

*“All progress is initiated by challenging the current conceptions, and executed by supplanting existing institutions...”*

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# The Principal's Flyer

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Hi All;

As of last Thursday, we are officially one-third of the way through the 2009-10 school year. Hard to believe we are that far along, but the weekend snowstorm reminds us that winter is just about to settle in even though it was 70 degrees one day last week. I'm ready for the bitter cold to begin, as my backyard ice rink needs some frigid, dry temperatures for best operating conditions. My 4-year old Amber insists she's going to learn how to skate this year, but I suspect she'll just want to get pulled around on a sled by her dad like she has for every previous winter. I refuse to pull her back up the hill during our sledding adventures this year no matter how much she whines. Maybe her older sister can take on that role this winter? I doubt it.

As we start to wind down the 2009 calendar year, it is time for **seniors to start planning for graduation** and for their start to post-secondary education. Last week I made a presentation to the FPS School Committee to discuss options for where to have the actual graduation ceremony since our usual venue (Bowditch Field) is under construction and will not be available in June. Senior Class vice-principal Mark Albright has worked with a group of students to research possible sites and the unanimous choice is Tercentennial Park, the site of the former Cushing hospital. On Tuesday night the school committee agreed, and I placed a formal request with the Parks and Recreation department for the site on Wednesday last week. There will be some adaptations needed in order to use a location without stands, but I am hopeful that the logistics can be worked out and things will work out fine. As far as graduation attire goes, seniors need to order their caps and gowns this week in the cafeteria during lunch. The vendor for caps and gowns (Balfour) will be in the cafeteria on Tuesday and Wednesday this week taking orders. The cost is \$30.

An important night for parents of seniors this week will be our annual **Financial Aid Night on Thursday December 10 from 7:00-9:00 pm** in the auditorium. The FHS Guidance Department and College/Career Center will be joined by Iris Godes (Quinsigamond CC/MEFA/FHS Parent) and will not only go over general FAFSA and financial aid information but will also plug our College Goal Sunday, the free program on Jan 31 where families can come to FHS to file their FAFSAs on the spot. This presentation would be most appropriate for current seniors and their parents, but juniors and others would certainly benefit also. Make sure you mark your calendars.

Last week I got information from the Framingham Board of Health that they have received a recent shipment of H1N1 vaccine. They have scheduled an **H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday, December 9 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Keefe Technical High School.** The vaccine will only be available to three high priority groups:

- Children from 6 months through 12 years of age
- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children 6 months of age or younger

Additional clinics will be scheduled as the Framingham Board of Health receives more H1N1 vaccine. Priority groups will be expanded as more vaccine becomes available. Please do not contact Keefe Tech or

Framingham High School with questions about this H1N1 clinic. Questions should be directed to the Framingham Board of Health at 508-532-5478.

**This year is the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Framingham Dinner on March 18, 2010** organized by the Framingham High School Foundation. The goal of this event remains the same – to honor those helping the town’s youth and to support extra-curricular activities at the high school. The first organizational meeting of the year will be held in Principal’s Large Conference Room at FHS on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7 PM. This event provides financial support for the arts, athletics and activities at Framingham High, so please consider joining in and helping ALL of the students at FHS. If you have any question, please contact the Salute to Framingham Co-Chairs Mark R. Albright and Gary Doherty.

Remember that **progress reports come out this Friday** in homeroom, and you can begin putting your comments in at this time. Please make sure to adhere to the usual deadlines so that we can get them out without difficulty. Make sure you give Gerri Avery your \$10 for admission to this Friday’s staff holiday party at O’Connell’s on Rt. 9. This admission gets you a raffle ticket for a chance at some pretty good prizes courtesy of your administrative colleagues. You should be present to win, and it should be a great time. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!**

# Statistic Of Week

## Number of Teachers and Their Ages in the 30 Largest Public Schools In Massachusetts For the 2009-10 School Year

(Data from the MA DESE website : [http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/state\\_report/agestaffing.aspx](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/state_report/agestaffing.aspx))

Sorted by Number of Teaching FTE's; not necessarily by population of school

FHS has the most teachers under age 26 for the 30 largest schools!

### 2009-10 MA Teacher Ages

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>Teacher FTE's In Each Age Interval</u>							<u>Total FTE's</u>
	<u>&lt;26</u>	<u>26-32</u>	<u>33-40</u>	<u>41-48</u>	<u>49-56</u>	<u>57-64</u>	<u>64+</u>	
1 Brockton - Brockton High	14.9	54.1	43.1	46.5	55.8	43.7	3.0	261.2
2 Lowell - Lowell High	10.0	48.0	48.0	39.0	53.0	34.0	5.0	237.1
3 New Bedford - New Bedford High	11.0	29.0	22.0	42.3	56.7	30.0	4.0	195.0
4 Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech	5.7	22.9	39.7	48.4	39.8	23.6	3.8	184.0
5 Greater Lowell Voc-Tech	5.0	13.0	27.0	45.0	66.0	19.0	4.0	179.1
6 Fall River - B M C Durfee High	20.7	29.6	30.4	29.7	46.0	18.9	0.0	175.3
<b>7 Framingham - Framingham H S</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>153.7</b>
8 Cambridge - Cambridge Rindge and Latin	6.7	38.0	31.0	17.8	41.0	16.0	0.0	150.4
9 Boston - Madison Park High	5.0	21.0	18.1	23.0	44.0	31.0	1.0	143.1
10 Lexington - Lexington High	14.3	37.8	21.0	26.2	22.3	14.2	4.3	140.1
11 Weymouth - Weymouth High School	5.0	35.8	36.2	21.4	24.0	16.5	1.0	140.0
12 Greater Lawrence Regional Voc-Tech	6.0	16.8	33.2	27.0	29.3	24.8	2.0	139.0
13 Brookline - Brookline High	8.1	32.6	39.8	20.7	17.0	13.8	1.0	133.0
14 Newton - Newton North High	2.8	28.0	30.7	18.6	27.9	19.5	5.4	132.8
15 Methuen - Methuen High	11.6	27.6	21.9	19.5	32.7	17.1	0.0	130.3
16 Barnstable - Barnstable High	3.9	21.8	28.0	24.3	26.7	20.7	4.0	129.3
17 Wachusett - Wachusett Regional High	11.0	29.0	19.7	20.0	30.9	16.8	1.0	128.4
18 Worcester - Worcester Technical High	2.0	11.8	22.8	22.8	41.9	25.8	1.0	128.1
19 Marlborough - Marlborough High	5.2	21.2	32.8	25.0	27.6	15.0	1.0	127.8
20 Greater Fall River Diman Reg Voc Tech	3.0	21.0	18.0	33.0	27.0	24.0	0.0	126.0
21 Waltham - Waltham Sr High	8.0	24.1	26.5	16.6	30.0	16.9	2.0	124.1
22 Shawsheen Valley Regional Voc-Tech	1.0	15.0	20.0	28.0	35.4	23.0	1.0	123.4
23 Somerville - Somerville High	12.0	15.9	11.0	16.9	32.8	32.8	2.0	123.4
24 Peabody Veterans Memorial High	12.0	31.9	21.0	20.4	22.2	15.1	0.0	122.6
25 Springfield - Putnam Voc Tech High Sch	7.3	22.6	14.8	30.4	29.6	14.5	3.2	122.4
26 Haverhill - Haverhill High	7.0	21.0	16.5	18.5	38.5	16.2	3.0	120.7
27 Everett - Everett High	9.0	28.9	28.0	11.8	23.1	17.5	2.0	120.4
28 Taunton - Taunton High	8.0	18.6	26.0	18.4	28.8	19.0	1.0	119.8
29 Marlborough - The 4-7 School	16.0	19.0	14.5	19.0	36.1	14.0	0.0	118.6
30 Springfield - Springfield Central High	5.0	28.5	20.8	14.1	33.8	15.0	1.0	118.1

# Calendar Of Events

Listed are all school-wide calendar and home athletic events.

Remember to Check the FHS Web Site at: [www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs/](http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs/)  
For All Other Athletic Event Days & Times Visit: [www.framinghamflyers.com](http://www.framinghamflyers.com)

## This Week:

### Monday, 12/7/09 Day 6 - DABEG

Dept. Heads Meeting @1:00 PM  
New Teacher Meeting @2:15 PM  
District Leadership Meeting @3:00 PM  
RFL Parent Meeting @6:00 PM  
PTBO Meeting @7:00 PM

### Tuesday, 12/8/09 Day 7 - CBGFE

Term 2 Progress Report Comments due by 2:00 PM  
Verifications on e-mail by 4:00 PM  
Mike at NISL all day  
Graduation Cap & Gown Ordering in café at lunch  
Boys Varsity Basketball vs. C-M @4:00 PM  
Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Winchester @4:10 PM

### Wednesday, 12/9/09 Day 1 - ABCDE

Mike at NISL all day  
Graduation Cap & Gown Ordering in café at lunch  
H1N1 Flu Clinic at Keefe Tech, 4-8:00 PM  
Girls JV Hockey vs. Notre Dame @4:40 PM  
Step Up To Excellence Winter Dinner @6:00 PM

### Thursday, 12/10/09 Day 2 - C&G

Deadline for Progress Report Changes = 8:00 AM  
Progress reports printed and in mailboxes by 4 PM  
Professional Development Half-Day  
Dismissal @10:50 PM  
Financial Aid Night @7:00 PM in auditorium

### Friday, 12/11/09 Day 3 - BAEFG

Term 2 Progress Reports distributed in homeroom  
Progress Reports sent to homes via e-mail by 4:00 PM  
Staff Holiday Party at O'Connell's after school  
Boys Basketball vs. Newton North  
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:15, Varsity @6:45 PM  
Wrestling vs. Weymouth @6:00 PM

### Saturday, 12/12/09

Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Newton North @7:00 PM

## Next Week:

### Monday, 12/14/09 Day 4 - ACDEF

### Tuesday, 12/15/09 Day 5 - BDCGF

NEML Testing in cafeteria  
Girls Basketball vs. Wellesley  
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:15, Varsity @6:45 PM

### Wednesday, 12/16/09 Day 6 - DABE

Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Wellesley @4:00 PM  
Wrestling vs. Newton North @6:00 PM  
PM Collaboration  
Dismissal at 1:00 PM  
Vocal and Strings Winter Concert in auditorium

### Thursday, 12/17/09 Day 7 - CBGFE

### Friday, 12/18/09 Day 1 - ABCDE

Boys Basketball vs. Weymouth  
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:15, Varsity @6:45 PM

### Saturday, 12/19/09

JV Wrestling vs. Lawrence @9:00 AM  
Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Weymouth @7:00 PM