

Forest High School News

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Forest Parents,

The second semester is underway! A fresh start may be the case for many of our students. It is an opportunity for some to begin a new course while others may see it as an opportunity to work hard and finish the year strong. It's a time for all to stay focused and keep academics as a priority. A reminder that our students received their report cards on January 27th, so if you have not seen it, please contact our guidance office.

February is the beginning of FCAT testing. FCAT Writing will be administered to our sophomores on February 9th. This time period is often hectic for many students and teachers. With the preparation and testing that occurs along with the many other activities that surround FHS, it is very easy for students to become distracted. Please help us to keep your child on task. Too often we have parents become actively involved in their child's education with only a few weeks of school left. Please continue to monitor your child's progress on a regular basis.

The process of course selection for the 2010-2011 school year will start soon. Please take time to discuss with your child the importance of making wise decisions regarding course selection. SAT and ACT scores matter, however, making the grade in tough high school courses is the key to being accepted to the college of your choice.

Please make note that there is no school on February 15th and February 24th is an early release day.

Go Wildcats!

Chester Gregory, Principal

OCALA FOREST HIGH SCHOOL ALL-SPORTS PASS

Spring Sale on Sports Passes: All Sports Passes will be \$20.00 for the remainder of the school year. This pass admits you to all athletic contests that are played at Ocala Forest High School.

Adults:	\$20.00
Sr. Citizens:	\$20.00
Students:	\$20.00

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

DRAMA NEWS

Forest Theatre competed in their annual District Competition. We would like to send huge congratulations to Tyler Ernest, Celestina Fasci, Deion Howard, Kim Legge, and Carley Ray for qualifying for State with their ensemble piece. Kim Legge received an honorable mention with her publicity design and Carley Ray was nominated to the District's All-Star Cast. While the group did suffer a minor set-back with their one-act, they came through thanks to strong efforts by Deion Howard, Kim Legge, Tyler Ernest, Celestina Fasci, and Carley Ray. We were clearly the most improved Troupe and a crowd favorite! A very special thank you goes out to Deion Howard who did a fantastic job filling in at the last minute.

EMIT COMPETES IN *FIRST* ROBOTICS COMPETITION

EMIT is proud to announce their participation in the *FIRST*® Robotics Competition. This competition stages short games played by autonomous and remote-controlled robots. The robots are designed and built in 6 weeks (from of a common set of parts) by a high-school team and engineers-mentors. The students remotely control the robots in competition rounds on the field.

Each school year, teams are formed in the fall. The *FIRST* Robotics Competition Kickoff in early January starts the six-week "build" season. Competitions take place in March and April. The *FIRST* Robotics Competition Regional events are typically held in university arenas. They involve 40 to 70 teams cheered by thousands of fans over two and a half days. A championship event caps the season. Referees oversee the competition. Judges evaluate teams and present awards for design, technology, sportsmanship and commitment to *FIRST*.

EMIT is very grateful to have the support of its parents, administrative staff and these community sponsors: Lockheed Martin; Faith Sarfarazi, MD, Verrando Engineering Co. Inc.; Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition; Airgas; Progress Energy; Elster Amco Water, Inc.; Integrated Medical Supply; Engineered Building Systems; University of Florida-College of Engineering; Guerra Development Corp.; American Panel; Brick City Cat Hospital; Andrew Copeland, Architect, PA.

If you would like to help sponsor EMIT's *FIRST* rookie year, please contact Ms. Peggy Brookins at 671-4721.

FHS WILDCAT BASEBALL FUNDRAISER RIB SALE

The Forest Baseball Team will have a fundraiser to benefit the FHS Batting Facility and Concession Stand. Tickets will go on sale Feb. 1st for \$16.00 per slab of ribs. See any baseball player or Mrs. Mazzurco in room C209 to purchase a ticket. Ribs must be picked up on the day of the event, March 6, 2010, at the Forest High Baseball Field, 5000 SE Maricamp Road, from 1 pm – 3pm. For additional information call 427-2478. Please make checks payable to: WILDCAT BASEBALL

GUIDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS

Now that we have reached the midpoint of the year, there are several important issues for your attention regarding your son's/daughter's approaching graduation.

First, at the end of first semester, every senior needs to have at least 21 cumulative credits and a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Any D's or F's on the report card are indicators that your son/daughter may **NOT** graduate. Passage of the FCAT is also a graduation requirement. Any lacking required credits must be made up prior to the last day of classes. May 14 is the deadline for outside credits. Students expecting to walk at graduation must follow this due date.

Second, NOW is the time for your son/daughter to apply for their Bright Futures Scholarship. If they don't apply by the date of graduation, they will forfeit all future eligibility. Go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org>, select "Grants, Scholarships, and Application," then "Apply Here."

Third, filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the other critically important task for seniors and their parents. The state of Florida's processing deadline for the FAFSA is May 15, 2010, but the earlier the better. Having a FAFSA on file is the **ONLY** way to access federal and institutional money. Most colleges require that every student have a FAFSA on file. Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> to file your FAFSA. If you file on-line you will get quicker processing.

In summary, make sure you stay informed of your son's/daughter's progress toward graduation. June 12th will be here before you know it!

TESTING DATES

February 1–5th FCA #6 (9th/10th English and Math classes)

February 9th FCAT Writing for all 10th graders

February 22nd-26th FCA #7 (final FCA of the year, 9th/10th English and Math classes)

FCAT Reading, Math and Science start March 9th!
Retakes start March 10th!

SENIOR PARENT INFORMATION

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

Jan. 26-Feb.5	Make Appt. for "Shout Outs" for Sr. Video B-241
Feb. 1-23	Grad Bash Tickets on Sale \$60 B-162 DATE CHANGE!!!
Feb. 5	Final Payment for Sr. Ad Due
April	Delivery of Graduation Announcements and Memorabilia Balance due at this time
April 12-30	Turn in Photos for Sr. Video B241 (Spring Break, Grad Bash, etc)
April 16	Guest Request for Prom Due
April 24	Grad Bash Islands of Adventure
April 30	Final Payment for Prom Due
May 14	All Outside Credits are due to Mrs. Kerkela
May	Cap and Gowns Delivered
May 22	Prom
June	Sr. 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 Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

SENIOR AD DUE DATE

Seniors, the balance of your Senior Ad is due Friday, February 5. Please submit the cash or check to Ms. Folsom in C-238. Checks should be made payable to Forest High School and should include your student number. Friendly reminders were sent out in December.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Forest High School is proud to announce that we will establish a Spanish Honor Society, Sociedad Honoria Hispánica. FHS presently has Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4 and Advanced Placement classes. With such a great offering for our Spanish students, we are now able to give recognition to our best and brightest. New society members need to be in their second year of Spanish, be recommended by their Spanish teachers and another adult, maintain a 3.0 overall average, and an A/B average in Spanish class. Questions? Contact Señora Paget for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL MATHEMATICS FCAT TUTORING

If you would like for your child to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, they must sign-up through Guidance office for a specific session. FCAT Math tutoring will be conducted by Ms. Wood in her classroom, Room 267.

Session 1: February 1, 2 & 4
Session 2: February 8, 9 & 11
Session 3: February 16, 17 & 18
Session 4: February 22, 23 & 25

CAP AND GOWNS

If your senior has not ordered a cap and gown please do so as soon as possible. Late order forms are available in the Activities Office (B-162) or you can order online at herffjonesnorthflorida.com.

PASTA FOR PENNIES 2010

The annual Pasta for Pennies campaign benefiting the Leukemia Lymphoma Society will begin in February. Start saving that spare change and let's continue to be the top collecting school in North Central Florida.

JR./SR. PROM

The junior/senior prom will take place May 22nd at Disney's World ShowPlace Pavilion. Tickets will be on sale through April 30th for \$100 each. Each ticket includes transportation, dinner, and dance and picture packet. If FHS students plan to take a guest who does not attend Forest, they must complete and have approved the *Guest Request Form* which is available in the Student Activities Office (B-162). All completed request forms must be turned in by April 16th.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS 2010

Congratulations to the following Outstanding Seniors in the Class of 2010:

Dillon Ennis	Channel Blanchard
Carlos Gordian	Katie Cooley
Ryan Kane	Kaylyn Durrance
Michael Mazzurco	Laura Lynn Susdorf
Chris Ramos	Ashanti Stewart

MR. AND MISS FHS

Congratulations to Michael Mazzurco and Kaylyn Durrance who were chose by their peers as Mr. & Miss FHS for the Class of 2010!

MARIONS UNITED FOR EDUCATION

With Florida's economy affecting public education so drastically, many parents are asking what they can do. A new grass-roots community organization called "Marions United for Education" (www.marionsunited.org) promotes adequate funding of public education right here in Marion County. Members include concerned teachers, parents, students, and regular citizens fighting for a stronger and more effective public education system. They advocate for adequate funding, small class sizes, and a safe, healthy learning environment. This organization partners with others throughout Florida promoting the "Fund Education Now" message.

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. Contact David Forbes at 671-4700 for more information.

Tutoring is available on the following dates:

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.

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
352-671-4700 Ext. 58612

**FEBRUARY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Feb. 02	9th/JV/V Boys Basketball	Lake Weir	Away	4:30/6/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 04	JV/V Boys Basketball	Belleview	Away	6/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 05	Varsity Girls Basketball	Districts	Westport	TBA
	Varsity Boys Basketball	Meadowbrook	Home	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 06	Varsity Wrestling	3A District 2	TBA	TBA
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Districts	Westport	TBA
	Girls Weightlifting	MCIAC Championship	Vanguard	1:00 p.m.
	V Softball	Dunnellon Pre-Season	Dunnellon	TBA
Feb. 11	V Baseball	Pre Season Classic	Away	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Varsity Wrestling	3A Region 1	Home	10:00 a.m.
	JV/V Softball	Dunnellon	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
	V Baseball	Pre Season Classic	Away	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Varsity Wrestling	3A Region 1	Home	8:00 a.m.
Feb. 15	JV Baseball	North Marion	Away	6:30 p.m.
	President's Day – NO SCHOOL			
Feb. 16	JV/V Softball	Lake Weir	Home	5/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	JV Baseball	Belleview	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	JV/V Softball	Belleview	Home	5/7:00 p.m.
	V Baseball	North Marion	Away	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Varsity Wrestling	3A State Championship	Lakeland	10:00 a.m.
	V Softball	Brooksville Central	Home	7:00 p.m.
	V Baseball	Brooksville Central	Away	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Varsity Wrestling	3A State Championship	Lakeland	8:00 a.m.
	V Baseball	George Jenkins	Home	3:00 p.m.
	JV Baseball	Crystal River	Home	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	JV Baseball	Gainesville	Away	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	JV/V Softball	Springstead	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	JV Softball	Lake Weir	Away	5:30 p.m.
	EARLY RELEASE DAY			
Feb. 25	JV/V Softball	West Port	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
	V Baseball	Dunnellon	Away	TBA
Feb. 26	V Baseball	Springstead	Home	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	JV Baseball	Lake Weir	Home	11:00 a.m.
	JV Baseball	Dunnellon	Home	1:00p.m.
	9th Gr Baseball	Dunnellon	Home	3:00 p.m.