website: [www.fhs.d211.org](http://www.fhs.d211.org) under the *Activities and Senior Class* links. I am looking forward to the fun, safe, school-sponsored events during our last month of school and hope your summer will be filled with relaxing moments with family and friends!

Sincerely,

Lisa Small  
Principal

## Academic Scholars Honored

Students with the highest weighted and unweighted grade point averages in the Class of 2009 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:

Samicchya Adhikari, Leslie Chan, Christine Chen, Adam Cheng, Andrew Corso, Timothy Crowe, Sara Elster, Kimberlee Gaeding, Sebastian Giannola, Jamieson Gray, Elizabeth Holmberg, Matthew Hubbard, Patrick Kennedy, Kristen Kiehl, Robert Kramer, Linda Lee, Michele Lundholm, Megan McConnell, Maxwell Meigel, Roxanne Miller, Meghan Morrison, Rachael Palumbo, Sahana Rao, William Reising, Lara Sanoica, Mark Savitt, Matthew Schuelke, Henry Shin, Nathan Shumway, Michael Smearman, Jessica Tackett, Sarah Torp, Rohika Wagner, Richelle Wescott, Ashley Witt, Helen Yu, and Maggie Zhang.

## 2009 Summer School Information

- Summer school for District 211 students will be held at all five high schools. First semester will begin on Wednesday, June 10, and end on Tuesday, June 30. Second semester will begin on Wednesday, July 1, and end on Wednesday, July 22. No classes will be held on Friday, July 3, 2009.

- Tuition for credit classes is \$140 per semester and tuition for non-credit athletic/activity camps 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. Summer school students are required to wear and properly display a current school I.D. card. The I.D. card must be worn around the neck and visible at all times during the summer school day. Incoming freshman students will receive a summer school I.D. within the first few days of the start of each semester. Students enrolled in athletic or activity camps must wear their I.D. when entering the school building.

- 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, on-line registration, refunds 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:

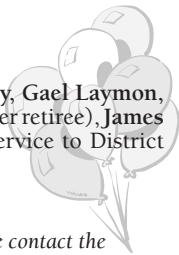
First Semester – April 27 through June 9

Second Semester – April 27 through July 1

Payment is expected at the time of registration.

## Happy Retirement!

Best wishes to our retirees, Dwight Aukee, Greg Haney, Gael Laymon, Michiko Murakami, Char Paddock, Irene Pinion (December retiree), James Ryan, and Donna Testo. 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.

## 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.

## dates to remember

- May 19 Senior Recognition Band Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 20 Honors Convocation  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 21 Senior Recognition Choral Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 21 Yearbook Distribution  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- May 22 Thespian Induction  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- May 22 Senior Picnic - 1:00 p.m.
- May 25 Memorial Day-No School
- May 26 Gifted Expo, 7:00 p.m. - CHS
- May 27 Spring Sports Awards  
7:00 p.m., Gymnasium
- May 28 Senior Recognition Orchestra  
Concert, 7:00 p.m.  
Kolze Auditorium
- May 28 Senior Brunch  
11:00 a.m., Stonegate
- May 29 Graduation Practice  
7:30 a.m., Gymnasium  
Early Dismissal Day, 11:50 a.m.  
Prom, 6:00 p.m., Westin Hotel
- May 31 Graduation Ceremonies  
6:00 p.m., Sears Centre

## Prairie State Achievement Exam

Junior students recently took the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) on April 22 and 23.

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 three 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.

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

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## Way to go Vikes!

- ❖ Congratulations to our recent Viking Pride recipients: Zackary Abraham, Stephanie Bacos, Megan Borre, Zachary Brady, Lauren Bryk, Princesa Castro, Sarah Charlesworth, Kyle Chin, Megan Dincher, Jenny Doherty, Sapphire Douglas, Bobby Dowling, Kristen Eschbach, Jaime Esposito, Spencer Filosa, Caitlin Golota, Julian Gonzalez, Josh Grimaldi, Kathleen Holmberg, Gloria Hong, Jordan Jasin, Christopher Karkos, Kurt Kaufman, Nina Kocko, Bon Joon Koo, Sara Kowalski, Scott Little, Brandon Maggiore, Allison McCarthy, Jennifer Meng, Kendall Minta, Marina Mikraka, Grace Neubauer, Kara Omark, Isahu Ortiz-Rivera, Samantha Parham, Angela Park, Justin Park, Maribel Perez, Alexandra Piersanti, Carmen Piersanti, Kristin Prislinger, Rim Robinson, Cielo Rojas, Mollie Ruback, Connor Schmidt, Jacqueline Schmidt, Kate Schneidwind, Robert Searle, Yurika Shimizu, Jae Kwan Song, Lindsey Spadavecchio, Jeff Storm, Carly Sutherland, Michael Sykes, Ashley Thompson, Justine Venegoni, Meghan Voigt, Julie Watson, Kristine Werling, Michael Williams, Maggie Witkowski, Haena Yun, and Max Zabinski.
- ❖ Congratulations to the following award recipients at the BPA State Convention: **Christine Chen** - 1st Place in Presentation Management and 3rd Place in Interview Skills; **Greg Tourville** - 1st place in Java Programming; **Sammy Adhikari** - 2nd Place in Economic Research; **Henry Shin** - 2nd Place in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting; **Jim Steinberg** - 2nd Place in Fundamentals of XHTML; **Krishan Thakkar** - 2nd Place in Presentation Management; **Adam Weisz** - 3rd Place in Advanced Interview Skills; **Nathan Shumway** - 4th Place in Extemporaneous Speech; **Melissa Scholl** 4th Place in Graphic Design Promotion; Others in Top 6 are **Nicole Murray** 5th Place in Desktop Publishing; **Marie Fitton** 6th Place in Interview Skills; and **Annie Sae-Hoon** 6th Place in Presentation Management.
- ❖ Congratulations to the follow Debate State Qualifiers: **Nathan Shumway**, **Christine Chen**, **Waqar Ahsan**, and **Annie Sae-Hoon** in Lincoln-Douglas and **Jeff Pearson** and **William Shih** in Public Forum.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Hali Henderson** for winning the Minority Women Coaching Education Scholarship for USA Track & Field.
- ❖ Congratulations to English March Student of the Month **Meghan Morrison**.
- ❖ Congratulations to Social Studies January Student of the Month **David Bajjalieh** and February Student of the Month **Haley Sampson**.
- ❖ Congratulations to Coach **Kevin Palmer** and the Varsity Scholastic Bowl team on winning the Mundelein Carmel IHSA Regional.
- ❖ Congratulations to March Business Student of the Month **Sam Shah**.
- ❖ Congratulations to swimmers **Sam Childs** on placing 8th in the 100 Free and **Varun Shivakumar** for placing 12th in the 100 Backstroke at the State Meet.
- ❖ Congratulations to Junior Violinist, **Crystal Qi**, who was on the 98.7 WFMT program *Introductions* on Saturday, April 18 at 10AM and on Thursday, April 23 at 10PM.
- ❖ Congratulations to Group Interpretation on placing 3rd at Sectionals and advancing to the State Competition. Individual award winners that were named to the All-Sectional Cast were: **Drew Klingner** (Faustus) and **Meghan Shanahan** (Mephistopheles).
- ❖ Congratulations to the following three students from the Contest Play that were named to the All-Sectional Cast: **Nicole Cholewa** (Izzy), **Taylor Lehotan** (Jason), and **Jacque Piccolino** (Becca).
- ❖ Congratulations to Group Interpretation of Dr. Faustus for placing 8th at State. **Drew Klingner**, **Robbie Romanowski** and **Meghan Shanahan** were named to the All-State Cast.
- ❖ Congratulations to the following Boys' Track award winners at the MSL Indoor Conference: **Jack Konopka** placed 2nd in the Shot Put; **Christian Lombard** placed 3rd in the Shot Put; **Alex Roark** won the 400 M Dash, and placed 2nd in the 55 M Dash and **Alex Roark**, **Spiros Angelakos**, **Ben Bodycott** & **Justin Fujii** won the Mile Relay.
- ❖ Congratulations to the following Girls' Track award winners at the MSL Indoor Conference: **Jamie Notaro** won the Long Jump, and placed 2nd in the Triple Jump; **Bizzy Mellado** won the Pole Vault, and placed 3rd in the 200 M Dash; and **Ashley Fullerton** placed 3rd in the High Jump.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Bizzy Mellado** on placing 7th in the Pole Vault at the Illinois Prep Top Times Meet.
- ❖ Over spring break 120 band students performed four concerts in Oahu, Hawaii. Highlights from the tour include the band's performance at Pearl Harbor's Bowfin Memorial and a combined performance with the US Navy's Pacific Fleet Band of "Stars and Stripes Forever".
- ❖ Congratulations to March FCS Student of the Month **Elaine Stearney**.

## Senior Activity Dates Set

- **Cap and gown distribution** will take place during the day of the senior picnic, Friday, May 22. Graduation tickets will also be distributed at that time. Each graduate receives 9 tickets. No extra tickets are available. See the FHS cashier to pay the \$25 cap and gown fee.
- **The Senior Picnic** will be held on Friday, May 22nd 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 26.
- **Senior Brunch** will be held at The Stonegate in Hoffman Estates at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28. Tickets will be available from the cashier's office beginning May 4 through May 20. Cost is \$10.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. Do not lose or forget your ticket as you will not be able to attend brunch without a ticket.
- **Graduation practice** will be at 7:30-11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29 in the main gym. All graduating seniors need to attend and attendance is taken.
- **Prom** will be held on Friday, May 29th 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 16th. Prom tickets and post-prom tickets will be sold in the cafeteria. Please enter through Entrance 15. Prom tickets are \$130.00 per couple or \$65.00 for an individual ticket. Post prom tickets are \$50.00 a couple. Separate checks are required (prom tickets made out to FHS; post-prom tickets made out to Fremd Booster Club).
- **Graduation** will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. at The Sears Centre, Hoffman Estates. Nine general admission tickets will be given to each graduate. Please see the link to the Senior Class website on the main FHS webpage under *Activities*.
- **Senior final exams** for those seniors who have not earned the privilege of exemption, will be administered at the same time as all other students (June 3, 4, 5).