

“We tend to exaggerate misfortune and happiness alike. We are never either so wretched or so happy as we say we are...”

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Hi All;

One more week until April vacation, and the reality of the march toward June will be upon us soon. Last week's report cards provide one more progress check, and as the weather warms the stakes get higher for all of our seniors. Here's hoping everyone has things in hand.

Last week's school committee meetings provided more **sobering information about next year's FY11 budget.** On Thursday night last week the school committee cut 23 positions from the budget, and this week they will be holding additional meetings on Wednesday and Thursday to further cut the district's education funding. There is still a \$6.4 Million gap between what the town is offering and what the district needs, so drastically more cutting will be necessary. A consolidation to two middle schools is rapidly becoming a strong possibility and the inevitable cutting of athletics and remaining extra-curricular programs will also be included this week. Despite significant cuts in past years, we are now beginning to impede the district's ability to offer some core programs. I am again going to attach the next round of proposed cuts (in pdf form) from the school committee, and this week's meetings suggest a call to action for anyone listening. Please attend the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday this week to voice your opinions and stay informed about what is happening. The meetings will be held in the Demaris Room of the King Administration building on Water Street and usually begin at 7:30 PM. Thank you for your support.

There will be no school committee meeting on **Tuesday night (April 13th) this week because Framingham will be voting for candidates in regular elections** for Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and other town offices. Polls will open at 7:00 PM and close at 8:00 PM. If you are a resident, please take the time to cast your ballot and exercise your rights.

Also on Tuesday night, April 13th from 6:30 – 9:00 PM is the fifth annual **Framingham Education Foundation's Festival of Extraordinary Food.** This year the event will be held at the Hampton Inn on Speen Street in Natick. All proceeds go to benefit the Foundation, and they will all eventually find their way back into the classroom to support innovative ideas for our kids. For a mere \$30 you can go and sample fantastic dishes from over 20 local eateries. There will be live music and a cash bar. You may purchase tickets by calling the FEF at 508-395-8139 or by going to their website at www.framinghamedfoundation.org

Some of you may have seen the article in yesterday's Boston Sunday Globe's West Weekly section regarding FHS freshman **Sam Klobucher.** Sam is being honored Thursday with the Easter Seals Team Hoyt Rising Star Award. Many of you know Sam as the young man who zips around in the motorized wheelchair at FHS, and he has a keen wit and clever sense of humor. Sam will be honored with this award at the Microsoft New England Research and Development Center in Cambridge. Congratulations, Sam!

If you are interested in learning more about **teaching licensure options,** be sure to set aside time this Thursday, 4-15 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. On that day the FTA is sponsoring two different workshops at FHS.

One will be in H-100 and will cover regulatory requirements regarding the move from preliminary or initial licensure into the professional license realm. The other workshop will be in the auditorium and will explain the professional license renewal process. If you are interested in attending either of these workshops, please register in advance by going to the FPS homepage and going to the 'professional development' dropdown menu under the 'staff' heading. Click here to start: www.framingham.k12.ma.us .

Rachel Steward from the Framingham Cooperative Bank forwarded information on a promotion for FHS students for the release of the new **"Iron Man 2" movie debuting on Monday, May 10th** at the AMC Cinemas in Framingham. The bank is sponsoring the event and subsidizing ticket sales such that the movie can be seen for only \$3.00. If you are interested in an inexpensive night at the movies, please register on-line for tickets at www.framinghambank.com. There is a 4 ticket limit per household, so make sure you register today.

This past the **FHS instrumental and choral groups participated in the MICCA Concert and Choral Festival**. The Band and Orchestra were in Hopkinton on Saturday where they both received Bronze Medals for their performances. The Chorus was in Norwood for their festival. At the Norwood festival the Concert Choir received a Bronze Medal and the Madrigal Singers received a Medal of Merit. Congratulations to all these students for working very hard on their musicianship. Also, a great job to Brian Cervone, Orchestra and Band Director, and Dan Moore, Choral Director.

Construction Career Day is coming up soon, and FHS will be sending a contingent to experience this annual opportunity to learn about the construction industry. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 6th at the Laborers' Training Camp in Hopkinton. This is a great day for a student who is considering working in the trades after school. The day is predominately outside and offers students an opportunity for hands-on experiences in welding and big machinery used in construction. If any student is interested in this opportunity, please have them come see Joan DiGiulio or Linda Curtis in the College and Career Center located inside the library.

Have you had a chance to watch the PBS series **High School Quiz Show** yet? The show airs on Monday nights at 7:30 PM on the local public television station (WGBH – Channel 2) and the first three episodes have already aired. It runs for a total of ten weeks, and FHS competes on May 17th, and the early results seem to suggest a very positive performance by the students from our high school. If you're interested in more about schedules or results you can click here: <http://www.wgbh.org/quizshow/> Make sure you follow along!

Now that grades for term 3 have been posted, some students may start thinking about their summer and the opportunity this free time creates. One opportunity is the chance to get ahead by taking a class at the FHS Summer School. Classes run from Monday, June 28 through Thursday, July 28 and there will be a wide variety of classes students can choose from. This shortened time frame offers great bang for the buck, and a chance to get a jump start on the future or repair some incomplete course work from the past. John Geoghegan and Kevin Fahey will be co-directors this year, and a course catalog will be coming out shortly to provide some detail on the offerings. Please keep this in mind as you begin planning your summer.

Please get some rest over next week's April break. We will need all our reserves to move through the last stretch of May!

Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!

Statistic Of The Week

2009-10 Student Ineligibility Comparison

	<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>	<u>Term 3</u>
Grade 9 :	54	71	64
Grade 10 :	84	77	76
Grade 11 :	44	63	56
Grade 12 :	45	60	55
Total:	227	271	251

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, 4/12/10 Day 1 - ABCDE

Frosh Baseball vs. Natick @3:45 PM
Boys Tennis vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM
Boys Frosh Lacrosse vs. Walpole @4:00 PM

Tuesday, 4/13/10 Day 2 - CADGF

Drama Company NYC Field Trip
Girls Frosh Softball vs. Needham @3:45 PM
Boys Frosh Baseball vs. Needham @3:45 PM
Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM
Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM
Boys & Girls Track vs. Needham @4:00 PM
Framingham Ed Foundation's Festival Of
Extraordinary Food, 6:30 PM @Hampton Inn, Natick

Wednesday, 4/14/10 Day 3 - BAEFG

AM Collaboration Day 7:15 – 8:05 AM
HR Doors Open @8:10 AM
HR Doors Close @8:15 AM
Varsity & JV Baseball vs. Newton North @3:45 PM
Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Needham @4:00 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM
Boys Tennis vs. Natick @4:00 PM
Boys JV Volleyball vs. Weymouth @5:15 PM

Thursday, 4/15/10 Day 4 – ACDEF

Principal's Meeting @Stapleton School @3:00 PM
Boys JV Tennis vs. Needham @3:45 PM
Boys & Girls Track vs. Norwood @3:45 PM
Boys Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Natick @4:00 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Needham @4:00 PM

Friday, 4/16/10 Day 5 - CBGFE

Day of Silence today
Student Government elections packets available today
ESL New York Trip today
April Vacation begins @2:00 PM!
Varsity & JV Softball vs. Wellesley @3:45 PM
Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Wellesley @4:00 PM
Boys JV Volleyball vs. Wellesley @5:15 PM

Saturday, 4/17/10

Next Week (After Vacation):

Monday, 4/26/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Boys Varsity & JV Baseball vs. Weymouth @3:45PM
Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Dedham @3:45 PM

Tuesday, 4/27/10 Day 7 - CBGFE

Boys Frosh Baseball vs. Braintree @3:45 PM
Girls Frosh Softball vs. Braintree @3:45 PM
Boys Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Needham @4:00 PM

Wednesday, 4/28/10 Day 1 - ABCDE

Boys Varsity & JV Baseball vs. Natick @3:45 PM
Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Braintree @3:45 PM
Boys & Girls Varsity Track vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM
Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Wellesley @4:00 PM

Thursday, 4/29/10 Day 2 – CADGF

Senior Assembly @10:15 AM (D-Period)
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Dedham @4:00 PM
Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Dedham @5:30 PM

Friday, 4/30/10 Day 3 - BAEFG

Student Government Elections packets due back today
Girls Frosh Softball vs. Weymouth @3:45 PM
Boys Frosh Baseball vs. Weymouth @3:45 PM
Girls Tennis vs. Brookline @4:00 PM
Girls Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Braintree @4:00 PM

Saturday, 5/1/10

