

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished by how much he'd learned in seven years...”

Mark Twain



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Hi All;

The super bowl is in the record books, and that means it can't be long until spring training! Hope springs eternal for our boys of summer, and we have certainly been spoiled over the last decade with our sports in New England.

Last week there was an incident outside **North Quincy High School** that resulted in a student being shot by another student after school. This is the second such incident in recent months (recall there was also a shooting outside Brockton High School earlier this year), and I am expecting a refresher Code Yellow drill in the near future. While I hope we never experience such a situation here, it is important to be prepared. Remember that there are really two types of Code Yellow drills – Internal and External. Either type of situation will be announced via the intercom from the main office. As the name suggests, an Internal Code Yellow involves a threat of some sort **INSIDE** the building. Just to review the protocol provided in your multi-colored flip book manual (that should be under your classroom phone), if you are teaching a class during an **INTERNAL** code yellow you should stop teaching, pull down the shades, lock your classroom door, and move students away from visibility through the doorway. Students should not leave the room, and any students seen in the halls should be ushered into the nearest classroom immediately. The idea during an internal situation is to keep the corridors clear of students and teachers. Teachers not teaching should stay in a lockable classroom or office area out of sight.

During an **EXTERNAL** code yellow, there is a possible threat **OUTSIDE** the building. In these instances, the exterior doors are locked and monitored, you should pull down the shades, and you may continue teaching as usual. In the event you are not teaching during an external code yellow, you should go to the nearest first floor administrative office (main office, F-hall office (currently grade 12), or D/E hall office (currently grade 10) for instructions.

There will be many “what if” scenarios (lunches in the cafeteria, study halls, library, PE classes, day care & pre-school, etc...) that will require specialized instruction, and these cases are being reviewed in coordination with our school resource officers and the police. In general, actions will be coordinated from the main office in conjunction with the police, and information will be provided via intercom from this location. As I mentioned, these directions may be modified based on the situation, and I anticipate some degree of change as we practice. Thanks in advance for your preparation and assistance.

This past weekend the **Massachusetts Academic Decathlon** competition that was held on February 6, at North Reading High School. Framingham High School's team received 5 awards for various categories and finished up as the 7th place team out of the 16 teams in the competition. Of particular note was FHS junior Scott Todd who received a gold medal for scoring the highest out of all participants in Mathematics and

honorable mentions in Chemistry, Language and Literature and Economics. The team placed 7th overall out of 16 teams. Congratulations to the team, and also to science teacher Dan Seeley who advises the group.

The **FHS boys and girls a capella groups** joined forces over the weekend and competed against 9 other groups at the TeenLife Community Service Fair that was held at the Chestnut Hill Mall. The students who performed were Harry Meltzer, John Ribiero, Matt Scranton, Philip DaCosta, David Olson, Greg Royce, Aaron Schine, Connor Fallon, Lisa Graveline, Kayla Andrew, Monica Wiles, Anna Arata, Jill Sulfaro, Amy Fintonis, Hannah Radner, Lindsay Ortmeyer, and Emily Grove.

As we approach the February break the winter athletic season begins to wind down. This past weekend, the **FHS Boys Swim Team** won Bay State League title, finishing the league season undefeated. They are moving on to sectionals next week, and this is quite an accomplishment for the group. Congratulations to coach Ron Perreira and all his swimmers!

Teachers may be interested in a workshop being presented by the **Framingham Special Education Advisory** group this Thursday Night, February 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Walsh Middle School. The workshop is titled "**Assistive Technology and Inclusion**" and features speaker Cynthia Levine. Ms. Levine, an education consultant and assistive technology specialist from the Shriver Clinical Services Corp, will speak about assistive technology to help kids with special needs integrate into inclusive classrooms. She'll discuss various types of AT & how educators can effectively implement AT to the benefit of all learners. This presentation is open to the public. It is geared toward parents, guardians, & education professionals who teach children with special needs. All TEACHERS attending can get PDPs (Professional Development Points). All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance. There is no cost for this workshop. If you would additional information go to: info@f-sepac.org.

We will be hunting down students' course selection sheets this week in preparation for next year. Last week there was a big turnout for our annual Curriculum Night, and the next wave of parents is very eager to get moving here at FHS. Thank you to all who turned out to help. The sheets will be collected during homeroom beginning on Wednesday this week, with the intent of getting them all in and to the grade offices before the February vacation.

Please take time to rest up over vacation, and get ready for the long fairly uninterrupted stretch from February through the next week off in April. Make sure that you spend some time planning your classroom work over that eight week chunk of time, as that is the best time of year to get prime learning accomplished. While we'll have some degree of interruption for MCAS, for the most part this is quality time.

Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!

Statistic Of The Week

Percentages for Grades on Mid-Year Exams

January, 2009

	A	B	C	D	F
English	13.29%	29.93%	32.44%	15.33%	9.02%
Math	17.05%	25.32%	22.60%	16.49%	18.54%
Science	13.27%	23.96%	27.12%	17.66%	17.99%
History	16.97%	30.17%	25.59%	15.41%	11.85%
World Language	16.01%	33.40%	26.91%	16.01%	7.66%

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/
For All Other Athletic Event Days & Times Visit: www.framinghamflyers.com

This Week:

Monday, 2/8/10 Day 4 - ACDEF

Girls Softball sign-ups in Room E-210 @2:05 PM
Girls Lacrosse Sign-ups in Front Gym @2:05 PM
Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Newton Country Day 4PM
Administrative Council Meeting @4:00 PM
RFL Parent Meeting @6:00 PM

Tuesday, 2/9/10 Day 5 - BDCGF

AMC Math Testing during B-Period (9:00 AM)
Department Heads meeting @1:00 PM
Girls Basketball vs. Braintree
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:15, Varsity @6:45 PM

Wednesday, 2/10/10 Day 6 - DABEG

AM Collaboration 7:15 – 8:05 AM
HR doors open at 8:10 AM
HR Starts at 8:15 AM
Course Selection Sheets for 2010-11 due today
Girls Tennis sign-ups in room E-100 @2:15 PM
Baseball sign ups in J-Hall @2:15 PM
Boys Tennis Sign-ups in hall between gyms @2:15
Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Braintree @4:00 PM

Thursday, 2/11/10 Day 7 - CBGFE

Boys JV Hockey vs. Walpole @3:45 PM
Boys Lacrosse sign-ups in J-Hall @2:15 PM
Boys JV Basketball vs. Brookline @4:45 PM
Girls JV Hockey vs. Newton North @4:45 PM
Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Brookline @5:15 PM
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Brookline @6:45 PM
School Council Meeting @7:00 PM in Library

Friday, 2/12/10 Day 1 - ABCDE

February Vacation begins at 1:55 PM!
F cubed student concert @7:00 PM in auditorium

Saturday, 2/13/10

Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Brookline @5:00 PM
Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Brookline @7:00 PM

Next Week – After Vacation:

Monday, 2/22/10 Day 2 - CADGF

Tuesday, 2/23/10 Day 3 - BAEFG
NEML Test #5

Wednesday, 2/24/10 Day 4 - ACDEF

Thursday, 2/25/10 Day 5 - BDCGF
Model Congress Trip to Penn

Friday, 2/26/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Model Congress Trip to Penn

Saturday, 2/27/10

Drama Festival Pre-Lims @FHS
Bay State League Cheerleading Competition
At Natick HS @4:00 PM