

Forest High School News

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Forest Parents,

The Holiday Season has begun! Thanksgiving has passed and we still have 3 weeks of school before Winter Break so please help keep your son/daughter on task. December 9th and 17th will be early release days. FHS will dismiss at 12:45 pm on these days. School will be closed from December 18th to January 1st. Classes will resume on January 4th with emphasis on preparing for the semester exams on January 14-20. There will be no early exams given so please ensure your child's attendance each day.

Forest High School will be saying good-bye to two GREAT teachers in December. Rebecca Westbrook (French) and Linda Renick (Latin) will be retiring on December 18th. These ladies are tremendous educators who will be dearly missed by the FHS community. Their expertise and love of children along with their linguistic ability has been demonstrated each day in their classrooms. We wish them great success in the next chapters of their lives.

The SAC meetings for the next two months are December 14th and January 11th. As always, the meetings will be held in the media center at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

I wish each and every one a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season. Thanks for all you do to help make Forest such a success!

Go Wildcats!
Chester Gregory, Principal

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

The Career Education classes are collecting coats, sweaters and blankets for the needy December 1-17, 2009. We will be accepting coats and sweaters in ALL sizes (adults and children) as well as any size blanket. Donations can be dropped in boxes located around campus, in building 11 room 15, or in the box located outside of the attendance office.

GIVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The FHS Student Government is sponsoring several holiday activities for our community. For the "Share Your Christmas Canned Food Drive," homerooms will be collecting dry and canned goods from Nov. 30-Dec. 9. All goods will be delivered to the Salvation Army of Marion County. Students will also sponsor "Holiday Angel Adoption." Homerooms will have the opportunity to adopt an Angel for the holidays. All gifts are due Dec. 11.

BAND NEWS

Santa Paws: Come have your pet's photo taken with Santa Claus at Bruster's Ice Cream on SR 40 from 12pm - 4pm on December 12th for a minimum donation of \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Forest Wildcat Band.

A Christmas Concert featuring the Forest New Jazz Band, Concert Band and Drumline and a middle school massed band will be held December 14th, at 7pm, FHS Auditorium. Free Admission.

PROM 2010

This year's Junior/Senior Prom will be held May 22 at Disney's World ShowPlace Pavilion. Tickets for the event will go on sale January 4th for \$100. Payments can be made with final payment due by April 30.

SENIOR NEWS

SENIOR PARENTS:

Time is slipping by quickly and the many activities planned for seniors will soon be here. Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

- Dec. 1 Senior Panoramic Picture, \$15
9:00am, FHS Gym
THIS IS A DATE CHANGE
- Dec. 1-14 Turn in "Now and Then" Pictures
for Senior Video, B-241
- Dec. 11 Final Cap and Gown Order @ FHS
during lunches
- Dec. 15 Financial Aid Workshop, 6:30pm Aud.
- Jan. 4-Apr30 Tickets for Prom on Sale, \$100 ea
- Jan. 6-15 Appointments for Cap and Gown
Pictures B-162
- Jan. 26 Cap & Gown Pictures by appt. only
- Jan. 26-Feb.5 Make Appt. for "Shout Outs" for
Senior Video
- Feb. 1-26 Grad Bash Tickets on Sale \$60, B-162
- Feb. 5 Final Payment for Sr. Ad Due
- April Delivery of Graduation Announcements
and Memorabilia, Balance due at this
time
- Apr 12-30 Turn in Photos for Sr. Video B-241
(Spring Break, Grad Bash, etc.)
- Apr 24 Grad Bash, Islands of Adventure
- Apr 30 Final Payment for Prom Due
- May Cap and Gowns Delivered
- May 14 All outside credits due to Mrs. Kerkela
- May 22 Prom
- June Senior Luncheon
- June 4 Last Day for Seniors (Tentative)
- June 8 Baccalaureate 7:00pm, FHS Auditorium
- June 10 Graduation Practice, 8:00am
- June 12 Graduation 8:00am

UNITED WAY DRIVE

Student Government once again sponsored their annual Hot Dog Day for United Way. This year's theme was Jimmy Buffet. Students participated in hot dog eating contests and hula hoop contests along with purchasing over 500 hotdogs!! All together Forest High School students donated \$600 to the United Way of Marion County.

Need a Great Gift Idea?



**Forest High School
Car Flags**
**You Can't Hide That
Wildcat Pride!**

**1 for \$2
2 for \$3**

**Help support FBLA and
purchase one today!**

**Call Ms. Panasuk at
352-671-4700 Ext. 58612**

EMIT LOOKING FOR MAGAZINES

The EMIT program is looking for copies of *Scientific American*, *Popular Mechanics*, and *Popular Science* magazines. If you have copies you would like to donate, please drop them off at the front office. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

OCALA FOREST HIGH SCHOOL ALL-SPORTS PASS

This pass admits you to all athletic contests that are played at Ocala Forest High School.

Adults:	\$50.00
Sr. Citizens:	\$30.00
Students:	\$30.00

This pass **cannot be used for admittance to FHSAA State Series Events, Invitational Events, or Special Events held on campus.

Contact the Athletic Department to purchase
Phone: (352) 671- 4700 OR
Email: Kenna.Martin@marion.k12.fl.us

MAGNET FAIR ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Parents, if you're not familiar with magnet programs and schools in Marion County Public Schools, or if you just want more information on them, come to the fourth annual "Magnet Expo" taking place Thursday, January 7, 2010.

The Expo takes place inside the Klein Conference Center at Central Florida Community College in Ocala. It runs 5pm-7pm and offers plenty of details, student performances, and demonstrations of specialized academic and performing arts programs. Magnet schools and programs attract students from throughout Marion County, not just a school's individual attendance zone. Students must meet specific criteria to be considered for magnet programs and schools.

Participating schools include Dr. N.H. Jones, Madison Street Academy, Oakcrest and Reddick-Collier Elementary schools; Howard Middle; and the following high schools: Forest, Lake Weir, MTI, North Marion, Vanguard, and West Port.

Admission is free and open to any students and parents interested in learning more about magnet schools and programs.

TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT FHS!

Four FHS faculty members are available for tutoring Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the FHS Media Center. This tutoring is **FREE** and transportation will be offered **starting in January** – please watch the FHS website and January newsletter for more information regarding the transportation. Tutoring is available on the following dates:

December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15

January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

April 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20

The National Honor Society at FHS also offers tutoring (again FREE) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. In the guidance office you will find a list of NHS student tutors who offer tutoring free of charge, as well as a list of certified teachers who tutor for a fee.

RECRUITING TIP OF THE MONTHS FOR REGISTERED NCAA APPLICANTS

Any students having already registered at NCAA Clearing House for the right to play a collegiate athletic sport must migrate their information onto the new eligibility center website. In order to migrate the information you must do the following:

1. Log into your NCAAClearingHouse.com account.
2. Click Migrate Information.
3. It will send you a verification code to you email address.
4. You must create a new account at http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#
5. On the migrate information page of the new website, type in the verification code you received from the email.
6. Answer any remaining questions.

F.A.Q.

Q- Do I have to repay the fee for being NCAA registered?

A- No you will already have the money paid in your account and there will be no requirement to repay.

Need a Great Gift Idea?



2GB USB Wristband

Save important documents, music etc. to the USB and carry it from computer to computer.

\$13.00

Help support FBLA and purchase one today!

Call Ms. Panasuk at
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GUIDANCE NEWS

FHS BACCALAUREATE MEETING

THE SENIOR YEAR IS ALMOST HALF-WAY OVER!! Parents, the end of the first semester will be January 20, 2010, and it will be critical that you make yourself aware of your student's status with regard to credits, GPA, and FCAT to ensure that your student has a successful graduation. The second semester will be over before you know it. Encourage your student to complete any outside credits as soon as possible to adhere to the May 14 deadline date.

THE BRIGHT FUTURES WEBSITE WILL OPEN DECEMBER 1ST

Beginning December 1st, students will need to log onto the Bright Futures website prior to the date of graduation in order to receive any Bright Futures scholarship that they have earned:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org>

The first step is to activate their user ID and password by following the link, and then proceed to the application itself.

FAFSA INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

After the Christmas holiday, parents will need to be working on the FAFSA for their senior students. FHS will host an FAFSA Workshop on December 15, at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. Senior parents and students are encouraged to attend for assistance with this process. The Bright Futures Program will be mentioned, but the focus of the workshop will be the FAFSA.

We encourage parents of Forest High School students and especially parents of our graduating seniors to come to the meeting to help make this year's Baccalaureate special and memorable for our graduates! The meeting will be held January 4th at 5PM at "Your Heart's Desire" on Silver Springs Blvd.

The Baccalaureate event is a non-denominational celebration of our graduates. There will be entertainment by our own graduating seniors through music, dance and song, as well as a special guest speaker. It is a great chance for seniors and their families to gather together to commemorate this special time in their lives. This year the Baccalaureate evening will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2010. All graduating seniors and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event has gotten bigger and better each year—you won't want to miss it!

(Meetings will be held on the first of the month at 5pm at Your Heart's Desire, unless otherwise noted.) For more information, you can contact Cyndi Chambers (e-mail: cyndicha@msn.com; cell: 804-5760) or Lise Kent 362-6037.

**DECEMBER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dec. 01	JV/V Boys Basketball	Dunnellon	Away	6/7:30 p.m.
	V Girls Soccer	Dunnellon	Home	5:00 p.m.
	V Boys Soccer	Dunnellon	H	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 02	JV Wrestling	JV Challenge III	Citrus	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 03	JV/V Boys Basketball	Bellevue	Home	6/7:30 p.m.
	V Girls Soccer	Lake Weir	Away	6:00p.m.
	V Boys Soccer	Lake Weir	Away	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 04	Varsity Girls Basketball	Brooksville Central	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Varsity Boys Basketball	Brooksville Central	Home	6:00 p.m.
	V Girls Soccer	Brooksville Central	Home	6:00p.m.
	V Boys Soccer	Brooksville Central	Home	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 05	JV Wrestling	Daytona Seabreeze JV Tour.	Seabreeze HS	TBA
Dec. 07	Girls Weightlifting	Lake Weir	Home	4:00 p.m.
	V Girls Soccer	North Marion	Away	5:30 p.m.
	V Boys Soccer	North Marion	Away	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 08	9th/JV/V Boys Basketball	North Marion	Away	4:30/6/7:30p.m.
	JV/V Girls Soccer	Santa Fe	Home	5/7:00 p.m.
Dec. 09	K-12 Early Release Day			
	Girls Weightlifting	Dunnellon	Away	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	JV/V Girls Basketball	Vanguard	Away	6/7:30 p.m.
	JV/V Boys Soccer	Vanguard	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Varsity Girls Basketball	Springstead	Home	6:00 p.m.
	Varsity Boys Basketball	Springstead	Home	7:30 p.m.
	V Girls Soccer	Springstead	Home	7:30 p.m.
	V Boys Soccer	Springstead	Home	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Varsity Wrestling	Deland Duals	Deland HS	TBA
Dec. 14	Girls Weightlifting	North Marion	Away	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	JV Wrestling	JV Challenge IV	Home	5:00p.m.
	JV/V Girls Soccer	Buchholz	Home	5/7:00 pm..
Dec. 16	9th/JV/V Boys Basketball	Lake Weir	Home	4:30/6/7:30p.m.
	Girls Weightlifting	West Port	Away	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Winter Break Begins at the end of day			
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Westport	Home	6/7:30 p.m.
	JV/V Girls Soccer	West Port	Home	5/7:00 p.m.
	JV/V Boys Soccer	Buchholz	Away	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Weather Emergency Make-up Day if Needed (No School)			
	Varsity Wrestling	Lyman Tournament	Lyman HS	TBA
	9th/JV/V Boys Basketball	West Port	Away	4:30/6/7:30p.m.
	JV/V Boys Soccer	West Port	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Varsity Wrestling	Lyman Tournament	Lyman HS	TBA
Dec. 22	Varsity Boys Basketball	Hernando	Away	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	Varsity Wrestling	Seahawk Duals	Hilton Head HS,SC	12:00(noon)
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Christmas Tournament	Lyman HS	3:30 p.m.
	Varsity Boys Basketball	Villages Tournament	Away	TBA
Dec. 29	Varsity Wrestling	Seahawk Duals	Hilton Head HS,SC	8:00 a.m.
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Christmas Tournament	Lyman HS	TBA
	Varsity Boys Basketball	Villages Tournament	Away	TBA