

From the principal:

Returning to Fremd ...

As the summer months draw to a close, I am eager to start my first school year as principal of Fremd High School! As an assistant principal at Fremd four years ago, I had the pleasure of working with both Dr. Mertz and Dr. Scott and am thrilled to return with the opportunity to continue the many great traditions the Fremd High School community has put in place.

When our students finish their four years at Fremd High School, my goal for them is to leave with the broad academic and social experiences needed for the choices they will make after high school. These unique yet challenging opportunities for your child are enhanced through solid lines of communication between the school and home. Please attend the first parent meeting I will hold on Monday, September 8th at 7 p.m. in the Fremd Media Center. This meeting will be dedicated to the procedural aspects of the 2008-2009 school year including the building I.D. system (see additional article in this newsletter), navigating the parking lot, and using additional technologies to increase communication. If we do not have the opportunity to meet on September 8th, please stop by the Media Center during the evening of the parent open house on September 17th.

May your family enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to meeting you in September.

Lisa Small
Principal



Welcome New Teachers

Please join us in welcoming the following new faculty members to Fremd High School:

English	Leslie Hill Christopher Pagnani
Math	David Hochstetter Rosa Presta
Science	Ryan Cavanaugh
Social Studies	Matthew McMurray
Special Education	Joseph Marcini Rena Schmidt
Administration/ Department Chair	Lisa Small – Principal Augie Fontanetta – Athletic Director Tracy Bafia – Assistant Principal Tony Miller – Dean of Students Jim Guest – Drivers Education Department Chair

Viking assignment book

Since organization is an important component of academic success, most teachers encourage students to use a daily planner. All incoming freshmen will receive a complimentary copy of the William Fremd High School Assignment Book at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. This planner has a format to write daily information including study skills tips, school floor plans, dates, and academic information. We will be selling these books to sophomores, juniors, and seniors through the mail registration process. This book will prove to be an important asset to your student's academic success.

Mandatory pre-season meeting

Students must attend a mandatory meeting if they plan to participate in athletics or competitive activities. Each student, along with at least one parent or guardian, must attend a mandatory "meet the coach/sponsor" meeting covering participation policies, procedures, and team expectations. Rules and regulations regarding drug and alcohol use and abuse will be reviewed as well as prevention and intervention services. This information is presented in a high-quality video at the pre-meeting segment of the program held prior to the "meet the coach" team meeting for each particular sport or competitive activity. All incoming freshmen, transfer students, and upperclassmen that have not yet participated in athletics or competitive activities are required to attend this segment. Attendance will be taken and reported to the athletic and activity offices as documentation for the future. If a student or parent fails to attend, the student will be restricted from competition until a make-up session can be scheduled with the coach/sponsor. Returning team members will join the meeting following the video as coaches outline team expectations and hold a question and answer period. Individual schools and teams will notify current team members of dates, times, and locations for team meetings. Information also is available in athletic and activity offices and on school or team web sites.

Join the Principal's Advisory Board of Parents

The Principal's Advisory Board of Parents provides one avenue of communication between Dr. Small and the parents of Fremd students. The format allows for perspectives, concerns, and information to be shared in a smaller, more informal setting. The first meeting will be on Monday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fremd Media Center with discussion centered on the building I.D. system, navigating the parking lot, using additional technologies for parent communication, and topics brought forth by the parents. If you are interested in joining, please email the principal's secretary, Donna Adcock at dradcock@d211.org indicating your interest. Future meetings will be posted on the Fremd website and this newsletter.



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-2600.
For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-2654.

dates to remember

August 8	Athletic forms due by 12:30 p.m. if students wish to participate in fall sports practice sessions
August 13	All fall sports practices begin
August 14	Freshman Kick-Off Program (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)
August 20	Opening Day of School
September 1	Labor Day - No School
September 8	Parent PAB Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Media Center
September 17	Open House - 7:00 p.m. (11:50 a.m. early dismissal)

A special thank you to the Viking Boosters

The Viking Booster Club has again made a generous donation to the activity and athletic programs of Fremd High School. Their generosity and hard work will benefit students in many different aspects of the school. A complete list of these donations will be listed in the next newsletter. Thank you Boosters!



New ID Procedures for All Students and Staff for 2008-2009

As Fremd High School continues to provide your child with a well-balanced, challenging high school experience, we must also ensure the safety and security of all entering our school campus. Though the safety of our school is always a priority, over the past few years the security of our educational environments has unfortunately been forced to the forefront of many discussions. The changes that are occurring so close to home in the educational community are causing us to continually examine our efforts to make all schools as safe and secure as reasonably possible.

To increase school safety and security, all students and staff members must be easily identified. Therefore, students and staff will be required to wear and properly display a current school-issued I.D. card upon entering the school building and while on school grounds. The I.D. cards for the 2008-2009 school year will have a different layout from previous years as birthday, address, and I.D. number will be not be displayed. The picture and name will be enlarged and on both sides of the I.D.

Students and staff will be expected to have their I.D.'s hanging around their neck on the school-issued lanyard when they enter the building. Students who occasionally forget their I.D.'s will be immediately issued a temporary I.D. upon entering the building. This temporary I.D. will NOT give the student any privileges beyond identification to check out books and pay for food through a previously established

school lunch account. Any privileges that would be identified on the original I.D. such as off-campus during lunch and internet access during free periods will not be available to the student until the original I.D. is worn or the student has purchased a replacement I.D. Students who have their I.D. but choose to not display it properly could be subject to disciplinary consequences. As in previous years, a \$3 fee is charged to replace a lost or invalid I.D. card.

Visitors entering the building will continue to be asked to produce a valid state I.D. that will be scanned through the V-Soft registration system. This registration system has the ability to track visitors and provide alerts on visitors who may jeopardize the safety of the school campus. All data collected is exclusively for the use of the school, school district, and law enforcement. It is stored at the highest security level.

As the shift begins into wearing I.D.'s, a transition time will be required to educate students and staff in terms of procedures and expectations. At the start of the school year, the discussions will begin with students and staff regarding wearing I.D.'s. Full implementation for students wearing I.D.'s will not occur until I.D.'s are issued and students understand the procedures. Please consult the Fremd website at the start of the school year for details regarding the procedures students and staff will be following.

Student Dress Important

Maintaining a safe, secure, and productive educational environment is a high priority in District 211. Proper attire helps create an atmosphere conducive to learning. Parents should be aware that certain items like coats, jackets, caps, hats, and head coverings for all students (except as required for religious or medical purposes) are not permitted to be worn in classes or the halls during the school day. Clothing which includes references to alcohol, illegal substances, tobacco, or gangs is unacceptable as well. In addition, clothing which depicts graphics or wording with sexual, vulgar, lewd, or indecent meanings or connotations is prohibited.

While our students have wide latitude when dressing in compliance with our dress code, it is important to remember that certain types of dress are not appropriate in an educational environment and may interfere with the maintenance of positive teaching/learning climate. With media images and clothing establishments promoting a style that is improper for purposes of educational and school activity, the students, staff, and parents at Fremd have identified specific standards in order to facilitate implementation of our District dress policy and preclude any misunderstanding as to dress code guidelines. When shopping with your son/daughter for school clothes, please keep the following guidelines in mind.

- Skirts and shorts must be worn at a reasonable length (no shorter than an arms length when arms are fully extended at sides of body).
- Tops must have straps.
- Necklines should not fall below an imaginary horizontal line between the underarms.
- The bottom hem of tops should overlap pants or skirts. No midriff exposed.
- No undergarments should be exposed. This includes through sheer fabric or out of low-riding or loose fitting pants.

Parents, please assist us in monitoring your student's dress at school. Please know that the majority of students at Fremd already follow these guidelines. Everyone's compliance helps create a healthy and productive environment and encourages respect for ourselves and each other.