



# Viking Voice

Monthly Newsletter  
**Fort Walton Beach High School**  
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## **FRESHMAN AND JUNIOR STUDENT and PARENT “WAVE” CONFERENCES**

**Contact: Cathy Ferkes x3312**

It is time for our WAVE (homeroom) registration conferences for ninth and eleventh grade students and their parents. We will continue again this year to hold these conferences in the Media Center. Parents and students will meet with their student's WAVE Advisor. Guidance Counselors will also be available and the students' course requests for next year will be entered in the computer at that time. Topics to be discussed at this year's conference will be your student's high school progress, Bright Futures Scholarships, registration for next year's classes, career and post-secondary plans, and standardized tests for college admission. Conferencing for freshmen will be on February 23 and 24 and juniors will be on March 2 and 3. Parents should expect an invitation in the mail at least a week prior to the conference date. We strongly encourage your attendance. (Due to budget cutbacks there will be no conferences with sophomores.)

All students and their parents are encouraged to consult the FWBHS Curriculum Guide online at [www.FWBVikings.com](http://www.FWBVikings.com) to help them with course decisions for the 2011 school year. Teachers and WAVE advisors have copies of the curriculum guide in their classrooms for students to use if they do not have access to it online at home.

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## **FWBHS Cheerleaders**

**Contact: Natalie Schmidt x 1282**

The FWBHS Cheerleaders will be fundraising at **Tropical Smoothie** at the Destin Commons on February 27, 2010 from noon-4:00. Twenty-percent of all sales will be donated to help support our cheerleaders!

The FWBHS Cheerleaders are hosting their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on May 8, 2010** at Fort Walton Municipal Golf Course. Registration is \$260 per team and we are looking for Hole Sponsors as well. Please contact our Tournament Director, Lori Walls at (850) 598-6662 or [dachiplady@aol.com](mailto:dachiplady@aol.com) (subject: Golf Tourney) for further information.

The FWBHS Cheerleaders are hosting **another Breakfast at TGI Fridays in Destin** on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 7:00-10:00. Please come out for a great breakfast! Tickets will be presold and sold at the door for only \$5.00!

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### **Congratulations to the Indoor Winter Guard Girls**

Congratulations to the Indoor Winter Guard girls for finishing 2nd in their Division Saturday night at Escambia High School. Their next performance will be the Winter Guard International Regional this Saturday at Tate High School! Way to go girls!! Make Fort Walton Beach High School proud!!!

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### **FUND EDUCATION NOW! NO EXCUSES**

A parent group has formed in the central and southern parts of the state is bringing their campaign to ensure proper funding of education to the Panhandle. FUND EDUCATION NOW! NO EXCUSES will be conducting an Okaloosa County Meeting—

When: Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

Where: Training Room  
Niceville Central Complex  
202A N. Hwy 85  
Niceville

Please RSVP to 850-833-7614 (Diane Meredith)

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### **Voice of Democracy Speech Contest Winner Patty Kroeger x 1318**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Post Level- \$ 125- Tera Demkowicz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Post Level- \$ 100- Emily Szklarski  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place- District Level- \$175 – Hunter Bethea

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### **Way to go FWBHS Debate Team Patti Kroeger x1318**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Group Interpretation- Jenni Bagby, Daniel Eloy, Jackie Kroeger, Dallas McGraw, Emily Szklarski, Ethan Zelinskas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Congressional Debate- Warren Wilson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Congressional Debate- Kyle McNevin  
1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Congressional Debate- Tera Demkowicz  
Best Presiding Officer Congressional Debate- Kyle McNevin

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Original Oratory- Kevin Pope  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Domestic Extemp- Alex Smirnova  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Public Forum Debate- Laura James/Brittany Taylor

The following students will be competing at the Harvard National Tournament this weekend in Congressional Debate... Please wish them well. They work very hard...

Jake Dearmon  
Lee Erickson  
Shelby Harkins  
Jackie Kroeger  
Kyle McNevin  
Warren Wilson

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**College and Career Connection Center**  
**Contact Julie Smith X 2151**

Students are invited to the Cafeteria to meet with Representatives.

Wednesday, March 17th  
10:45-12:05 – Barbizon

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We are proud to announce 97 **Introduction to IT** students have completed the requirements and testing to be recognized as a Microsoft Certified Application Specialist for Office Word 2007. Congratulations!!!

Chari	Allaire
Ashlee	Anderson
Stephen	Anderson
Christopher	Ault
James	Barnes
Jay	Bhula
Davis	Bowyer
Chase	Brewer
Casey	Brigiotta
Christopher	Broom
Cody	Brown
Ashley	Carr
Anthony	Chavez
Brandon	Clark

Austin	Colgan
David	Collette
Kylee	Copeland
Christopher	Cordell
Sonny	Czuprynski
Christina	Dabrowski
Frederick	Dent
Christina	Devaux
David	Diaz
Kyle	English
Tre	Fields
Matthew	Fry
Giana	Gallegos
Kyle	Gash
Andrew	Gentry
Emily	Guidry
Cody	Haeusler
Camille	Haeusler
Joshua	Hammock
Kaylynn	Hier
Darby	Hooton
Logan	Hopper
Johnathon	Horton
Amont	Johnson
Stanley	Joles
Kyle	Jones
Sherlyn	Klatt
Robert	Landmesser
Carter	Liufau
Ceara	Loetell
Nicolas	Lynch
Javier	Marquez
William	Martin
John	Marvin
Eric	McQuillan
Alan	Meyers
Brittany	Moore
Geanno	Mora
Cienna	Morris
Kadijah	Mount
Ashley	Mulcahey
Brandon	Murphy
Andrew	Nypert
Cody	Parimuha
Kevin	Patel
James	Paulk
Athena	Pedersen
Johnny	Perales
Stephanie	Pridgen
Shantelle	Pritchett

Joseph	Proscia
Christian	Richardson
Corie	Robinson
Jerry	Sapp
Daniel	Schmidt
Jonathan	Scott
Megan	Semmler
Jordoun	Setzer
Savannah	Sharpe
Nicholas	Shimley
Briana	Simon
Dylan	Smith
Martin	Smith
Zachary	Smith
Andrew	Snyder
Christopher	Solecki
Sade	Stallings
Christopher	Stevens
Joseph	Stewart
Adam	Stough
Austin	Strickland
Kelsey	Styles
Amanda	Tindal
Jackson	Trainor
Michael	Troutman
Jonathan	Turner
Rayven	Wagner
Arielle	Webb
Hunter	Wheeler
Ian	Wilde
Levi	Wilke
Tyler	Wilson
Timothy	Winkler

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If you are interested in participating in a summer study program, see Mrs. Smith in the Media Center for information. Programs include:

Academic Treks  
Cornell University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Washington University at St. Louis  
The George Washington University  
United States Military Academy

Broadreach  
FSU  
University of Vermont  
Carleton College  
Penn State  
The Sorbonne  
Otis College of Art & Design

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# **Ft Walton Beach HS's** *got Talent*

## **Talent Show**

**Contact: Mrs. Eaton X1323**

Do you have talent? Try outs for the spring talent show are scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of February at 2pm in the auditorium. Pick up an application from Mrs Eaton room 323. Talent show is March 2, 2010 at 6:30. Come see all the talent Fort Walton Beach HS has to offer!

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## **Congratulations to Joshua Bush, Jordan Holley, and Michael Woods**

Congratulations to Joshua Bush, Jordan Holley, and Michael Woods on being named National Merit Finalists for the National Merit Scholarship. In the fall, approximately 16,600 students were notified that they had been selected as National Merit Semifinalist and of this group 15,000 moved on as finalists. From the 15,000 finalists, 8,200 students from across the nation will be named as winners. This selection process will be completed in March.

Congratulations of Joshua, Jordan, and Michael and good luck for the next selection!

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More below...

**Math Tutoring Schedule – 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks**  
**Contact: Jackie Sheffield x1345**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Algebras and Geometries</b>  Mr. Gardner Room 142  2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.	<b>Algebras and Geometries</b>  Ms. Chadwell Room 341  2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.	<b>Algebras and Geometries</b>  Ms. Fister Room 417  2:15 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	<b>Algebras and Geometries</b>  Mr. Keeler Room 336  2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.	<b>Algebras and Geometries</b>  Ms. Fister Room 417  2:15 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
<b>Algebra 2 and Higher</b>  Ms. Fister Room 417  2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.	<b>Algebra 2 and Higher</b>  Mr. Keeler Room 336  2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.	<b>Algebra 2 and Higher</b>  Ms. Thetford Room 262  6:15 A.M. to 6:45 A.M.	<b>Algebra 2 and Higher</b>  Ms. Fister Room 417  2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.	<b>Algebra 2 and Higher</b>  Ms. Thetford Room 262  6:15 A.M. to 6:45 A.M.

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**LEADERSHIP ON THE MOVE**

**Contact: Barbara Britt 833-3300 ext. 1811 [brittb@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:brittb@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us)**

Seventh period Leadership, our first 9<sup>th</sup> grade class, will be giving a Valentine’s Dance at Wellington Place Convalescent Home, on February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This project is being lead by two Seniors, Steven Hoffman and Calvin Rivera. There will be refreshments, decorations and dancing to bring in this happy occasion. Steven and Calvin feel this is one way to bridge the gap between the generations and provide our 9<sup>th</sup> graders with a great experience.

Student 2 Student – Will be providing a Valentine’s Candy Gram, along with a personal letter from one of our S2S students, inviting them to a bowling night out as well as giving them their phone number to call them anytime for fun or a problem. Each new student to our school is given a tour by one of our S2S Students. We not only show then around the school but help them with getting their food pin #'s, parking pass, and our lunch area for new students. Just yesterday we had two new sisters arrive. They came in our room for lunch and then met with a S2S student to see what clubs they could join.

Leadership joins in with Spanish Honor Club and Kitty Hawk (ROTC) to provide clothing and shoes for an orphanage in Carrefour, Haiti. Mission Love Seeds departed on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for 5 days on a medical mission trip. Their destination is a make-shift orphanage, where at present, the staff is caring for 35 children (21 girls and 14

boys.) In the near future, Leadership will join in with French Honor and several other clubs for a fund raiser to send money donations to Haiti. Niya Clark a Senior in Leadership and an Officer in Spanish Honor Club picked out the clothes that were sent this week.

Leadership is hosting a Viking Auction on February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-6:30p.m., in the Auditorium. It is \$2.00 to get in the door and bids start at \$5.00. All monies from this venture will go towards the following community services: Opportunity Place, Homeless Shelter, Homeless families we are still supporting, and Children in Crisis.

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## **FT. WALTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL'S PRODUCTION OF *IS HE DEAD?* SELECTED TO PERFORM AT STATE FESTIVAL**

**Contact: Christa Whittaker at 850-833-3300 x1814**

Fort Walton Beach High School was recently awarded a mainstage slot by Florida State Thespians and has been invited to perform Mark Twain's comedy *Is He Dead?* in Ferguson Hall at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on April 8th. Over 40 high schools all over the state of Florida were screened for a possible mainstage slot, and *Is He Dead ?* was one of six productions chosen to perform.

Judges wrote that: "the individual characterizations were tops. . . the cast was meant to be together", and " I had to keep reminding myself that these were high school students that were performing so well."

To raise the \$10,000 it will take to remount the show and take it to Tampa, the drama department will be launching several fundraisers, and the students are giving up their spring break to re-mount the show. An encore performance to help raise funds will be on Saturday April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Written by Mark Twain in 1898, but never published, *Is He Dead?* was discovered by Twain scholar Shelly Fisher Fishken, a professor of English and American Studies at Stanford, as she was sorting through files in the University of California's Bancroft Library, where the largest collection of his papers are archived.

*Is He Dead?* has been adapted for modern audiences by playwright David Ives, and was first performed on Broadway in the Lyceum Theatre in November 2007. The play is a fictional, farcical tale about a young painter, the real-life Jean-Francois Millet (Christian Williams), who stages his own death to drive up the price of his paintings. In order to keep painting and building his fortune, his friend Chicago ( Andrew Knight) convinces him to disguise himself as his widowed sister, Daisy Tillou. Unfortunately for Millet, "Daisy" must ward off suitors, find a way to comfort his grieving fiancée Marie ( Haylee Britt), and stall the police and gentry who suspect murder. *Is He Dead?* is Twain at his best, and pokes fun at greed, deception, and the pompous nature of art dealing.

Rounding out the cast are Zach Kuhl and Chase Yakaboski as Millet's co-conspirators, Haley Chouniard and Megan Mulgrew as the little old ladies next door, Rachel Lewis as Marie's sister Cecile, and Joseph Imsand as their father Louis. The villainous art dealer

Bastien Andre is played by Jared Wilson, and Storm Hooten plays a quad of fun characters including an art collector, a manservant, a reporter, and the king of France.

Tickets are for sale now at the school office.

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**SAC Meeting Dates**

**Contact: Bobbie Bowen x 3313**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month

5:30pm

Media Center, FWBHS

February 23, 2010

March 9, 2010

April 13, 2010

May 11, 2010

June 8, 2010

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