

From the principal:



With the holiday season near, you are hopefully looking forward to time with your family and friends. The Fremd High School community flourishes during this season of giving. Our service clubs continue to touch the lives of others through funding, food, clothing, toys and good will. These students thrive on helping others and work diligently to make a difference.

As we approach our winter break from classes, I hope that your children continue to find opportunities to give of themselves through unique gifts from the heart. Best wishes to you and your family.

*"We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give."*

-Winston Churchill

Sincerely,

Lisa Small

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 in Room 2. Students who are in need of academic support can attend the tutoring center, no appointment necessary. Tutors consist of Fremd High School teachers certified in the areas of English, Math, Science and other academic areas. Tutors are available to assist students with their homework but are also proficient with skill-building software such as KeyTrain (geared to improve performance on standardized tests). If you have additional questions, please contact your child's counselor or Assistant Principal, Tony Miller.

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 31, 2010.

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 9 is collection day with gifts being delivered on December 10 and 11.

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.

Engineering Program Gets Certified At FHS

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a progressive pre-engineering and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum taught at William Fremd High School that helps prepare students for the rigors of a college engineering/technology curriculum. This prestigious program consists of a sequence of classes that a student can take throughout their high school career and receive college credit for each class they take. Last winter, representatives from the University of Illinois, the Illinois State Board of Education and national officials from PLTW evaluated all five schools in 211 and granted certification to all five. The following is a list of PLTW classes that are offered at William Fremd High School:

**T-202 Introduction to Engineering Design™
(Pre-Requisite for all PLTW classes)**

T-302 Principles of Engineering™

T-303 Digital Electronics™ (Fall 2010 – 2011)

There will be an informational meeting on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

If you have any further questions about Project Lead the Way, please contact Paul Hardy at p Hardy@d211.org or visit www.pltw.org.



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

dates to remember

- Dec. 10** Choral Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 12** Booster Craft Fair
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 15** Band Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 18** Winter Vacation Begins
at the Close of School
- Jan. 4** School Resumes
- Jan. 18** Martin Luther King Day
No School
- Jan. 20** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 1, 2 and 3
- Jan. 20** Incoming Freshman Parent Night
7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 4, 5 and 6)
- Jan. 22** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 7 and 8
- Jan. 25** Teacher Institute – No School
- Jan. 26** Floral Design Showcase
7:00 p.m. Kolze Auditorium
- Jan. 26** Second Semester Begins
- Jan. 28** College Planning Seminar

A Few Reminders...

- First semester final exams are scheduled for January 20, 21, and 22. 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
Positive Parenting brochure.
Please take some time
to review it.

This *Principal's Newsletter* is computer-designed and photocopied at school on recycled paper for William Fremd High School parents.
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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: **Rose Allivato, Colleen Andersen, Vanessa Ayala, Rachel Baum, Joe Bee, Kelsey Beschta, Joe Brottman, Quinton Brown, Carolina Campillo, Anthony Cimaglia, Amanda Cizek, Stefanie Colletier, Amanda Curry, Michael Debellis, Aaron DiPrima, Kelsey Drahos, Jonathan Duran-Gonzalez, Kurt English, Isaiah Ervin-Coleman, Robert Eschbach, Kinga Fluder, Obed Garcia-Silva, Jacqueline Geringer, Michelle Gorecki, Samantha Hammond, Nicholas Hernandez, Keishi Hikita, Linnea Horcher, Michael Horwath, Roger Hugg, Elizabeth Jamnik, Levi Jorgensen, John Kaczor, Robert Kelgard, Frances Kim, Brandon Klen, Amanda Kopec, Sara Kotrba, Paul Kroll, Bridget Kubis, Gwen LaVigne, John Lee, Nick Makowiecki, Eman Masood, Shireen Mathews, Charles Mau, Kathleen Mayo, Katie McElheny, Gracie Meyer, Kaitlin Mueller, Tyler Murphy, Dana Murray, Alex Nakagawa, Anthony Neal, Maddie Norris, Johnathan Nowakowski, Colleen O'Connor, Jonathan Onystok, Maria Paredes-Rosario, Anna Park, Jonathan Park, Nick Perrino, Christine Qian, Erin Rogers, Alexandra Saras, Max Sawa, Matt Shemroske, Caitlin Siudut, Nicholas Srejma, Jenna Stoller-Schoff, David Sullivan, Andrew Sutherland, Aine Tierney, Callie Vandevelde, Kim Wagner, Mary Kate Wojnowski, Nikki Woodman, Elizabeth Wright, Mayra Zavala, and Joaquin Zuniga-Cardenas.**
- ✪ Congratulations to Girls Volleyball members **Tess Dinterman, Alexandra Messner** and **Kayla Price** on being named All Conference. **Kayla Price** was also named Co-Player of the MSL West Division.
- ✪ Congratulations to Coach **Mike Bruce** and the Boys Cross Country Team on placing 4th in Sectionals and qualifying for the State Competition.
- ✪ Congratulations to Coach **Curt Pinley** and the Girls Volleyball Team on winning the Regional Championship.
- ✪ Congratulations to Coach **Mike Donatucci** and the Fremd Football Team on winning their first two playoff games against Naperville North and Lake Park and earning a place among the Elite Eight teams in the state. Congratulations on a great season!
- ✪ Congratulations to Business November Student of the Month **Jennifer Fokas**.
- ✪ Congratulations to Family and Consumer Sciences November Student of the Month **Britany Cieplinski**.
- ✪ Congratulations to the following choir students that were selected for 2009 Illinois Music Educator's Association District 7 Honors Festival: **Abby Schultlz, Daniel Brottman, Drew Klingner, James Schiffer, Jarrell Lewis, Jenna Stoller-Schoff, Jonathan Stoller-Schoff, Matthew Koehlinger, Max McWilliams, Katie Oakes, Robbie Romanowski, Stacey Kim, Stefanie Colletier, and Steve Bellas.**
- ✪ Congratulations to October English Student of the Month **Eunhye Oak**.
- ✪ Congratulations to senior **Arjun Puranik** on being selected as a Finalist in the 2009-2010 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology.
- ✪ Congratulations to sponsor **Judy Klingner** and the cast and crew of the Fremd musical Cabaret on a great performance.
- ✪ Congratulations to **Jen Mertins** and everyone involved in the Trick-or-Treat Fest on a creative and fun event.
- ✪ Congratulations to Boys Soccer players **Spencer Filosa, Michael Heika** and **Lorenzo Savino** on being named All-Conference.
- ✪ Congratulations to football players **John Josif, Christian Lombard, Andrew Mertes, Michael Metzen, Cameron Radis, Michael Rumps, Eric Shew, Jayme Szfranski** and **Evan Wright** on being named All-Conference.
- ✪ Congratulations to the English Department November student of the month **Drew Klingner**.
- ✪ Congratulations to **Tony Romano** and **Gary Anderson** on being selected to speak at the 2009 NCTE Annual Convention.

Booster Craft Fair

The Fremd Booster Club will be holding its annual craft fair on December 12 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. There will be over 180 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