

“The amount of satisfaction you get from life depends largely on your own ingenuity, self-sufficiency, and resourcefulness. People who wait around for life to supply their satisfaction usually find boredom instead...”

Dr. William Menninger



The Principal's Flyer

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Hi All;

Hello October!

Things are starting to settle down into a rhythm at FHS, and the advent of the Autumnal Equinox last week begins to usher in cooler air, color-changing leaves, and...the first progress reports of the year! Comments for progress reports will be collated next week, and this will be the first “official” opportunity for students and families to receive feedback on achievement and progress this year. Remember to keep in mind the deadlines (listed in the calendar below) so that we can on pace to get these things out by Friday, October 9. Every student in your caseloads should receive comment(s). Thanks for your help in advance.

MCAS scores for schools around the state were released last week, and here at FHS we are working diligently to compile all the information into mailings that will go out to all students. Some kids may have already received some of their scores, but it is a challenge to sort out the Science scores in addition to the traditional Math and English scores since those students are scattered in grades 9, 10, and 11. The current senior class (Class of 2010) is the first group that needs to pass a Science exam in order to graduate, and we have a handful of students who are yet to achieve that goal. Another complicating factor is that there is only a make-up exam in Biology (in January) so students who do not pass must prepare for that subject exclusively, regardless of their past course history at FHS. As if that wasn't enough, any student who enrolls at FHS as a senior must pass all three exams (Math, English, and Science) via the make-up option THIS YEAR. That makes for some fancy footwork by Mr. Rothwell, our MCAS make-up coordinator. Please see the data on this year's MCAS tests in the Statistic of the Week section of this Flyer, or for more detailed information regarding MCAS testing visit : http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/state_report/mcas.aspx

As a part of the ESL/Bilingual and World Language Departments' “Celebrate Diversity” series, noted author **Aviva Chomsky will be speaking at FHS next Tuesday, October 6, 2009 @8:00 AM.** While this presentation is not open to the general public, it is very much open to those who wish to bring their classes to hear Dr. Chomsky speak. She is the author of *They Take Our Jobs and 20 Other Myths About Immigration* and will be speaking about her research regarding the myths and realities of immigration in the United States. Please get in touch with the WL/ESL departments to reserve space if you wish to listen to this presentation.

This week is the annual marking of the October 1 enrollment reports. Each year, every district and school in the state is required to officially report their enrollment on October 1 so that the state can have an official tally of every school. I am expecting that the fluctuations of the past few weeks are dying out, and we should have a good handle on things by the end of the week. In addition, the deadline for applying for Free/Reduced lunch deadline is September 30 (Wednesday) this week. If you have not applied and have been meaning to do so, please do it today! The tallies for this variable are the basis for many programs used by the state and federal government, and it is a missed opportunity if our eligible population does not apply. Free

and reduced lunch forms are available on line on the FPS website by clicking here:

<http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/>. These forms are also available in three languages by visiting any grade office. Thanks for your help in advance.

Next Monday's (October 5) PTBO meeting will feature our new superintendent Steven Hiersche and our new assistant superintendent Christine Tyrie as guest speakers. They will be speaking at 7:00 PM and the meeting will begin with cookies and conversation at 6:30 PM. Please try to attend! The meeting will take place in room H-100 adjacent to the auditorium.

Remember that bus passes will be mailed the week of Oct. 5th. **Students without passes will not be permitted to ride the bus beginning the week of Oct 12th.** If you have not filled out a bus application or applied for a waiver (for those that qualify for free or reduced lunch) please DO IT TODAY. Bus pass forms and free and reduced lunch forms are available on line on the FPS website by clicking here:

<http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/>. If you have questions you may contact the transportation office at 508-626-9179. Thanks for your help as we sort all this out.

This Friday, October 2 is the annual "Seniors Welcome Freshmen" dance in the FHS gym. The dance will begin at 7:00 PM and will end at 11:00 PM. I hope there are lots of students planning to attend, and it is important to note that tickets will NOT be sold in advance and must be purchased in school at any lunch this week. We pride ourselves on making sure we provide an opportunity for students to participate in a substance free event, and there will be many chaperones on hand to provide supervision. All school rules apply at school sanctioned events, so I appreciate your cooperation in advance.

Remember that after school today (Tuesday, 9-29-09) we will have our obligatory faculty meeting in the auditorium at 2:15 PM regarding supervision and evaluation procedures for the Framingham Public Schools. Please be prompt as we will need to have accurate attendance. We should easily be out by 3:00 PM. Thank you!

Remember to scroll down for the weekly calendar!

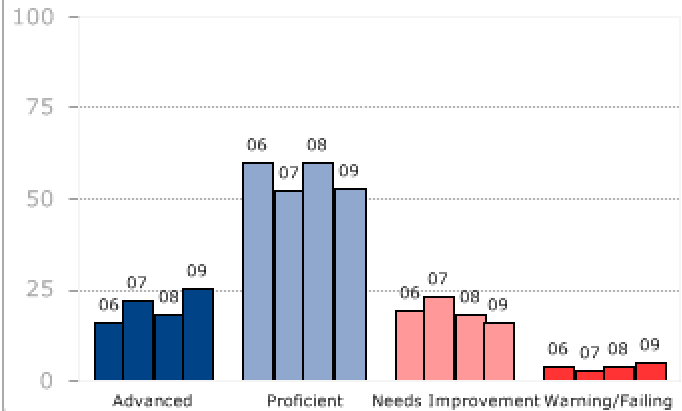
Statistic Of Week

FHS MCAS Results History, 2006 - 2009

GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	2009
ADVANCED	16	22	18	25
PROFICIENT	60	52	60	53
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	19	23	18	16
FAILING	4	3	4	5

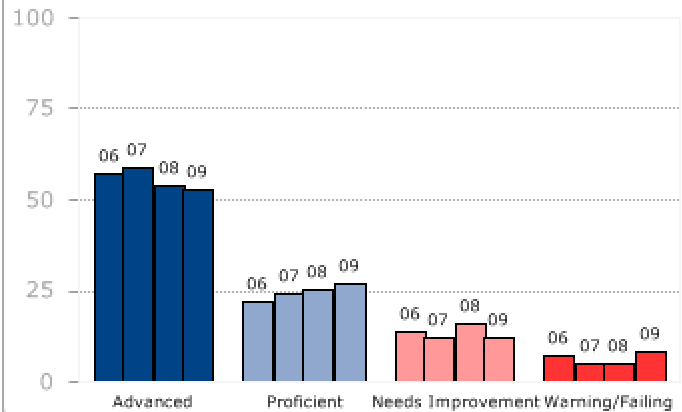
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Percentage of Students by Performance Level



GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2006	2007	2008	2009
ADVANCED	57	59	54	53
PROFICIENT	22	24	25	27
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	14	12	16	12
FAILING	7	5	5	8

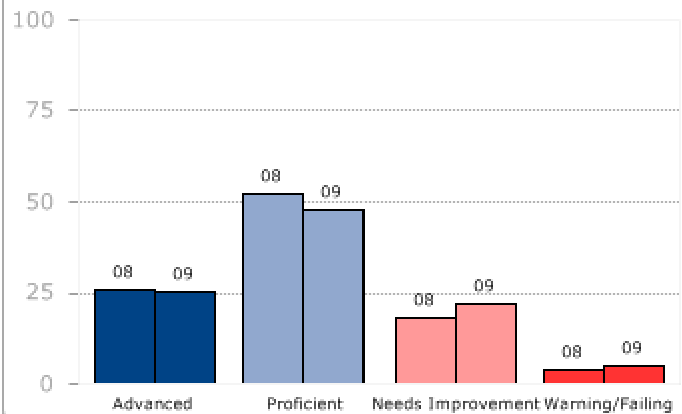
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS Percentage of Students by Performance Level



GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2008	2009
ADVANCED	26	25
PROFICIENT	52	48
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	18	22
FAILING	4	5

GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Percentage of Students by Performance Level



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, 9/28/09 NO SCHOOL – YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, 9/29/09 Day 4 - ACDEF

Faculty Meeting on Supervision @2:15 PM
Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Brookline @3:45 PM
Girls Var & JV Soccer vs. Brookline @3:45 PM
Girls Swimming vs. Needham @4:00 PM
Girls JV Field Hockey vs. Brookline @5:00 PM

Wednesday, 9/30/09 Day 5 - BDCGF

New Registrations Review meeting @12:00 PM
Cross Country vs. Wellesley & Weymouth @3:45 PM
Boys Frosh Soccer vs. Braintree @3:45 PM
Girls JV Volleyball vs. Brookline @4:00 PM
Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Brookline @5:00 PM

Thursday, 10/1/09 Day 6 - DABEG

Principals Meeting @10:00 AM
Girls Var & JV Soccer vs. Newton North @3:45 PM
Varsity Field Hockey vs. Newton North @3:45 PM
Girls JV Field Hockey vs. Newton North @5:15 PM

Friday, 10/2/09 Day 7 - CBGFE

Frosh Elections Packets available for pick-up
Boys Frosh Football vs. Weymouth @3:45 PM
Girls Frosh Soccer vs. Brookline @3:45 PM
Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Newton North @4:00 PM
Girls JV Volleyball vs. Newton North @4:00 PM
Girls Frosh Volleyball vs Newton North @5:15 PM
Seniors Welcome Freshmen Dance @FHS

Saturday, 10/3/09

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Natick @6:00 PM
Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Natick @8:00 PM

Next Week:

Monday, 10/5/09 Day 1 - ABCDE

New Teacher Meeting @2:15 PM in room E-202
PTBO Meeting @7:00 PM with Supt. Hiersche and
Assistant Superintendent Christine Tyrie in H-100
Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Brockton @4:00 PM

Tuesday, 10/6/09 Day 2 - CADGF

Deadline to input progress report comments = 2:00PM
Verifications on e-mail by 4:00 PM
TEC College Fair at Waltham HS @7:00 PM
Girls Frosh Soccer vs. Newton North @3:45 PM
Girls Frosh & JV Volleyball vs. Milton @4:00 PM
Cross Country vs. Brookline @4:00 PM
Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Milton @5:00 PM

Wednesday, 10/7/09 - NO SCHOOL

Professional Development for all staff
Superintendent's Address to FHS Faculty
Begins at 10:00 AM
Girls Varsity & JV Soccer vs. Milton @3:45 PM
Varsity Field Hockey vs. Milton @3:45 PM
JV Field Hockey vs. Milton @5:00 PM

Thursday, 10/8/09 Day 3 - BAEFG

Deadline for progress report changes = 8:00 AM
Department Heads meeting @1:00 PM
Progress reports in HR mailboxes by 3:30 PM
Girls Frosh Soccer vs. Milton @3:45 PM
Girls Frosh & JV Volleyball vs. Weymouth @4:00PM
Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Weymouth @5:00 PM
School Council Meeting @7:00 PM in Lib. Classrm.
College Admissions Panel Discussion @7:00 in aud.

Friday, 10/9/09 Day 4 - ACDEF

Progress Reports distributed in HR
E-mailed home before 3:30 PM
Girls Varsity & JV Soccer vs. Weymouth @3:45 PM
Varsity Football vs. Dedham @7:00 PM

Saturday, 10/10/09

SAT's at FHS
JV Football vs. Dedham @10:00 AM