

"Life is partly what we make of it, and partly what is made by the friends we choose..."

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Hi All;

The first half of the academic year is now officially in the record books, and we have three weeks until the annual February break. There will likely be some students who are again intending to put their best foot forward after receiving their grades for the first half of the year, and now might be a good time to reset expectations and have some personal conversations with students and parents about how to best succeed in the days ahead. I sent out a ConnectEd automated call to all students' homes on Friday evening to remind parents to ask their children to show them their report cards so that everyone is on the same page. As mentioned at the faculty meeting last week, now is the time to begin discussing appropriate placement recommendations for all underclassmen, as they will begin their 2012-12 registration process soon. While we always would like students to stretch and challenge themselves academically, it is important to make informed decisions about course selections as we do not have the flexibility to reserve multiple spots in different levels for every student. Please make sure there is a coordinated front with the student, parent, teacher and guidance counselor so everyone is on the same page. Thanks for your help in starting this conversation with students now, well before recommendations are due.

As many of you are aware **the three finalists for superintendent in Framingham will be making visits to the district this week**. Each candidate will meet with many people over the course of their one day, and each of their visits will culminate with an "open community forum" at Cameron Middle School from 5-6:00 PM, followed by an interview with the school committee in the Desmaris room at the King Administration Building from 7:30 – 9:00 PM. The names of the candidates and the dates they will be here are as follows:

Monday, January 30 = William Hart, Assistant Superintendent, Pentucket Regional School District
Wednesday, Feb. 1 = Robert Tremblay, Superintendent, Milford Public Schools
Thursday, Feb. 2 = Stacey Scott, Superintendent, Dracut Public Schools

Each candidate will start their whirlwind tour of the district with a **visit to FHS from 8:00 – 8:45 AM**. They will also be meeting with FTA President Sam Miskin and other FTA reps at 3:30 PM at FHS on the days listed. Please take advantage of the times available to ask questions and provide feedback through whatever mechanism is available. This is an important hire for the district at a critical time; make sure you don't miss out on the opportunity to become informed and provide feedback.

Last Saturday, **FHS Senior Ariel Schnur auditioned for the Massachusetts Music Educator's Associations (MMEA) All-State Concert band**. She earned the right to audition by scoring highly in the Eastern District ensemble earlier this year. The All-State auditions include students from each district of Massachusetts. Ariel auditioned and scored 3 points short of a perfect score, thus earning her the first chair first seat in the MMEA All-State Concert band. This is the first FHS band student in recent memory to make it this far. She has worked hard and will be participating in two day-long rehearsals and a concert at the beginning of March. Congratulations on her hard work and dedication to achieve this honor as a senior.

The **Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Awards** were recently announced, and FHS' artists cleaned up with a boat-load of awards. These students are taught in the Fine Arts and Photography classes of Josie Kealty, Rebecca Cauchon, Dan Nicholson, and Louise Allain. Their work will be on display at the State Transportation Building in Boston from now until early March. Many of our art students will be traveling to view this display of top-notch art work later in February. Please congratulate these talented students if you have them in your classes or see them in the halls! The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards are presented annually to the top high school artists in Massachusetts. Gold Keys are awarded to the top 7-10% of artwork presented, while Silver Keys are in the top 15-20%. You may view the Scholastic website here:

<http://www.artandwriting.org/> Here are the 2012 winners from FHS:

	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Award</u>
1	Claire	Whall	10	Mixed Media	Gold Key
2	Rebecca	Patterson	11	Mixed Media	Gold Key
3	Xavier	Quezada	12	Mixed Media	Gold Key
4	Nathan	Galloway	12	Photography	Gold Key
5	Phillipe	Gomes	12	Photography	Gold Key
6	Kailyn	Chan	11	Photography	Silver key
7	Mary	Gonzalez	11	Mixed Media	Silver Key
8	Jessica	Meek	11	Mixed Media	Silver Key
9	Danielle	Solomon	11	Digital Art	Silver Key
10	Andrea	White	12	Mixed Media	Silver Key
11	Megan	Carr	12	Drawing	Silver Key
12	Mike	Caruso	12	Painting	Silver Key
13	Gina	Catinella	12	Photography	Silver Key
14	Danielle	Lagman	12	Ceramics	Silver Key
15	Claire	Whall	10	Drawing	Honorable Mention
16	Christopher	Alves	10	Digital Art	Honorable Mention
17	Emily	Frank	10	Painting	Honorable Mention
18	Kierra	Murphy	11	Photography	Honorable Mention
19	Atila	Santos	11	Ceramics	Honorable Mention
20	Xavier	Quezada	12	Sculpture	Honorable Mention
21	Brianna	Araya	12	Sculpture	Honorable Mention
22	Sophia	DeAraujo	12	Digital Art	Honorable Mention
23	Abby	Singer	12	Sculpture	Honorable Mention
24	Johanna	Villanegra	9	Ceramics	Honorable Mention
25	Makayla	Mckenna	9	Ceramics	Honorable Mention
26	Michelle	Cueroni	12	Photography	Honorable Mention (2)
27	Mia	Lin	12	Painting & Printmaking	Honorable Mention (2)

Due to the professional development half-day on Thursday this week, we will be taking advantage of the opportunity to **shift the second day of Biology MCAS re-testing to FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**. This will allow all students ample time to finish their exams and still be able to catch the bus home at 2:00 PM. Please note the change in date on the calendar that follows.

Also remember that we will be re-setting expectations and outlooks for the second half of the year at **this week's grade assemblies in the auditorium**. Remember to accompany your classes if they consist of predominantly the grade being addressed. Please check the calendar that follows for specific dates and times. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Remember to scroll down for the next 2 weeks calendar!

Statistic Of The Week

2011-12 Term 3 Ineligibility (Based On Term 2 Grades)

In order to be eligible for any extracurricular activity, students must maintain a minimum 70% cumulative average for each term

Grade	Y.O.G.	Number Of Students
12	Class of 2012	54
11	Class of 2013	91
10	Class of 2014	86
9	Class of 2015	89
	Total =	320

Calendar Of Events

Listed are all school-wide calendar and home athletic events.

Remember to Check the FHS Web Site at: <http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs.cfm>

For All Other Athletic Event Days & Times Visit:

<http://www.highschoolsports.net/Month/Framingham-High-School-Framingham-MA/>

This Week:

Monday, 1/30/12 DAY 6 - DABEG

Supt. Candidate William Hart visits FHS 8-8:45 AM
Candidate Community Forum @Cameron 5-6:00 PM
S.C. Interview 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Tuesday, 1/31/12 DAY 7 - CBGFE

Senior Assembly @10:30 AM (G-period)
Boys Basketball vs. Norwood
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:00, Varsity @6:45 PM

Wednesday, 2/1/12 DAY 1 - ABCDE

Supt. Candidate Robert Tremblay visits FHS 8-8:45 AM
MCAS Biology Re-Test (Session 1)
Junior Assembly @8:30 AM (A-period)
Framingham Youth Development Council 8-10:00 AM
Boys JV Hockey vs. Newton North @3:45 PM
Boys Swimming @Bay State Conf. meet @4:00 PM
Candidate Community Forum @Cameron 5-6:00 PM
S.C. Interview 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Walpole @7:00 PM

Thursday, 2/2/12 DAY 2 - C & G Only

Supt. Candidate Stacey Scott visits FHS 8-8:45 AM
Sophomore Assembly @8:30 AM (C-period)
Professional Development Half-Day
Students dismissed at 10:45 AM
Moved To FRI - MCAS Biology Re-Test (Session 2)
Boys Basketball vs. Walpole
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:00, Varsity @6:45 PM
FHS School Council @7:00 PM in Library Candidate
Community Forum @Cameron 5-6:00 PM
S.C. Interview 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Friday, 2/3/12 DAY 3 - BAEFG

Freshman Assembly @8:30 AM (B-period)
MCAS Biology Re-Test (Session 2)

Saturday, 2/4/12

Next Week:

Monday, 2/6/12 DAY 4 - ACDEF

Varsity Girls Hockey vs. Reading @4:15 PM
PTO Meeting @7:00 PM in H-100

Tuesday, 2/7/12 DAY 5 - BDCGF

Girls Basketball vs. Needham
Frosh @3:45, JV @4:15, Varsity @6:45 PM

Wednesday, 2/8/12 DAY 6 - DABEG

Varsity Girls Hockey vs. Braintree @4:10 PM

Thursday, 2/9/12 DAY 7 - CBGFE

Professional Development Half-Day
Students dismissed at 10:45 AM
MCAS Biology Re-Test (Session 2)
Boys Basketball vs. Walpole
Frosh @3:45, JV @5:00, Varsity @6:45 PM
FHS School Council @7:00 PM in Library
Juniors College Info Night @7:00 PM in Auditorium
Bay State Cheer & Dance Championships

Friday, 2/10/12 DAY 1 - ABCDE

DSAC Meeting @9:30 AM @Fuller
Girls Basketball vs. Needham
Frosh @3:45, JV @4:15, Varsity @6:45 PM

Saturday, 2/11/12

Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Newton North @5:00 PM