

“Measure yourself by your best moments, not by your worst. We are too prone to judge ourselves by our moments of despondency and depression...”

Robert Johnson



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Hi All;

Welcome to May! It was a hot one yesterday and although there were still no shade-providing leaves on the trees for my sons' weekend baseball games, I have now secured some SPF 45 that I keep in the trunk and apply liberally to prevent lobstering.

Advanced Placement (AP) exams are beginning school wide this week. This creates quite a scramble as we attempt to schedule all the students who are taking 4-hour exams during the school day while simultaneously trying to keep all the regular classes running on a typical high school day schedule. I would like to thank in advance everyone who is being displaced by this annual ritual, and ask for everyone's patience and cooperation as we try to minimize disruptions. Please keep in mind all of the students that are taking the exams will not be attending their normally scheduled classes during test times. Here is a schedule of this week's and next week's exams:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>	<u>AP Exam Subject</u>
Monday	3-May	7:30 AM	1:00 PM	US Government & Politics
	3-May	11:30 AM	4:30 PM	French Language
Tuesday	4-May	7:30 AM	1:00 PM	Spanish Language
	4-May	11:30 AM	4:30 PM	Statistics
Wednesday	5-May	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	AB and BC Calculus
Thursday	6-May	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	English Literature
Friday	7-May	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	US History
	7-May	11:30 AM	4:30 PM	European History & Studio Art
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Monday	10-May	7:30 AM	1:30 PM	Music Theory
	10-May	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	Physics-Mechanics
	10-May	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Physics-Electricity & Magnetism
Tuesday	11-May	11:30 AM	2:30 PM	Psychology
Wednesday	12-May	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	English Language
Friday	13-May	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	Spanish Literature

Great News! **FHS has been notified that our entry into WGBH's new program High School Quiz Show has qualified as one of the top 4 finishers (out of 20 schools total) and will be in the final round of the state-wide competition!** The finals will be taped at the WGBH studios in Boston on Saturday, May 8. I would like to invite anyone who wishes to attend as FHS goes for the inaugural state-wide title! Space is very limited at the studio, but you can rsvp and reserve your seat by going to: http://www.wgbh.org/support/hsquizshow_studio_signup.cfm Make sure you choose Saturday, May 8 at 8:30 AM to get a seat at the FHS taping session. Tickets to the event are free, but you better hurry if you want to join me and the rest of the supporters from FHS. And remember to catch a glimpse of the show every

Monday night at 7:30 PM on WGBH Channel 2. You can always visit the main website at:
www.wgbh.org/quizshow/index.cfm

Many of you are no doubt aware of the **anti-bullying legislation that was unanimously passed by the Massachusetts Senate (38-0) and the House of Representatives (159-0) last week**. The bill is now waiting to be signed by Governor Patrick, and those in the know believe he will sign the bill into law this week. The bill is being touted as the toughest in the nation, and one doesn't have to go too far to connect the dots from the recent suicides by teens in western Massachusetts to see the impetus for this action. If you are interested in the actual text of the 16-page bill itself, which is a compromise worked out between the house and senate versions, you can click here:
<http://bostonherald.com/news/document.bg?f+misc/bullying.pdf&h=Final%20draft%20anti-bullying%20bill&p+&k=bh>

Among the many provisions in the bill is the requirement that ALL school department staff (from teachers to custodians, cafeteria works, and everyone in between) be "mandated reporters" when they become aware of any bullying actions. There are some very comprehensive definitions of bullying and cyber-bullying, as well as very definitive requirements around training and professional development. In addition, all schools must amend their student handbooks to contain anti-bullying language in preparation for the 2010-11 school year.

We at FHS are certainly not immune from the bullying behaviors seen in schools around the Commonwealth, and as I've mentioned before the explosion of cell phone usage and text messaging among teens has created a ripe environment for this type of activity. While I have often bemoaned the expanded use of these technologies, it is difficult to deny the increased sense of anonymity this technology provides, and the enhanced ability to communicate by throwing stones (metaphorically) with relative impunity due to the anonymity of screen names. This is not unlike the "comments" section at the end of many on-line newspaper articles. These anonymous missives can certainly be termed bullying behaviors, but there does not appear to be any legislation that currently bans this practice, and the freedom to express one's views gets defended in many instances. There is no doubt that when the final bill gets signed by the governor we will all be paying close attention to the new requirements and subsequent policy revisions and trainings.

The **FY11 Budget deliberations continue this week**, with a school committee meeting tonight (Monday, 5-3) to try and continue whittling away at the budget to send to town meeting. Last week I was asked by the superintendent to provide for him proposals for possible additional cuts totaling up to \$200,000 from FHS. This amounts to about 4.0 additional instructional FTE's if these come to pass. I have not yet seen what other schools or departments have been asked to provide, so until the school committee begins deliberations, I'm not certain what will happen. As always, I will keep you posted as soon as information is available and made public.

Elections for class officers and student government representatives will take place this week, with speeches during brief assemblies on Tuesday. The length of these assemblies will be dependent upon the number of students that are running for office, and in some instances that may not be necessary if not enough candidates successfully completed their nomination packets. We will provide information about the time for these during the day on Monday. In addition, the summer school course booklet is now available on-line via the FHS website, or you can click here:
<http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs/FraminghamSummerSchoolBrochure%202010-2.doc> Registration begins on May 17th.

Don't forget to swing by the cafeteria on Tuesday morning this week to get pampered by the FHS PTBO with their annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Stop by any time from 6:45ish – 8:00 AM. You'll be glad you did!

Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!

Statistic Of The Week

October 1, 2009 Enrollment of All Framingham Public Schools

(FHS enrollment includes students from Thayer Campus)

Enrollment by Grade (2009-10)															
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
District	272	709	663	647	670	621	634	566	594	587	582	570	523	515	8,153
Blocks Pre-School @ King	272	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	272
Brophy	0	60	67	76	72	68	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	432
Charlotte A Dunning	0	83	76	81	85	77	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	479
Hemenway	0	93	106	94	99	98	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	579
Barbieri Elem	0	128	88	83	78	67	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	506
Potter Road	0	108	94	83	74	56	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	482
Mary E Stapleton Elem	0	54	53	64	74	66	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	381
Miriam F McCarthy Sch	0	83	89	83	105	96	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	555
Woodrow Wilson	0	100	90	83	83	93	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	530
Cameron Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	151	179	0	0	0	0	480
Fuller Middle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196	157	159	0	0	0	0	512
Walsh Middle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	286	249	0	0	0	0	755
Framingham H S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	582	570	523	515	2,190

(Information from DESE website)

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, 5/3/10 Day 4 - ACDEF

Vote For Saxonville Gardens Project Today!

Go To : www.refresheverything.com/Framingham

Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Wayland @3:30 PM

Girls Tennis vs. Newton North @3:45 PM

Girls Varsity & JV Softball vs. Dedham @3:45 PM

Boys Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Braintree @4:00 PM

Boys JV Volleyball vs. Newton North @4:00 PM

Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Newton North @5:15 PM

PTBO Meeting @7:00 PM in room H-100

Tuesday, 5/4/10 Day 5 - BDCGF

PTBO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast @7:00 AM

Unit T Seniority List/Contract Meeting @3:30 PM

At Walsh Middle School auditorium

Boys Frosh Lacrosse vs. Newton North @4PM

Wednesday, 5/5/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Clubs/Activities Fundraising Mtg in Cafeteria @2:15

Elections for office in cafeteria during all lunches

Girls Tennis vs. Milton @3:45 PM

Boys Varsity & JV Baseball vs. Braintree @3:45 PM

Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Brookline @4:00 PM

Boys JV Volleyball vs. Needham @4:00 PM

Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Needham @5:15 PM

Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Brookline @5:15 PM

Step Up To Excellence Spring Celebration @6 PM

Thursday, 5/6/10 Day 7 - CBGFE

Construction Career Day- See College Center for info

Principals' meeting @Juniper Hill from 10:00 - 12:00

Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Milton @4:00 PM

Girls Tennis vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM

School Council Meeting @7:00 PM

Friday, 5/7/10 Day 1 - ABCDE

Girls Varsity & JV Softball vs. Brookline @4:00 PM

Girls Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Newton North @4PM

Saturday, 5/8/10

High School Quiz Show Semi-Finals taping @WGBH

Boys JV & Frosh Lacrosse vs. Holliston @1:00 PM

Next Week:

Monday, 5/10/10 Day 2 - CADGF

Boys Tennis vs. Norwood @3:45 PM

Varsity & JV Softball vs. Newton North @3:45 PM

Boys JV Volleyball vs. Braintree @4:00 PM

Girls Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Milton @4:00 PM

Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Braintree @5:15 PM

Guitar and Piano Recital @6:00 PM

Tuesday, 5/11/10 Day 3 - BAEFG

Dept. Heads meeting @1:00 PM

Boys Frosh Lacrosse vs. Weymouth @4:00 PM

Wednesday, 5/12/10 Day 4 - ACDE

PM Collaboration Day

Students Dismissed @1:00 PM

Girls Tennis vs. Needham @3:45 PM

Varsity & JV Softball vs. Milton @3:45 PM

Boys & Girls Track vs. Newton North @3:45 PM

Girls Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Weymouth @4:00PM

Thursday, 5/13/10 Day 5 - BDCGF

Thayer Campus end of year celebration @2:00 PM

Frosh Baseball vs. Norwood @3:45 PM

Frosh Softball vs. Norwood @3:45 PM

Boys Varsity & JV Lacrosse vs. Norwood @4:00 PM

Girls Frosh Lacrosse vs. Walpole @4:00 PM

Drama Company Presents *Guys & Dolls* @7:30 PM

Friday, 5/14/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Boys Tennis vs. Walpole @3:45 PM

Varsity & JV Softball vs. Weymouth @3:45 PM

Drama Company Presents *Guys & Dolls* @7:30 PM

Saturday, 5/15/10

Drama Company Presents *Guys & Dolls* @7:30 PM