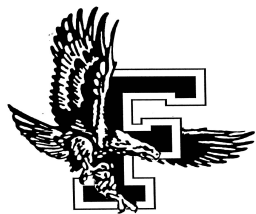


“You can’t expect to hit the jackpot if you don’t put a few nickels in the machine...”

Flip Wilson



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Hi All;

All hail the Class of 2010!

The seniors were officially sent out into the world yesterday via **graduation at Cushing Memorial Park**. It was a hot and sticky afternoon, but the weather cooperated just long enough to get the ceremony in. There was certainly a lot of worry on Friday and Saturday, as the closer we got to Sunday the more the forecast seemed to predict storms. Mark and I spent a lot of time early Sunday morning studying the forecast from many different sources, and while the major networks seemed to predict an apocalyptic afternoon, the most detailed information indicated a small window from 1:00 – 3:00 that would stay dry. Thankfully, that is exactly what happened. The ceremony proceeded at a record pace, and the graduates were throwing their caps in the air at 2:33 PM. It's a good thing we kept our collective feet on the accelerator, though, as by 3:30 PM ferocious thunderstorms moved through and drenched the region. Hopefully by that point everyone was safely on their way home or already there.

Pulling off this ceremony at Cushing was no small feat. I am very indebted to the work of many people to get this done, primarily Class of 2010 Vice-Principal Mark Albright. While he received help from many areas, ultimately the details and the big picture were his to manage. Looking back, I don't know how it could have gone any better. The name readers (Mark Banks, Sheryl Stacey, Erin Heslin, and Matt Coleman) certainly kept things moving along, and the record pace was clearly needed. Thanks to everyone for making this challenge a smooth event!

As mentioned on Flyer News last Friday, on Thursday night last week the **FHS School Council approved new regulations for electronic devices during the day at FHS**. This was a very thoughtful discussion by the members of the council, and I think we've got it defined as carefully as possible given the rapidly changing landscape of handheld electronics. As a part of the deliberations over the past few months, council members researched over 20 different high school handbooks to get an idea what other schools are doing to manage this evolution. What they found is what you might expect. While many schools do not allow these devices in any way during the school day, a handful of others allow some degree of usage within certain parameters (usually in specific “zones” or areas, or during certain times of day). Crafting language that zeroes in on what we're trying to curtail while still leaving open possible future appropriate usage was quite a challenge, and made for some lively debate. I've provided the exact wording of the new student handbook language below.

In the event you are interested, school councils were mandated by the Education Reform Law passed in Massachusetts in 1993. The intent of the law was to make sure that schools were open to participation advice from parents in the planning and direction of the school. The main requirement of school councils is that they provide input on the development of the budget, review and update the annual school improvement plan, and review and update the school's student and parent handbook. The law says that school councils shall be

composed of an even balance of faculty and parents, with participation welcome from community members. At the high school level, school councils are also permitted to include students as members.

I would like to thank those members who have served on school council this year. They have wrestled with some tough decisions and have been thoughtful, open-minded, and careful at every turn. At FHS, each year I ask every department to select one representative for the council. In turn, I open up membership for parents via sign-ups at Open House night in the fall, and attempt to recruit an equal number to balance the faculty. In some instances, we have had people who serve dual roles as both parents and faculty. In addition, we usually have at least one or sometimes two representatives from the school committee assigned to participate, while student membership has varied from zero to up to four members over the last five years. In the event you're interested, please volunteer when the call goes out next fall. Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the library closed classroom.

New Electronic Devices Language for 2010-11 Student Handbook (Page 37):

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are a distraction to the learning environment at Framingham High School. As such, the following regulations will apply:

1. All electronic devices and components must be **turned off** and **not visible** during the school day (7:25 AM – 1:55 PM). Any contact between parent/guardian and child must occur through the student's grade office.
2. Electronic devices necessary for an educational purpose may be used under the direction and with the approval of the supervising teacher/staff member.
3. Violators of this policy will have these items confiscated and turned in to their grade administrator. Repeat violations will result in the device being held in the grade office for an extended period, or return of the device only to a parent/guardian.
4. Refusal to comply with the requests of teachers and/or administrators is insubordination and subject to more severe disciplinary action as listed under *Conduct And Discipline Code* procedures.

Note: Framingham Public Schools will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen items under any circumstances. Please see the policy below on **Lost, Stolen and Found Items.**

Last week we had **someone turn in a wedding ring at the main office.** Evidently it was found somewhere on the grounds of FHS. The ring has an inscription on the inside that says, "to David love always Jackie". If anyone knows David and/or Jackie, please let them know the ring is in the main office.

Only four days of regular classes left until exams. Make sure you collect all the items assigned to students before they take their exams, as once the exam is given we lose a considerable amount of leverage until senior check-out. Thanks for your help in advance.

Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!

Statistic Of The Week

Number of students who had their cell phones taken away so far
during the 2009-10 school year:

	Once	Twice	3 times	4 times	5 times	Total
Class of 2010 (Seniors)	127	39	16	11	6	199
Class of 2011 (Juniors)	127	42	13	3	0	185

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, 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

Faculty Picnic at Laborers Training Camp

Saturday, 6/12/10

Sunday, 6/13/10

Next Week:

Monday, 6/14/10 EXAM DAY 2

No Homeroom

C-Period Exam 7:30 – 9:00 AM

D-Period Exam 9:15 – 10:45 AM

Buses depart at 10:55 AM

Tuesday, 6/15/10 EXAM DAY 3

No Homeroom

E-Period Exam 7:30 – 9:00 AM

F-Period Exam 9:15 – 10:45 AM

Buses depart at 10:55 AM

Wednesday, 6/16/10 EXAM DAY 4

No Homeroom

G-Period Exam 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Buses depart at 9:15 AM

Make Up Exams, 9:15 – 10:45 AM

Thursday, 6/17/10 MAKE UP EXAMS