

From the principal:

### The Gift of Time



Today, *time* is regarded as a valued gift we uniquely wrap in many different colors. Throughout the entire year, the Fremd High School Community donates *time* to others through companionship, a kind word, or a helping hand. I would like to thank the thousands of students, staff members, parents, and community members who reach out to help others. The power of one individual connecting with another sends a positive spirit that lasts well beyond the initial moment.

As we approach our winter break from classes, my wish to you is a moment of *time* that brings you closer to your loved ones and others in our community. Though we cannot always send our message in person, we do find creative ways to give help and hope.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small

### Distinguished Alumni Award

Each year at Honors Convocation in May, distinguished Fremd High School alumni are recognized. The award recognizes Fremd High School graduates for achievements in their profession and philanthropic contributions to their communities and provides current students with role models for exceptional accomplishments. Those nominated must have graduated from Fremd High School at least 10 years ago; demonstrate a high level of achievement with significant accomplishments in their field; and exhibit leadership, character, and service to their community. Parents, staff, retired staff, and all interested parties are asked to make nominations. Self-nominations are welcome. Individuals who wish to nominate an alumnus should complete the nomination form that is available on Fremd's website under the "General Info" tab. The deadline for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award nominations is January 23, 2008.

### After School Tutoring

In an effort to increase achievement, Fremd continues to offer students a resource to assist them with their school work. Our After School Tutoring Program meets from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons in room 2. Tutors are available to assist students with their homework but are also proficient with skill-building software such as SkillsTutor and KeyTrain (geared to improve performance on standardized tests). If you have additional questions, please contact your child's counselor or administrator.

### Grant - A - Wish Program

The FHS National Honor Society will be kicking off their annual Grant- A -Wish and Angel Tree wish drive. This is the largest charity event for the FHS National Honor Society and more than 500 wishes for underprivileged children in Chicago along with 160 children and senior citizens in Palatine are served by this event. NHS members are responsible for getting wishes out to FHS students and staff along with local businesses and community members. December 10 is collection day with gifts being delivered on December 11 and 12.

### Planning a Vacation

As the holiday season is approaching, this is a reminder. If you are planning a vacation which will affect your student's attendance at school, please call the attendance office (755-2670) early to pre-arrange absence(s). A pre-excused pass will be issued and the student can pick up the pass the following morning. The student must procure signatures of all instructors and return the signed pre-excused pass to the attendance office at the end of the same school day.

### Book Club

Fremd Student Services is inviting parents to join a book club. The first book for discussion is *Price of Privilege* by Madeline Levine. Participants are expected to have read the book prior to the evening discussion session which will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Tutoring Center (room 2). School Social Worker, Kim Filian, looks forward to a lively conversation in this interactive session. Please contact Kim Filian directly if you would like more information regarding this program at [kfilian@d211.org](mailto:kfilian@d211.org) or (847) 755-2630.



## *dates to remember*

- Dec. 9** Orchestra Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 12** Choral Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 13** Booster Craft Fair  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16** Band Concert  
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 19** Winter Vacation Begins at the  
Close of School
- Jan. 5** School Resumes
- Jan. 13** First Semester Final Exams  
Periods 1, 2 and 3
- Jan. 13** Incoming Freshman Parent Night  
7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 14** First Semester Final Exams  
Periods 4, 5 and 6
- Jan. 15** First Semester Final Exams  
Periods 7 and 8
- Jan. 16** Teacher Institute – No School
- Jan. 19** Martin Luther King Day  
No School
- Jan. 20** Floral Design Showcase  
7:00 p.m. Kolze Auditorium
- Jan. 20** Second Semester Begins

## *A Few Reminders...*

- First semester final exams are scheduled for January 13, 14, and 15. Students must bring their textbooks to class before they will be allowed to take final examinations. Students who do not turn in their textbooks or fail to pay for lost textbooks will not be allowed to take their final examinations. Please help us avoid the extra tension this situation creates by reminding your kids to have their books ready to return.
- Picking up students after a dance, activity, or sporting event? Parents are reminded that 'after game' and special school dances usually end at 10:30 p.m. Most other events are over by 9:30 p.m. We would appreciate your assistance in arranging rides so that we can clear and secure the building as quickly as possible.

Included with this  
Newsletter is the  
Computer Network Use  
brochure. Please take  
some time to review it.

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## *Viking achievements are reasons to celebrate*

- ✱ Individual departments began in late October to nominate students for the Viking Pride (Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence) Awards. This award recognizes outstanding achievement or improvement. Our congratulations to the following winners: Edward Albers, David Allison, Aseir Baker, Levi Bandow, Jose Agustin Benjamin, Matthew Benson, Austin Bruns, Danielle Chemello, Jessica Cooper, Eduardo Cruz-Almora, Abigail Danekas, Anne DeAngelo, Michelle DiPasquale, Jenny Dybicz, Charles Flores, Jennifer Fokas, Jenna Galindo, Stephen Gallagher, Brian Gienko, Brittany Gorecki, Clint Herdegen, Royer Hernandez Torres, Megan Horn, Katherine Janowiak, Michelle Joos, KC Kiekens, Hannah Kim, Haruka Kiyohara, Nick Kouretas, Kim Magnuson, Mic Majewski, Gjadalupe Martinez, Tania Martinez, John Mathias, James McGlade, Daisy McWilliams, Jackson Mitzner, Meghan Morrison, Mia Morzel, Dan Muehlfelt, Gabriel Ortega, Rachael Palumbo, Joel Pasillas, Evelina Petrova, Nick Pflederer, Megan Pittenger, Tiffani Planes, Paulina Plata, Lauren Pusateri, Luke Rohrbacher, Janet Sanoica, Lara Sanoica, Matt Shemroske, Katie Stoner, Kyle Tiedje, John Tobias, Leonardo Trejo-Vazquez, Zachary Troope, Callahan Vandeveld, Jenifer Weber, and Kendall Yoksoulia.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach Donatucci and the Fremd Football Team on being the MSL Conference Co-Champions and beating Palatine in the first round play-offs.
- ✱ Congratulations to our twelve band students that were selected for the IMEA District 7 Concert Band, Orchestra, or Jazz Bands. This year Fremd tied for the fourth highest amount of students selected for Concert Band or Orchestra. **Daniel Brotzman** – French Horn, Band; **Drew Dickelman** - French Horn, Orchestra; **Zach Duray** – Bass Clarinet, Band; **Teresa Finegan** – Alto Saxophone, Band; **Brendan Jacobi** – Bass Trombone, Orchestra and Jazz Band; **Patrick Kennedy** – Piano, Jazz Band; **Donald Magnani** – Percussion, Band & Drum Set, Jazz Band; **Tom Oakes** – Bass, Jazz Band; **Dan Quinn** – Trombone, Jazz Band; **Jon Samuel** – Tuba, Orchestra; **Matt Schuelke** - French Horn, Orchestra; and **Vince Tambellini** – Clarinet, Band.
- ✱ Fifteen students were invited to read/present at the Literature, Creativity, and Social Justice Conference at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, WI conference. Five of our students attended and participated in the conference this past weekend. Congratulations to **Emily Szwiec** who received an honorable mention in the category of Fiction Writing and **Chaitra Kishore** was awarded 2nd place in the category of Fiction Writing.
- ✱ Congratulations to Cross Country runner **Aaron Ferst** on taking 4th place at conference.
- ✱ Congratulations to Sectional Tennis Champion **Jenna Langhorst**.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Jenna Langhorst** on being selected to the 2nd Team Singles, Illinois High School All State Tennis Team.
- ✱ Congratulations to Applied Technology teacher **Nick Wedoff** on being selected by a recent FHS graduate as a recipient of the Illinois Institute of Technology Outstanding Educator Award.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Sean Jones** on qualifying for the IHSA Boy's Golf State Final.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Coach Teschner** and the **Boys Golf Team** on being Conference Champs. Congratulations also to **Sean Jones** on taking 8th place at State.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Coach Curt Pinley** on achieving his 500th victory as a volleyball coach.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Coach Pinley** and the **Girls Volleyball Team** on being the West Division Co-Champs and Regional Champions.
- ✱ Congratulations to Family & Consumer Sciences teacher **Miriam Bonilla** on being selected by students as the 2007-2008 Walmart Teacher of the Year.
- ✱ Thank you to **Jen Mertins** and the pre-school/independent study students for organizing a very successful Halloween Fest. Thanks also, to **Mary Schagrin** and **SOS** on organizing a great book swap during the Fest.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Aaron Ferst** on qualifying for the Cross Country State Final.
- ✱ Congratulations to **Judy Klingner** and the music staff on a successful musical.

## *Booster Craft Fair*

The Fremd Booster Club will be holding its annual craft fair on December 13 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. There will be over 100 crafters and admission is free. All proceeds benefit Fremd High School and its students.



*Have a safe and happy  
holiday season!*

*from the staff at Fremd High School*