



Viking Voice

Weekly Email

Fort Walton Beach High School

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**Cast Announced for the Fall Production of Mark Twain's *Is He Dead?*
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Congratulations to the following students who were cast in *Is He Dead?*, a hilarious farce about Jean Francois- Millet, an artist who fakes his own death to drive up the price of his art, then re-emerges as his widowed sister. Millet unfortunately must deal with suitors who believe him to be a woman, a police inspector who accuses him of murder and his fiancée who believes he is dead.

The company includes Andrew Knight (Chicago), Zach Kuhl (Dutchy), Haylee Britt (Marie Leroux) , Rachel Lewis (Cecile Leroux), Joseph Imsand (Papa Leroux), Christian Williams (Jean-Francois Millet), Jared Wilson (Bastien Andre), Megan Mulgrew (Madame Bathilde), Haley Chouinard (Madame Caron), Chase Yakabowski (Phelim O'Shaugnessy) and Storm Hooten (Basil Thorpe/Charlie/ Claude Riviere/The King of France). *Is He Dead?* runs November 5-8 in the Ft. Walton Beach HS auditorium.

FWBHS Leadership

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Forty years to this day, Fort Walton Beach High School played its first football game with 9th and 10th graders.

It was no small feat when they played against a seasoned team of 11th and 12th graders. We are honoring this team with a pep rally - "A Blast From The Past." Art work, clothes, music, and political banners will be displayed, taking this team back in time. The event will be held Friday, September 18th, at 9:30 am, in the gym.

Artist:

Basak Simal, an 11th grader, and new to Fort Walton Beach High this year has been instrumental in researching and designing many of our high hanging posters. Basak comes to us by way of Istanbul and has been a great addition to our leadership class

Children in Crisis:

Fort Walton Leadership Classes started tutoring after school three days a week at the Children in Crisis Home. Managing directors of this group are:

1. Erica Gary
2. Taylor Williams

Back to School Yearbook Sale! Lowest Prices of the Year! Save \$20.00 off Delivery Price!

Contact: Mrs. Teare

Call 833-3300 ext. 2151, teares@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us

Order your yearbook now for only \$75.00. This special price will be available through October 2, 2009. The price will be \$85.00 from October 5 through January 1, 2010, and will increase to \$90.00 from January 4 until the books come in. The arrival price is \$95.00. Have your yearbook personalized for \$6.00 (name stamped on cover) and \$4.00 for each special symbol (available until December 1, 2009). Pay by cash or check at school. A web link will be available soon for credit card purchases.

Senior Pages ~ On Sale Now.

Contact: Mrs. Teare

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Seniors! Celebrate your final high school year with a senior page. Take advantage of the Early Bird Special and save 20% off the regular price. Pick up a form in the Media Center or go to the SENIORS link at www.fwbvikings.com.

Senior Baby Pictures

Contact: Mrs. Teare

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Seniors – Bring your cutest baby picture to the media center for the yearbook and for the scoreboard sign at graduation. We scroll the graduates' baby pictures with their formal "grown-up" portraits during the graduation ceremony and parents love it!! We really want 100% participation for the Class of 2010. Be sure your name is on the back written in Sharpie or use an address label. Please do not use ball point pen (makes an indentation) or other pens (they smear). The photo will be returned to you.

Career Connection Center
Contact: Julie Smith x2151

Students are invited to the Media Center to meet with College Representatives.

Thursday, September 17th

10:45-12:05 –Young Harris College, University of South Alabama, and Birmingham Southern

11:00-12:05- Florida State University

Friday, September 18th

11:00-12:30-Troy University

12:30-1:30-University of Central Florida

Thursday, October 1st

10:45-12:05-University of Florida

Thursday, October 22nd

1:30-2:00 –Tulane University

Forty Years of Football at FWBHS Celebration!!!

Contact: Kathy Andre 650-8479

Fort Walton Beach High School is celebrating 40 years of football on Friday, September 18th. Fort Walton Beach High School played their first football game 40 years ago on this date. We would like to honor the players from the first football team. There will be a pep rally at 9:15 a.m. A player and one guess are invited to a pre game tailgate party at 5:30 p.m. at Steve Riggs Stadium and then a special presentation of players at center field following the tailgate party. For more information please contact Kathy Andre at 650-8479

Golf at Sandestin Raven!!!!

Contact Coach Lavin at 833-3300 ext.4404 or email at lavinj@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us

Boys Golf is selling foursome tickets to play the Raven for \$107. Tickets may be purchased in the front office. Make checks payable to FWB Golf.

Four Semifinalists Named in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

Contact Cathy Ferkes x3312

FWBHS is proud to announce the that **JOSHUA BUSH, JORDAN HOLLEY, ZACH STERNAD, AND MICHAEL WOODS** met the requirements to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program as Semifinalists based on their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). They have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarship Awards that will be offered during the next year.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements. The Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Congratulations go to these four outstanding young men. We wish them him well as they advance in the competition for Finalist status and scholarships.

**Attention Juniors and Teachers of Juniors:
Contact Cathy Ferkes x3312**

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is a rigorous, national assessment that students will need for higher education and careers after high school. This year it will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

Juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT **may qualify to enter the competitions for prestigious scholarships** and may participate in recognition programs.

Juniors who rank at the top of their class have received an invitation to test. The cost is \$13.00 and must be paid by October 6. See Ms. Sallee in the guidance office to register.

**Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Cross-Country Team!
Contact: Lissette Moller x1148**

They competed in the Marianna Jamboree this weekend, winning both the boys and girls divisions. We also had both the boys and girls individual winners. Sarah deVaux won the girls race and Sam Ammons won the boys race. Both teams will travel to Pensacola this week for their first official season-meet at the Wildcat Invitational. Representing our boys' varsity team will be Matt Bevil, Sam Ammons, Luc Lawrence, Chris Douglas, Brian Stanton, Brian Day and Jake Dearmon, alt. Alex Godfrey.

Representing our girls' varsity team will be Sarah deVaux, Holly Stanton, Iolani Scanlan, Ivy Chastain, Melissa Radford, Brittany Long, and Lizzy Gallagher. The boys team is currently ranked 3rd in the state while, the girls are ranked 2nd.

SAC Meeting Dates

Contact: Bobbie Bowen x 3313

2nd Tuesday of Every Month
5:30pm
Media Center

September 1, 2009 *1st Tuesday
October 13, 2009
November 10, 2009
December 8, 2009
January 12, 2010
February 9, 2010
March 9, 2010
April 13, 2010
May 11, 2010
June 8, 2010

SENIOR STUDENT and PARENT "WAVE" CONFERENCES

Contact: Cathy Ferkes x 3312

Every year Fort Walton Beach High School holds parent conferences for all senior students and their parents. We will continue to hold senior conferences like we did last year. Parents and students will meet with one of our guidance counselors: Mrs. Ferkes, Mrs. Simms, or Ms. Bowen in the guidance office. Conferencing will begin September 28th and continue until Thanksgiving. Parents should expect an invitation anytime during this period.

Topics to be discussed at this year's conference will be: your student's graduation status, Bright Futures Scholarship changes, registration and eligibility, career and post-secondary plans, and college testing options for your student. The conferences will be in the respective guidance counselor's office and will last approximately 25 minutes. We strongly encourage your attendance.

NEWS ABOUT APPLICATIONS & ADMISSIONS TO FLORIDA'S UNIVERSITIES

Contact: Cathy Ferkes x 3312

Ms. Ferkes and Ms. Bowen recently attended the State University System (SUS) Admission Tour Workshop. The representatives from all 11 Florida universities agreed that admissions will continue to be very competitive. Here are some of the highlights they wanted to pass on to our students.

1. APPLY EARLY! Don't wait because you don't have your desired ACT or SAT scores or are planning to test later this fall.
2. Send all ACT and/or SAT scores to the colleges you are applying to as the universities will only look at the highest score in each area.
3. Sending a resume and/or a teacher recommendation may help even when they are not required especially if your test scores or GPA are weak.
4. The essay, if required, is an extremely important part of your application package and may be the difference in determining if you will be granted admission.
5. Be careful about what you post on the internet- i.e. Facebook or My Space. It's public information and an admission officer or potential employer might look up your profile.
6. Important deadlines for your **complete application (give your transcript 2 weeks to get there)** to be at the university.
 - Florida State University- October 14
 - University of Florida- November 1
 - University of South Florida- January 2
 - University of Central Florida- Fall of senior year
 - University of North Florida- November 13
 - University of West Florida - Fall of senior year