

EVENT WATCH

MUSICAL THROWDOWN

S.O.S. presents Battle of the Bands in the cafeteria from 7-10 p.m. Show some support for your favorite local talent!

Feb. 29

DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

Attend this year's Turnabout dance from 7-10 p.m. in the gym.

March 1

ATHLETIC ACHIEVERS

Athletes, visit the gym at 7 p.m. for the Winter Sports Awards.

March 3

LOGUE IT UP

Come to the Logue meeting after school from 3-4 p.m. in room 120 for an opportunity to write an article for the newspaper or share your ideas.

March 4

SHOWCASING TALENT

Treat your ears to the Music Department Showcase Concert at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

March 6

GET CRAFTY

Come to school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to shop at the Booster Craft Fair.

March 8

GOOD MORNING, LATE START

Take the opportunity to sleep in on this late start day. School begins at 8:40 a.m.

March 11

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN

Support Fremd's Group Interpretation and Contest Play at sectionals in the auditorium from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 14-15

TAKE A BREAK FOR SPRING

Vacation somewhere warm or stay at home—either way, enjoy nine days off of school.

March 21-28

AND THE WINNER IS...

Come to the auditorium at 7 p.m. to support a selection of Fremd's finest gentlemen during the Mr. Fremd show.

April 4



Logue photo by Jackie Wallentin

ACADEMIC EYE CANDY. Various departments attract potential students with visual reminders of sometimes overlooked electives.

Hallway posters advertise electives

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Staff Writer

It is that time of year again when students decide which classes they want to take in the fall, and now they are getting a little help in the hallways.

Many classes such as German, Foods and Living on Your Own have put up promotional posters throughout the halls in front of the cafeteria and library.

"It is a way to get a lot of information out there," said foreign language teacher Natalie Soto, who is trying to generate interest in German.

Teachers want students to know that there are a variety

of choices.

"Many students think Spanish is the only foreign language out there," explained Soto, adding that German has had a shortage of students. "German is left by the wayside."

Soto wants to make sure the posters catch students' attention. Last year, for example, she had a competition in which her students competed to make the best poster.

German is not the only class that has posters around school. Foods and Fashion do, too.

"The goal was to raise student awareness of the Family and Consumer Science courses that are offered at

Fremd High School," said fashion teacher Courtney Gatsos, who helped make the FCS posters.

To Gatsos, this strategy of making students more aware of electives is working.

"The students that walk by and take a look at the signs are now aware that there is a child development lab, a foods lab, and a fashion lab here at Fremd," Gatsos said.

Other electives, like business classes, also have been advertising with posters to increase enrollment. If students wish to take one of these classes next year, schedules can be changed through March 3.

District tightens academic standards for athletes

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While some were fearful that District 211's new grade policy for sports and activities would be too demanding, a number of students have found it reasonable.

"School is about academics," said junior Margaret Weber, a track team member. "Athletics should come second, so the policy is fair."

Before the district's new policy was instituted this year, the school utilized the eligibility guidelines of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

However, district administrators decided that eligibility requirements needed to better support academic initiatives, which led to the creation of the new policy.

"The new grade policy affects activities, too," Fremd's Athletic Director Jack Drollinger said.

Students on competitive activities such as Scholastic Bowl, Group Interpretation and Contest Play also are affected.

With IHSA's policy, in order to compete, students have to pass a minimum of four academic subjects, and student eligibility is checked weekly.

The district's policy, which took effect at the beginning of this school year, requires students to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and pass all classes. If a student does not meet these standards, he or she will be put on probation for the next quarter.

While on probation, a student must attend tutoring sessions and complete all homework assignments, among other requirements like checking in with the team's

head coach weekly.

If a student does not maintain a 2.0 GPA for two subsequent quarters or fails to adhere to the probation interventions, the student will be ineligible for participation in the next quarter.

"Both the IHSA and the district's new policy are in effect, though," said Drollinger, who explained that students have to meet the district and IHSA requirements to compete in sports or activities.

In keeping with IHSA guidelines, for example, student grades are still checked weekly.

Drollinger said it is too early to see if the new policy has been successful.

"It's always a problem if a student can't participate, but kids have to put their energies into their studies," Drollinger said. "It's too soon to say what the results of the policy are, but some students have been affected."

Sophomore swimmer Sarah Gallo says she hasn't heard of many students who became ineligible due to the new policy.

"It's not a major concern. We had one person on the team who wasn't really doing well, but we just told her to do her best, and we'd help her out," Gallo said.

Sophomore tennis player Elizabeth Tomal says the new policy is beneficial.

"I think it is a good idea to keep people's lives balanced," Tomal said.

Senior golfer Lauren Critchfield agreed.

"I think the new policy is good because a 2.0 GPA is pretty easy to achieve," Critchfield said. "If you have a 2.0, you're probably not trying."

More detailed information about the eligibility policies can be found on the district website www.d211.org.

Booster Club offers college scholarships

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As colleges start accepting seniors, students now are beginning to think about how they will pay for their education. For those savvy saving seniors, the Booster Club scholarships can help.

The number of scholarships has increased, according to Laura McEllen, chairperson of the recognition committee of the Booster Club.

There are five categories of scholarships: leadership, community service, school activities, Fremd service and junior college or trade school. Each category will gain another scholarship this year, bringing the total number of scholarships granted to 15.

Laura Inman, member of the recognition committee and chairperson of the membership committee for the Booster Club, added that students can earn between \$1,000-\$2,000.

"Students receive \$1,000 for each scholarship although it's possible to be awarded more than that as we are doing blind reads of the applications," Inman said.

Applications were mailed to all students, but extra copies are available in the guidance office, on the Fremd website's Booster Club link and in the College and Career Center. All Fremd seniors are encouraged to apply.

"Each scholarship is awarded independently. Seniors may apply for each scholarship individually and may apply in each category," McEllen said. "All applicants must be graduating seniors planning on furthering their education."

Inman said the scholarships are issued to provide students with opportunities after they graduate from Fremd.

"Our goal as an organization is to have a positive impact on the lives of Fremd students," Inman said. "We are recognizing students who have made positive contributions to Fremd and the greater community."

McEllen says the Booster scholarships differ from others awarded because they are given out locally and relate directly to Fremd students.

"Primarily, only Fremd graduating students may apply. Two of the scholarship areas apply directly to the student's years spent as a Fremd Viking, and one is focused directly on Fremd's surrounding community," McEllen said. "Also, financial need and academic accomplishments are not under consideration for any of these scholarships."

Kara Freiburger, a senior who is planning to apply for a scholarship, liked that more money is being offered this year.

"It's really nice that we can earn \$1,000. It's just enough money to pay for my books and other fees so I don't have to worry about paying for those things myself," Freiburger said.

Seniors are reminded that scholarship applications are due on Thursday, March 20, by 3 p.m. All submissions should be turned into the Booster Club's mailbox in the main office.

"There are so many talented, giving and involved students at Fremd. It's hard to narrow it down to 15 recipients," Inman said. "In the past two years, we've doubled the amount of money we're awarding per scholarship so that the scholarships really mean something."