

FISHERS HIGH SCHOOL

FHS PRESS

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Tiger Parents:

As you know, it is our on-going commitment to provide rigorous academic challenges for each student. To this end, the teachers at Fishers High School (FHS) continually review curriculum to ensure that standards are being taught and that assessment of student progress is measured against these standards.

Although we certainly have talented students motivated to succeed, excellent parental support, and an outstanding support staff; the glue holding it all together is our extraordinary teaching staff. Combining the dedication of our teachers, the commitment of our support staff and the high level of community and parental involvement, FHS is poised to lead our students to the next level of excellence.

Continuous growth requires the input of all stakeholders. During our Parent Open House, we asked the FHS school community to give us feedback to help direct our improvement efforts. Page two (2) of this newsletter contains a summary of these results over the past three years. We have divided our results into three areas of focus:

- Academic rigor
- Relevant instruction
- Building student trust and relationships

Overall, it appears that significant gains have been made in nearly all areas of parental perspective measured in the survey. The survey also revealed areas still in need of our focus and efforts. Specifically, the use of real-world problems and the need to prepare students to live in a diverse society stood out as areas for improvement. Thank you to the parents who responded to the survey. We will use this valuable perspective to guide our school development.

While we have reached out to our school community for feedback, the best way you can impact your student's academic success is to be a supportive parent. My challenge to all FHS parents is to emphasize the importance of the high school years on your student's future success. Our job of educating students becomes more complex each year. Current FHS students are expected to learn more material, more quickly, and in more depth than any other generation in history. In addition, the college admissions process has grown increasingly more competitive each year. The best way to attack these challenges is through a united front. FHS is committed to offering the best possible education designed to meet the needs of every student at our school.

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Your actions and conversations will influence how your child views their education. By listening and working with our parents, we can ensure that each student has ample opportunities to maximize their choices when they leave high school. Thank you for your role in our success. We sincerely appreciate the support given to your student and our school.

Sincerely,

Jason Urban
Principal

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Community Survey Results

Relevance	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Ethics should be taught in school	76%	89.5%	89.4%
This school/district should allow responsible use of cell phones by students during the school day	31%	33.8%	35.1%
School programs are aligned with community expectations	55%	76.2%	83.8%
This school/district prepares students to live in a culturally and ethnically diverse society	50%	58.7%	69%
Students are challenged to solve real-world problems	69%	89%	68.7%

Rigor	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Students are expected to go beyond the school's minimum academic requirements	84%	91.9%	93%
Students who struggle academically should get extra support	87%	94.8%	94.8%
Academics are a priority in the school	89%	93.2%	97.2%
This school helps students develop positive attitudes for success in life	71%	94%	89.2%
Reading and writing strategies should be taught in high school	82%	98.7%	93.6%
This school challenges students to develop their academic potential	78%	89.3%	85%

Relationships	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
This school is a source of pride in the community	85%	92.7%	96.3%
I believe the school system makes an effort to connect with me	67%	81.2%	89.7%
The schools are an asset to the community	88%	96.3%	98.5%
Students who practice good citizenship are rewarded in this school	50%	59.4%	63.1%
This school engages all ethnic groups in the community	65%	82.2%	76.4%
I know the goals the school/district is working on	52%	64%	67%

COMMUNITY NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

October 4, 2011	Senior Meeting (Caps and Gowns)
October 4, 2011	Orchestra Concert
October 5, 2011	Band Concert
October 6, 2011	Late Start
October 8, 2011	Craft Fair (Fishers Freedom Festival)
October 12, 2011	PSAT Test for 10th & 11th Graders, PLAN Test for 9th Graders
October 12, 2011	Late Start - SENIORS ONLY
October 14, 2011	1st Grading Period Ends
October 19, 2011	Late Start
October 20, 2011	Student Leadership Retreat
October 27, 2011	Fall Break
October 28, 2011	Fall Break
November 2, 2011	Math Fax
November 5, 2011	Speech Meet



FISHERS FREEDOM FESTIVAL CRAFT FAIR

The Fishers Freedom Festival is having their annual "Christmas in October Craft Fair" at Fishers High School on Saturday, October 8th from 9am to 3pm. Over 150 Arts and Craft Vendors will be present. Food will be for sale by the school's PTO and all proceeds from the raffle will benefit the "Roy Holland Backpacks for Kids" program. Please bring canned goods or a new toy to the show to benefit the Hamilton County Good Samaritan program.

Admission: \$5.00 Adults
\$2.00 Senior Citizens and Students 13 and over
FREE for Children 12 and Under

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Fishers High School is proud to announce our semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Students qualify for this program by achieving high scores on the PSAT taken in their junior year. More than **one and a half million** students from around the country take this test and about 16,000 are chosen as Semifinalists. These students represent less than one percent of our state's high school seniors. Semifinalists are required to fill out an application to compete for the National Merit Finalist Scholarships and recognitions. Approximately 8,200 students will be awarded Finalist status. It is our honor to recognize the following students for their academic accomplishments:

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Jennifer Funk
Jacob Ryan

Paul Pratt
Amanda Wiesler

National Merit Commended Students

Lucas Bailey
Ryan Benshoof
Lauren Cole
Alexander Duvall
Nathan Hewitt
Jacob Salathe
Rebecca Turgeon
Vincent Volk

Kaitlyn Belbutoski
Kylie Black
Hayley Drozd
Robert Herron
Madelyn Miller
Lydia Smyth
Caitlin Tyner
Michael Willey

CONGRATULATIONS!



INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The PSAT and PLAN will be given the morning of October 12th at FHS. All sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT. Freshmen will take the PLAN.

WHAT is the PSAT?

- The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Qualifying Test.
- It is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- It is the first official step on the road to college.
- It assesses skills developed in a wide range of courses as well as experiences gained outside the classroom.
- It consists of three parts: Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing Skills.

WHY take the PSAT?

- Position students to better compete for scholarships when taking the test their junior year.
- Receive admission information from colleges and universities.
- Re-evaluate course selections and modify study habits if test results indicate the need.
- Measure their knowledge in comparison to other students.
- Re-focus efforts to succeed in Advanced Placement courses.
- Gain test-taking experience.

WHAT is the PLAN?

- The PLAN is a “pre-ACT” test
- The PLAN is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT
- The PLAN includes four multiple-choice tests: English, Math, Reading, and Science

WHY take the PLAN?

- Stimulate thinking and planning for life after high school
- Assess status of academic preparation for postsecondary education
- Support meaningful high school course selection for junior and senior years
- Relate personal characteristics to educational and career options
- Help focus test preparation to improve ACT scores
- Provide an estimated ACT Composite score
- Increase their likelihood of being contacted by colleges



INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Many college representatives are scheduled to visit Fishers High School. Students are encouraged to listen to the announcements for information regarding the upcoming college visit dates. The information is posted on the bulletin board outside the guidance office. Parents and students can also access this information on the Fishers High School web page <http://www.hse.k12.in.us/FHS/guidance/events.aspx>. Students must sign up in the guidance office prior to the visit. The list of colleges currently scheduled is as follows:

Oct 4th	University of Kentucky	12:30 PM - 1:15 PM
Oct 4th	St. Joseph's College	1:25 PM - 2:05 PM
Oct 5th	Butler University	8:35 AM - 9:35 AM
Oct 5th	IU Kokomo	9:40 AM - 10:30 AM
Oct 6th	Illinois College	9:40 AM - 10:30 AM
Oct 6th	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	10:10 AM - 10:50 AM
Oct 6th	Ohio Northern University	1:10 PM - 2:00 PM
Oct 10th	Vanderbilt University	8:40 AM - 9:35 AM
Oct 10th	Grand Valley State University	12:10 PM - 1:00 PM
Oct 11th	Bethel College	12:30 PM - 1:15 PM
Oct 13th	Kettering University	12:10 PM - 1:00 PM
Oct 13th	University of Alabama-Huntsville	2:05 PM - 2:50 PM
Oct 17th	Transylvania University	12:10 PM - 1:00 PM
Oct 18th	University of Southern California	9:25 AM - 10:05 AM
Oct 18th	Martin University	10:15 AM - 10:50 AM
Oct 18th	Kalamazoo College	2:15 PM - 2:50 PM
Oct 19th	Ohio State University	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM
Oct 19th	IPFW	10:10 AM - 10:50 AM
Oct 19th	Yale University	12:30 PM - 1:15 PM
Oct 25th	Beloit College	8:40 AM - 9:35 AM
Oct 25th	Baldwin-Wallace	1:10 PM - 2:00 PM
Oct 26th	University of Dayton	8:40 AM - 9:35 AM
Oct 26th	Belmont University	1:10 PM - 2:00 PM

Events for the Month of November

Nov 1st	St. Mary's College	10:15 AM - 10:50 AM
Nov 4th	Indiana State University	2:05 PM - 2:50 PM
Nov 15th	Lincoln College Rep	10:15 AM - 10:50 AM



INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

COLLEGE FAIRS

The Indianapolis Area NACAC National College Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Indiana Convention Center. Students and parents are welcome to attend. Over 200 colleges and universities will be represented as well as a few international colleges and universities.

TESTING DATES

SAT Test Dates

November 5, 2011
December 3, 2011
January 28, 2012
March 10, 2012
May 5, 2012
June 2, 2012

Registration Deadline

October 7, 2011
November 8, 2011
December 30, 2011
February 10, 2012
April 6, 2012
May 8, 2012



ACT Test Dates

December 10, 2011
February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

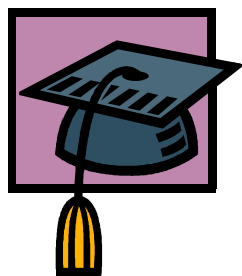
Registration Deadline

November 4, 2011
January 13, 2012
March 9, 2012
May 4, 2012

FRESHMAN PARENT MEETINGS

The FHS Guidance Department is meeting with 9th graders and their parents to develop a four year academic/career plan. Parents will receive letters that indicate their appointment time. These meetings are very important as it allows parents/students to begin developing a working relationship with the school counselor. We encourage all parents to attend in order to ensure the success of our students.

GRADUATION INFORMATION



Senior Meeting (SMaRT Period for Caps & Gowns)

October 4, 2011

Baccalaureate

June 7, 2012

Commencement Rehearsal

June 8, 2012

Commencement

June 9, 2012

SENIOR PICTURE DEADLINE

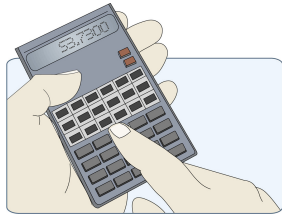
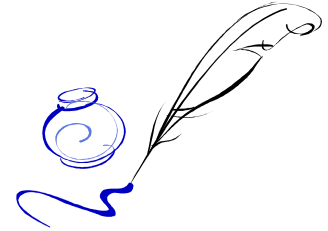
In order for your student to appear in the Senior section of our yearbook, your student needs to be photographed by Prestige Portraits. The deadline for your student's portrait to appear in the yearbook is **November 19, 2011**. Please call 829-2080 to schedule an appointment with Prestige Portraits.



FHS NEWS

ENGLISH TUTORING

Free English tutoring continues to be available in A224 after school from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An English teacher and NHS students are available to assist students with the comprehension and analysis of literature and with any stage of the writing process. Students may additionally seek help with practice questions for the SAT/PSAT and/or with their college application essays. No need to sign up; just show up!



MATH TUTORING & ALGEBRA CORE 40 TUTORING

Students can take advantage of math tutoring every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in room B131 or B132 from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. If your student needs additional help, this is a great opportunity!

TUTORING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL!!!

Every morning in **D104 Lab** students from National Honor Society will be available for tutoring from **7:00-7:30 a.m.** No need to sign up or schedule a session, simply show up at the designated location and time. Subjects covered include sciences, English, math and lower level world languages. Don't miss this opportunity!!

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Just a reminder that book fees are due on October 21st. For your convenience, you can now pay your students book fees via eFunds on Family Access or go to Quick Links on our school website: <http://www.hse.k12.in.us/fhs/>



REPORT CARDS

The official report card will be available on Thursday, October 20th under the report card link in Skyward. If you do not have your login and password, please contact the guidance office for assistance.



YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks On Sale

You still have time to order a yearbook for your student. You can get an order form in the Main Office, outside room A218, or on our website. The cost of the yearbook is \$55 and will increase to \$75 after October 31st.



Senior Ads in Yearbook

If you would like to help congratulate your senior's success with a recognition baby ad in the yearbook, please complete the order form on the next page. Typically, each ad includes a picture of your senior when he/she was a toddler and/or the student's senior picture, along with a short note of congratulations. To ensure your well wishes are included in the yearbook, your order form must be received no later than **November 1, 2011**.

2012 *Tiger Tracks*

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Tiger Tracks Yearbook
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E-Mail To:

kcbrown@hse.k12.in.us

(All e-mailed photos must be in a jpeg format.)

2012 Senior Ad

- Include your photos with the order form. Photos will not be returned unless requested in writing. Photos taken by professional photographers must be accompanied by a release form allowing use of the image in the yearbook.
- All orders must be received by November 1, 2011.
- Make checks payable to "FHS Yearbook".

Student(s) Name(s): _____

Contact Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parent e-mail: _____

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Total
	1/8 page ad for one senior	Approximately 4 1/8" x 2 1/2" - color One picture and a short message	\$50	
	1/4 page ad for one senior	Approximately 4 1/8" x 5 1/8" - color Two pictures and a short message	\$80	
	1/2 page ad for up to two seniors	Approximately 8 1/2" x 5 1/8" - color Up to five pictures and a message	\$150	
	Full page ad for up to six seniors	Approximately 8 1/2" x 10 1/4" - color Up to 8 pictures and a message	\$250	

Please clearly print your message:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

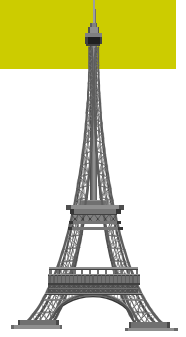
FHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

FRENCH STUDENTS

Parents whose students are in French 2 and above are invited to apply to host a French student from our partner school in France. The French students will visit Fishers from April 13th to April 25th. Students in French classes have received an information letter. Parents can also go to the following website to find the letter, hosting application and tentative itinerary for the stay:

<http://www.quia.com/pages/mgeisinger/exchange>

Students who host will have a chance to apply to go on a trip next school year to visit the French students at their school. Contact Jessica Geisinger, French teacher, with any questions.



GERMAN CLUB

German Club will be having an after school Oktoberfest on October 6th. We will meet in Herr Geisinger's German classroom for dancing, pretzels and root-beer.

The German Club is also participating in the Foreign Language Soccer Tournament on October 12th. Sign-up sheets for both events are in Herr Geisinger's German classroom.



MATHFAX

Math Fax is a national math competition that was started in 1997 and currently serves hundreds of schools. Students take a 25 question math test that corresponds to the math class in which they are currently enrolled: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, or Advanced Math. Over the course of the year, there will be four contests for each level, each thirty minutes long. Cumulative standings after each test regarding the school scores and the highest individual scores will be posted online at <http://www.educontest.com/>.

These contests are excellent preparation for college math entrance exams and students who participate can earn extra credit in their math class.

Students taking the exam should meet in either the cafeteria or the LGI room before school on the contest dates. Students must arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 am to take the test. The testing room doors lock at 7:00 am and no late entries will be permitted.

The Math Fax dates for this year are:

November 2, 2011
December 7, 2011
February 1, 2012
March 7, 2012



DANCE MARATHON

Come one come all to the first ever All Treats No Tricks presented by Fishers High School Dance Marathon. On Saturday, October 22 Fishers Dance Marathon will be hosting this family friendly event from 5:30- 8:30 pm at Fishers High School. With only a \$5 contribution per person towards Riley Hospital for Children you and your children will have a blast in a safe environment with plenty of Halloween treats without the cold temperatures. We invite everyone to attend this new event and to wear your costume. Various clubs and sports teams at the high school will have tables with plenty of candy for every child! There will also be a kid friendly "haunted" house. The event is very family friendly and it will be supporting a great cause, Riley Hospital for Children. Hope to see you there!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Amanda	Basham	Kari	Lorentson
Jeremy	Beaver	Lindsey	Martin
Hannah	Burriss	Halley Rose	Meslin
Olivia	Cane	Madelyn	Miller
Paige	Cassidy	Shamsa	Mohamed
Alicia	Critchfield	Rachel	Mullendore
Drew	Cutter	Adrianna	Murphy
Therese	Detablan	Phoenix	Niewidok
Brandon	Diebold	Chrissy	Oresik
Thao	Doan	Nate	Quellhorst
Jessica	Dupree	Emily	Santin
Hannah	Eli	Tyra	Scott
Johnathan	Fenimore	Chloe	Sell
Lauryn	Flynn	Chris	Seymour
Kristin	Foster	Jeremy	Shen
Simeon	Foster	Chelsea	Shi
Eric	Garcia	Luka	Skudrzik
Shelia	Han	David	Sopoci
Becca	Hart	Patrick	Stevens
Maddie	Heffelmire	Drew	Urban
Breanne	Held	Matt	Van Hoosen
Julia	Holman	Jenna	Watson
Natalie	Huibregtse	Holly	Westerfield
Abby	Johnson	Katie	White
Collin	Kelly	Ty	Willis
McKenna	Kluemper	Tyler	Wilson
Kari	Lorentson	Ruth	Xing





ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

13000 Promise Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038
Phone: (317)915-4296 Fax: (317)915-8248

Attention Fishers High School Athletes/Parents:

Hamilton Southeastern School Board voted to charge athletes a Program Participation Fee (PPF) per sport, per season, starting the fall of 2011. This fee will be based on the number of athletic trips their team (entire program) takes during the season.

The money collected will go to Central Office to help offset program costs, coaching salaries, transportation and other related expenses.

Here are the five (5) big questions as we begin the winter season.

How much do I have to pay?

Boys/Girls Swim/Dive	\$15
Girls Basketball	\$30
Boys Basketball	\$30
Cheerleading	\$30
Wrestling	\$30

***Please list student's first name, last name, and sport in the memo section of the check.

Who do I write the check to?

FHS Athletics... We will collect the money then forward one check to Central Office.

When do I pay the fee?

PPF will be expected before the first scrimmage or contest.

Payments can be made in the athletic office.

Payments can be accepted at organizational parent meetings by one of the Athletic Directors.

Coaches cannot/will not accept PPF payments.

Do all athletes have to pay?

Yes, athletics is extra-curricular and not mandatory.

What happens if my son/daughter does not make the team?

The athletic department will hold all checks until teams are determined, and if your son/daughter does not make the team, your check will be returned to you.

We ask for your patience as we implement this form of "pay to participate". We know that there will be some questions and some concerns, and we will do our best to make this process simple and painless.

We are blessed to have outstanding student-athletes at Fishers High School; we look forward to continuing the success of FHS Athletics during this very challenging economic time.

Jon Miles, Athletic Director
Fishers High School

Jim Brown, Athletic Director
Fishers High School

Have Pride Show Character Build Tradition

FISHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012

MISSION: GRADUATION

Be a part of a tradition by participating in the celebration of the 2012 graduating class of Fishers High School. What is Mission: Graduation? Mission: Graduation is a celebration of all graduating seniors, which will take place the night of graduation, June 9th from 9 PM - 1 AM, culminating the many senior/graduation activities that have taken place the week before. This event is sponsored by the PTO and by parents of not only seniors but underclassmen as well. The goal is to provide a safe place for all graduates to be together while enjoying an evening of carnival fun, refreshments and a chance to win fabulous prizes such as DVD players, TV's, refrigerators, cameras, iPods and other quality gifts to send them off from Fishers High School.

In order for Mission: Graduation to be successful we need the support of parents and businesses. Without your help, this graduation memory cannot happen. Due to the amount of planning and organization that goes into this project, your timely reply is much appreciated.

We encourage a \$25 donation from each "student family". However, more generous donations are welcome - including prize donations. Corporate and individual sponsorships will be a major factor contributing to the success of this event. Your business or personal donation will help fund Mission: Graduation. Please forward all donations to the address listed below.

We also need photos of your senior when they were toddlers – please send in a photo marked with your student's name on back. You might want to send a copy as we cannot guarantee we will return photo.

Support Fishers High School Class of 2012

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Would you like to volunteer? Committee Helper _____ Work at event _____

Platinum Sponsor	\$1,000.00 _____	Bronze Sponsor	\$100.00 _____
Gold Sponsor	500.00 _____	Silver Sponsor	250.00 _____
Student Donation	25.00 _____	Other Donations	_____

The Mission: Graduation Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity. Please forward the sponsorship with checks made payable to Fishers PTO and Mission: Graduation on the memo line. Mail to FHS PTO 13000 Promise Road, Fishers, IN 46038. Questions – email us @ fhspto@gmail.com

Sahm's is For The Kids

In support of Fishers High School Dance Marathon and Riley Hospital for Children we will be holding a percentage night!

When: Monday, October 17 from 5pm-10pm

Where: Sahm's Restaurant on Allisonville and 116th

Why: To raise money For The Kids at Riley Hospital

20% of the total revenue brought in tonight will be going to the KIDS

ARE YOU FOR THE KIDS?





ALL TREATS NO TRICKS

Join us **Saturday, October 22** from **5:30pm-8:30pm** at

Fishers High School for a fun and family friendly Trick or Treat event hosted by Fishers Dance Marathon in support of Riley Hospital for Children.

There will be tons of candy, games, and even a Kid Friendly "haunted" house! All just a **\$5 contribution to Riley.**

Don't miss out on this fun event to support **THE KIDS!** Trick or treat while staying warm.

Wear your costume!



Fishers High School
DANCE MARATHON
Benefiting the kids of Riley Hospital for Children

