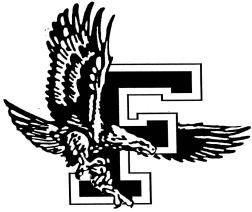


“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great...”

Mark Twain



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Hi All;

Welcome to June!

There are only 8 days of traditional classes left before **final exams begin for all classes on Friday, June 11.** So, in reality, there is only one day 3 then one seven-day cycle remaining. That means very little time to wrap things up and give a brief overview of the content for your final exam. Remember, all classes are required to give a final exam to every student during the designated exam time period. Final exams run in a format similar to mid-year exams in that each exam runs for 90 minutes with a 15-minute break in between. Two exams are given on each of three days in alphabetic sequence with the G-period exam and a make-up exam day occurring on the final day of exams. The final day of school (Thursday, June 17) is designated for make-up exams only. If students were absent for more than one day of exams, they must come and make up their remaining exams on the last day. Students only need to attend school on the final half-day if they owe a make-up exam or any other work.

As you are aware, the FY11 **School Department Budget** was settled last week at town meeting. I have not yet been informed nor have I participated in any discussions to designate any positions to be cut to reach the agreed upon FY11 FPS Budget amount. There is still another \$430,000 to be trimmed from the budget, and I'm anticipating I'll hear more this week. I'll let you know when I get some concrete information.

The science MCAS exams descend on us this week. This will involve over 600 students in 9th and 10th grade, and a handful of 11th graders also. It is quite a bit more complicated to organize this exam, since there are tests in four separate subject areas (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Technology/Engineering). It is also challenging in that most of these classes are taught in such a manner that there are students from more than one grade in each class. Thus, when trying to simultaneously continue teaching other classes for the remaining students in the school that are NOT taking the test, in most instances each class only has a fraction of its usual students in attendance. Meanwhile, depending upon the particulars of the class, that fraction may be a very high or low percentage of available students. Remember, the exam will start at 8:30 AM each day and run until 11:00 AM, and the sequence of the first two blocks on these days will swap. This allows for the overwhelming majority of kids to finish the exam in the time allotted, while at the same time allowing for a natural break near lunch that can be exploited in a less interruptive manner if kids need extra time. Please make sure you carefully check the proctoring and relief proctor lists put out by the grade 10 office so you know whether or not you are scheduled to help in any particular manner. Thanks in advance for your flexibility in managing this difficult stretch, and particular thank you's are in order for Elyse Sakata and Matthew Corcoran for their efforts to orchestrate this endeavor.

I was remiss last week in not congratulating the members of the **FHS High School Quiz Show.** Their competition against the Boston Collegiate Charter School aired on Monday, May 17th and the FHS students completely dominated the contest, accumulating 425 points in the regular show. This places them second

among the twenty schools selected for the contest. The semi-final round will be airing on WGBH this coming Monday night, June 7th where FHS will meet up with Longmeadow High School. Make sure you tune in to see them compete!

As I have been mentioning on Flyer News, **construction on the new A-Street wastewater pumping station** is really moving along. I have been informed that there will be some underground blasting work done this week. The blasting will occur between the hours of 7:30 AM and 1:30 PM and will be barely noticeable by us in the school. All work should be done by the end of this week, and I will let everyone know if there are any other changes to this work.

In addition to all the other events at FHS this week, our **second annual Spring College Fair** for juniors will take place this Friday, June 4 from 8:00 – 10:00 AM in the FHS cafeteria. Our college/career advisor Benjy Tarshis has worked hard to recruit participating organizations, and they will each be able to provide a little perspective on the options available. There will be more than 50 colleges, community organizations and technical schools attending the fair including: Boston College, Wellesley College, and many representatives from the UMASS and Massachusetts State College system. The fair will be a wonderful opportunity for students to network with college officers from across the state and get a head start on their post-secondary plans.

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather this coming weekend, as graduation at Cushing will be much easier if we don't have that worry on our list. Thanks in advance to Mr. Albright for all his hard work in pulling this off!

Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!

Statistic Of The Week

Final FPS FY2011 Budget

\$88,700,000

Final FPS FY2011 Budget Request

\$89,130,000

Additional Budget Reductions Needed to Close Gap:

\$430,000

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, 5/31/10 NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, 6/1/10 Day 3 - BAEFG

Girls Lacrosse in MIAA 1st Round of North Sectional
Tournament vs. Lowell on Turf Field at 4:00 PM
Senior Cabaret & Theater Awards @6:00 PM

Wednesday, 6/2/10 Day 4 - CADEF

MCAS Science Exams today
First two periods swap positions
C period ends at 8:30 AM. A period runs 8:30-10:00
Senior Cruise –Leaves from Rowe’s Wharf @2:45PM

Thursday, 6/3/10 Day 5 – DBCGF

Junior Book Awards, 7:45 AM in cafeteria
MCAS Science Exams today
First two periods swap positions
D period ends at 8:30 AM. B period runs 8:30-10:00
Graduation Rehearsal @10:00 AM @Cushing Park
Principals Meeting @10:00 AM
Senior Picnic after rehearsal

Friday, 6/4/10 Day 6 - DABEG

Spring College Fair in cafeteria 8:00 – 10:00 AM
Graduation Rehearsal Rain date @10:00 AM

Saturday, 6/5/10

SAT’s at FHS

Sunday, 6/6/10

Graduation @Cushing Memorial Park @1:00 PM

Next Week:

Monday, 6/7/10 Day 7 - CBGFE

Tuesday, 6/8/10 Day 1 - ABCDE

Wednesday, 6/9/10 Day 2 - CADGF

Unveiling of new mural outside pre-school @2:00 PM

Thursday, 6/10/10 Day 3 – BAEFG

RFL Board Meeting @6:00 PM

Friday, 6/11/10 EXAM DAY 1

No Homeroom
A-Period Exam 7:30 – 9:00 AM
B-Period Exam 9:15 – 10:45 AM
Buses depart at 10:55 AM

Saturday, 6/12/10

Sunday, 6/13/10