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Weekly Email

Fort Walton Beach High School

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Upcoming Dates

PSAT - Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

When - Wednesday, October 14th

Who takes the test - all 10th graders and 11th graders who have paid and registered

FCAT - Retakes

When - Tuesday, October 20th Reading

Wednesday, October 21st Math

Who takes the test - all new students who have not taken FCAT, any Juniors or Seniors who have not passed either test

Teacher Workday/School Holiday

When - Monday, October 26th

Career Connection Center

Contact: Julie Smith x2151

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

Thursday, October 1st

10:45-12:05-University of Florida

Thursday, October 22nd

1:30-2:00 –Tulane University

Golf at Sandestin Raven!!!!

Contact Coach Lavin at 833-3300 ext.4404 or email at

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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.

FWBHS Leadership...

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Kyle English and Sarah Junkins, along with Leadership teacher Barbara Britt and guidance counselor Bobbi Bowen, will be traveling to San Antonio September 24th thru 28th. They will be attending a training program sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition called Student 2 Student. This is an honor for our school to be chosen and for our students to be invited to attend. Twenty-five Leadership students submitted applications which included a resume and essay. Kyle and Sarah, both sophomores, were selected to attend the training. On their return they will facilitate a Student 2 Student Program at FWBHS. This program will make it easier for both military children and other students new to the area to make the transition when moving from one school to the next. We want the new students to make smooth transitions to new schools and become active members of extra-curricular activities they enjoyed at their previous schools. We will also help the student that is leaving our school to be up-to-date with all material necessary for their new transition.

Senior Night Hosted by Leadership

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Fort Walton Beach High School Leadership, in coordination with Mrs. Ferkes (Senior Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Shirley (English), Mrs. Smith (Scholarship Coordinator) and Mrs. Thefford, are offering a Senior Night for our students and parents. This program will help them apply for scholarships, write essays, compare colleges, set up portfolios, and write résumés. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center and conclude at 8:00 p.m. This will help parents and students chart the direction to financial and college success.



AP[®] SCHOLAR AWARDS

Contact: Bobbie Bowen x 3313

One hundred twenty eight students at Fort Walton Beach High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

Eight students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are Kyle Andre, Lila Dillon, Erin Gallagher, Jayce Holley, Jordan Holley, Andrew Kight, Abigail Szklarski, Caisson Vickery.

Twenty seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Kyle Andre, Robert Barkley, Joshua Bush, Dane Carter, Adrian DeMoya, Lila Dillon, Elizabeth Gallagher, Erin Gallagher, Robert Graham, Logan Griffith, Brittany Harkins, Jayce Holley, Jordan Holley, Andrew Kight, Brian Kimrey, Joshua Kimrey, Gary Klem, Jessica Niemiec, Jennifer Piccione, Samantha Schumacher, Zachariah Sternad, Abigail Szklarski, Caisson Vickery, Michael Woods, Chase Yakaboski, William Yanni, and Brianna Zook.

Eighteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Scott Alsid, Jennifer Bagby, Anna Bethea, Lacy Cassidy, Daniel Eloy, Lentaya Gibson, Jessica Gladstone, Mary Gruber, Emily Guidry, Joshua Hammock, Ryan Holland, Natalie Horton, Jullian Jacobson, Jackson Kemper, Dylan Kiess, Simon Lawrence, Sarah Seabrook, and Bailey Shawbitz.

Seventy-five students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Jonathan Alcover, Kristina Balytova, Matthew Bevil, Bonnie Biggers, Carl Ted Lanco, Andreana Bolling, Felicia Boulet, Audrey Brown, Christopher Cannon, Erik Carillion, Francesca Carollo, Haley Chouinard, Cody Clark, Jerry Chochran, Duncan Conroy, Courtney Coppola, Edgar Corral, Clark Crosby, Alexandra Davila, Brea Dearing, Destin Deariso, Jeanna Dollente, Daniel Doran, Nicholas Empson, Samantha Esteban, Rachel Farnum, Lindsey Gelder, Lisa Harriott, Dylan Hawkins, Rachael Hayes, Donald Imfeld, Alicia Jackson, Haley Janssen, Sadie Jones, Mark Keesee, Jeffrey Kithen, Christopher Klatt, Corey Launch, Mandie Lee, Yoo Lee, Carter Liufau, Kathleen Logan, Emily Lyerly, Morgan Mclaughlin, Victoria McQuillan, Aaron Miles, Melissa Morales, Jason Mueller, Jonathan Nguyen, Gemma Owen, Nicola Pappas, Anna Peabody, Christine Pho, Chynthia Pierce, Stephanie Pitts, Amanda Radford, Irene Maria Rosa, Aubrey Russell, Rachel Saxer, Iolani Singleton, Ayala Slater, Joshua Smith, Bianca Stevens, Joshua Storbeck, Julia Storbeck, Daniela Suyos, Emily Szklarski, Alexis Upton, Melody Vigo, Samantha Walker, Dareen Wattanasut, Cobretti Williams, Buford Clay Willis.

Of this year's award recipients at FWBHS, fifty-five are sophomores or juniors. These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

**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.

**SAC Meeting Dates
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2nd Tuesday of Every Month
5:30pm
Media Center

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
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