



Viking Voice

Fort Walton Beach High School

November 2009

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Open House

Our fall Open House will be on November 12, 2009, from 6 to 7. The teachers will be in their rooms to meet parents and many will have student work on display. Your child is welcome to visit the classes with you.

After the Open House, the pep rally for the Choctaw game will begin at 7:10. At this pep rally, we will honor the senior football players, senior STARS, and senior cheerleaders. Please join us and cheer the Vikes to victory over our cross town rivals.

Veterans Day Concert at FWBHS

Mary Jeter
833-3300 x1533

There will be a FREE Veterans Day concert at FWBHS to honor both active and retired military personnel.

It will feature the FWBHS band, chorus, forensics and ROTC. The concert will be held in the school auditorium at 7:00pm on Monday, November 9, 2009 and will last approximately an hour in length.

This event is free of charge but donations of canned goods and non-perishables items will be accepted to support FWBHS leadership Christmas connection.

T-Shirts are now on Sale for the Fort Walton Beach – Choctaw Game Room 124 ext 1125

The shirts will be on sale through November 13th.
Student Council is sponsoring the fundraiser
Short sleeve- \$12.00
Long sleeve - \$15.00
(Limited Supply of long sleeve shirts)



Shirts will be on sale in Ms. Cagan's Room 124 ext 1125

Transcript Request Policy Change
Contact: Cathy Ferkes x3312

The Fort Walton Beach High School records office will no longer mail transcripts to out of state colleges and universities. Beginning November 2nd students who need transcripts sent to universities outside the state of Florida will have to order a sealed transcript from records. It will then be the student's responsibility to mail the transcript to the appropriate school. All transcript requests for Florida colleges and universities will be sent electronically. Remember that the first transcript request is free and all others will cost \$1.00 each.

Take a Look...FWBHS PROFILE 2009

COMMUNITY

Fort Walton Beach High School, established in 1969, is one of three comprehensive public high schools in the area. Fort Walton Beach, a popular tourist destination, is located on the Gulf of Mexico in Northwest Florida. The surrounding area, which includes Destin, has a population over 171,000. Okaloosa County is home to two large Air Force Bases, Hurlburt and Eglin. This results in a large number of defense industries and government contractors locating in the area. Our student population is made up of ethnically, racially, and socio-economically diverse students. Okaloosa School District was recognized by Governors Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Education as the top school district in

Florida from 2003 to 2009.

ENROLLMENT

Fort Walton Beach High School	1913
Seniors	417
Juniors	467
Sophomores	482
Freshman	547

GUIDANCE

Counselors by Grade Level

Cathy Ferkes (12)
Christy Simms (11)
Bobbie Bowen (10)
Jennifer Drew (9)

GPA / CLASS RANK

Rank in class is based on all courses. The GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with an additional quality point awarded for Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses and an additional one-half quality point for honors courses and gifted studies.

CURRICULUM

Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars Institute

Art History	Human Geography
Art Studio 2-D	Macroeconomics
Design	
Art Studio 3-D	Music Theory
Design	
Biology	Physics B
Calculus AB	Physics C
Calculus BC	Psychology
Chemistry	Spanish Language
English Language	Statistics
English Literature	U.S. Government
Environmental Science	U.S. History
European History	World History
French Language	

Honors and Advanced Level

Band	Chorus
Drama	English
French	German
Journalism	Latin
Mathematics	Science
Spanish	Social Studies

Dual Enrollment

Courses are offered through an articulation agreement with Northwest Florida State College in Niceville, Florida.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2010

Twenty-four credits (as shown below) are required for a Florida high school diploma. Our school year consists of 36 weeks of instruction divided into 2 semesters. A traditional seven period day allows students to earn 7 credits per year.

English	4 credits
Mathematics (to include Algebra I)	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies (to include: U.S. History, World History, Economics, and U.S Government)	3 credits
Personal Fitness	½ credit
Life Management Skills	½ credit
Physical Education	½ credit
Fine/Practical Art	1 credit
Electives	8 ½ credits

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Class of 2011, 2012, & 2013

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Mathematics (to include Algebra I)	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies (to include: U.S. History, World History, Economics, and U.S Government)	3 credits
H.O.P.E (Health Opportunities through Physical Education)	1 credit
Fine Art	1 credit
Electives	8 credits

***The State of Florida also offers eighteen-credit college preparatory and career preparatory graduation options. For more information please see your student's guidance*

counselor.

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = 59 and below

CEEB CODE

100532

Accreditation by: Southern Associations of
Colleges and Schools

FORT WALTON BEACH CLASS OF 2009 PROFILE Class Size 428

POSTSECONDARY STATUS

Number Attending 4 year college 37%
Number Attending 2 year college 38%

SAT/ACT SUMMARY

ACT mean score 22.4 Composite
SAT mean score 534 Verbal,
543 Math,
508 Writing

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

2008-2009 National Merit Commended
Scholar (1)

HONOR GRADUATES

(Based on 15.5 core credits and 3.5 elective
credits)
Summa Cum Laude, 4.5 and above35
Magna Cum Laude, 4.2 – 4.4930
Cum Laude, 4.0 – 4.1932

Total Scholarship Offers of \$5 Million

College and Career Connection Center Contact Julie Smith X 2151

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

Thursday, November 9th
10:45-12:05 – Troy University, FWB campus

SAC Meeting Dates Contact: **Bobbie Bowen x 3313**

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

November 10, 2009
 December 8, 2009
 January 12, 2010
 February 9, 2010
 March 9, 2010
 April 13, 2010
 May 11, 2010
 June 8, 2010

LEADERSHIP ON THE MOVE

Contact: Barb Britt x1811

Cell 850-621-7709 brittb@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us

S2S (Student to Student) is now showing all new students around their new school. This has been very successful; both students seem to get gratification from it. They have been working on an address book to connect students with “buddies”, and to get all invitations out for parent night.

TTRM (Teen Trendsetter Mentors) is a group of students from 4th, 6th, and 7th period leadership classes that will be reading to and working with second- grade students from Edwins and Mary Esther Elementary schools. There was a get-to-know each other party before we started our reading program on Tuesday November 3rd. These students will be working throughout the year with each other once a week.

Tutoring Schedule – 2nd Nine Weeks

Contact: Jackie Sheffield x1345

Monday Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
All courses	Algebras and Geometries	Algebras and Geometries	Algebras and Geometries	Algebras and Geometries
2:15 to 3:15 P.M.	6:15 to 6:45 A.M.	2:15–2:45 P.M.	2:15 to 3:15 P.M.	2:15 to 2:45
Ms. Fister	Mr. Keeler Room 336	Ms. Fister Room 417	Mr. Morrison Room 280	Ms. Fister Room 417
Room 280	Algebra 2 and Higher	Algebra 2 and Higher	Algebra 2 and Higher	Algebra 2 and Higher
	2:15 to 3:15 P.M.	6:15 to 6:45 A.M.	2:15 to 3:15 P.M.	6:15 to 6:45 A.M.
	Mr. Morrison Room 280	Ms. Thetford Room 262	Ms. Fister Room 417	Ms. Thetford Room 262

Congratulations Lizzy Gallagher!

Contact: Kim Moran x1502

Lizzy Gallagher received one of the Special McIlroy Awards for 1st place at the Mattie Kelly Destin Festival of the Arts this past weekend. She received this award for her Aboriginal clay platter. She was also awarded \$100.00 for taking first place.

How to Apply For College Financial Aid

Contact: Cathy Ferkes x3312

1. Pre-Planning (early high school):

- Get an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid use.
- Know the requirements for each of the Bright Futures Scholarships awards and monitor your progress towards meeting requirements with the FACTS.org Bright Futures Evaluation.

2. In the fall prior to the academic year you intend to enroll in college:

- Apply for admission to your college or university and request a financial aid package (if available).
- Begin your search for scholarships.
- Get your State of Florida Financial Aid Application user ID and PIN.(after Dec. 1st) (this includes Bright Futures Scholarships)
- Get your FAFSA PIN. Most new freshmen are considered dependent students by federal criteria, meaning you must provide your parents' income information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - If you are a dependent student, make sure at least one of your parents also applies for their PIN number so they can sign your FAFSA electronically.
 - If you are an independent student as defined by the federal processor, you will not need your parents' signature and/or financial information.

3. In the following month of January

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - If tax returns are not available you may provide an estimate using you and/or your parents' pay stubs, W2s and your previous year's tax return. However, the FAFSA must be updated to reflect the actual information after the tax return is filed.
 - Once the FAFSA is processed you will be provided with a Student Aid Report (SAR) which includes the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). It's important to ensure all of your information is correct.

- Complete a State of Florida Financial Aid Application at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org during your senior year of high school, after January 1st and before graduation. You can review your status and update your information by visiting [Student Financial Aid Recipient History](#).
- Complete any additional financial aid paperwork if required by the institution that you will attend.
- Keep your financial aid documents in one place.

After everything is submitted:

- Applicants will be notified by institution with an Initial Award Notice listing the aid being offered by letter or electronic means.
- At this point, you may be required to indicate your acceptance of aid and complete additional steps such as Financial Aid Entrance Interviews, choosing loan lenders, and submitting Promissory Notes for any loans.
- Financial aid will be paid to you through your school at the beginning of the term. Typically, your school will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees, and room and board (if provided by the school). Any money left over is given to you to cover other expenses.

Why go to College?

Contact: Cathy Ferkes x3312

Most careers require more than a high school diploma. The key to getting started is getting the right kind of training or education after high school.

If you get a degree or technical certificate after high school, you can:

- Earn a lot more money over your lifetime
- Better compete in today's work world
- Be less likely to be unemployed
- Have more job and lifestyle choices
- Learn more and meet new people
- Help your family and your community

2005 Florida Income by Education Level



There's a place for you:

Career-Technical Centers

Florida has 45 public career-technical centers that offer certificate programs that prepare students for a wide range of professions, for example: emergency medical technicians, travel agents, interior designers, court reporters, electricians, dental assistants, fire fighters, architectural draftsmen, law enforcement officers and web designers. Career-technical centers are a low-cost option and can be the quickest way to get trained and certified for certain jobs. High school students who meet Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility requirements can apply for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award that pays 75% of tuition and fees to attend a career-technical center.

Florida Colleges (previously known as community colleges)

There are 28 Florida colleges that have 61 campuses and provide classes or services at 177 sites. Going to a Florida college is a convenient and low-cost option. No matter where you live in Florida, you're no more than 50 miles from a Florida college. Tuition and fees for Florida residents in 2007 were an average of \$68 per credit hour or \$2,040 for a 30-credit year.

Florida colleges offer 2-year degrees that prepare students to transfer to a university or to enter jobs requiring special skills. You can earn Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), and Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Earning an AA degree at a Florida college guarantees admission into one of the State's 11 universities to complete a 4-year Bachelor's degree. Some Florida colleges offer Bachelor's degree programs through partnerships with the state universities or an accredited private college or university. In addition to these partnerships, several Florida colleges offer their own Bachelor's degrees in selected program areas for which there is a high need for employees (i.e., teaching, nursing, and information technology).

Florida colleges have an open-door policy, which guarantees admission to a college credit program if you have done any of the following:

- Earned a standard high school diploma;
- Earned a high school equivalency diploma; or
- Previously demonstrated competency in college credit coursework.

Universities

Florida has 11 state universities, some with branch locations in addition to the main campus. State universities offer Bachelor's degrees, as well as Master's and Doctoral degrees. Because space is limited at state universities, students must compete to be admitted. Last fall, about 57% of first-time-in-college applicants to all 11 universities were offered admission. Admission to some universities is very competitive, with acceptance rates of less than 35% of applicants. Tuition and fees for Florida residents last year averaged \$113.56 per credit hour, or \$3,407 for a 30-credit year.

Private Colleges & Universities

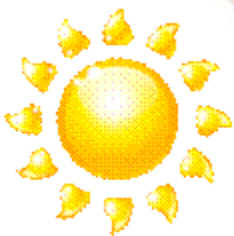
In addition to public institutions, Florida has more than 200 private colleges and universities. Within the group of private colleges and universities are 28 Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF). These private, nonprofit institutions serve more than 120,000 students at 180 sites around Florida, and they offer Bachelor's degrees at 18 Florida college campuses. ICUF enrollments vary from fewer than 100 to nearly 25,000 students, and their average class has 19 students. These colleges and universities award 26% of Florida's Bachelor's degrees and one-third of all degrees.

SOURCE: WWW.FACTS.ORG

Congrats to FWBHS Sailing Team! **Contact: Cyndi Stone x1248**

Fort Walton Beach High School Sailing Team competed in the county championship held at the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club and sailed away on top. The County Champion Sailing Team members are:

Eddie Johnson, Katherine Stone, Joe Bellows, Sarah Johnson, John Paprocki, Sam Rudder, and Austin Thomas.



Attention SENIORS
Florida Bright Futures Program -Navigating the System
Contact: Cathy Ferkes x3312

- December 1st

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) opens. Go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org to apply. You must apply to be eligible. Please make sure you use your name as it appears on school records and your correct social security number.

- January 31st

ACT, SAT, and CPT test score deadline for early evaluations. Test scores received after that date will only be used for final evaluations after graduation.

- January 31st

Deadline for community service hours to be turned in to the guidance office for early evaluation

- February 1st

First semester transcripts are sent to be evaluated for eligibility.

- Mid February to Mid April

Early Evaluation Eligibility letters are mailed from the Department of Education – Students who qualify for Bright Futures scholarships based on the Early Evaluation will receive letters indicating the award they are on track to receive. Students who do not qualify will receive letters indicating that they do not qualify and the missing requirements will be outlined.

- May 31st

All community service hours must be submitted to guidance.

- Graduation

Florida Financial Aid Application must be completed and all academic requirements must be met.

- June 30th

ACT, SAT, and CPT tests deadline for final evaluation. Tests taken after the June 30th deadline will not be considered for Bright Futures Awards.

- Mid June

Final Transcripts are sent to Bright Futures for evaluation

- Mid July

ACT, SAT test scores are sent to Bright Futures from the testing repository. CPT test scores must be submitted to your high school and entered on your High school transcript which must then be sent for final evaluation to the state. Deadline to submit CPT scores to your high school is June 30th.

- Mid July to Mid August

Final Bright Futures Award Letters are mailed from the Department of Education
