

Forest High School News

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Forest Parents,

Congratulation to Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff of Forest High School on earning a school grade of an "A" in the newly configured Florida Accountability Measurement System! The new grading system is designed to grade schools based not only on student performance on the FCAT but also on their ability to graduate students, increase student performance in advanced placement coursework, and better prepare students for college and career.

It's hard to believe but 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.

As a reminder, all 10th grade students will take FCAT Writing on February 28th. This date marks the beginning of the testing cycle for state mandated tests which concludes in late May. This time period is often hectic for many students and teachers. With the preparation and testing that occurs along with the many other activities which surround FHS it is very easy for students to become distracted. Please help us to keep your child on task.

Please make note February 8th is an early release day and there is no school on February 20th. Parents, I want to thank you for your continuing support of FHS and the role you play in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Chester Gregory

PARENT DROP OFF/STUDENT PARKING AND PICK UP TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE

In the next few weeks we will be **changing the traffic flow patterns** for the student parking and parent pick-up/drop-off area.

In the mornings, two one-way lanes will expedite traffic all the way around the student parking lot.

Students will enter the parking area on the west side of the parking lot. Anyone entering the student parking lot and trying to exit will have to follow one-way traffic around the parking lot in front of the gym/auditorium.

In the afternoon, the north end of the student parking lot will be open and students will exit from that area. Two lanes will be open for vehicles exiting the campus.

ATTENDANCE/DISCIPLINE

Dress Code:

- No mid-drifts, no low cut shirts, no tank tops, no hats, caps, stocking caps, or hoodies, no sun glasses.
- Shorts must be fingertip long, pants with holes must have holes below the fingertip (even if tights are worn or holes have patches).
- Dresses, skirts and long shirts must be fingertip even with tights under them.

Electronics: cell phones, iPods and all other electronics must be put away and turned off except before school and after school.

Tardies and Absences:

- 5 or more tardies to school can cause students to lose their driving to school privileges.
- 15 or more absences to school in a 90 day period will cause students to lose their driver's licenses from Department of Transportation.

FOREST PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!!

Be on the lookout for the yellow envelope coming home with your student soon! The PTO plays an important role at FHS. We help raise funds to provide a wide range of education and campus enrichment to our students. The money we raise through membership dues helps to fund books, classroom supplies, and much more.

The PTO depends on your annual voluntary donation to keep all sorts of wonderful things happening at Forest High School. We have several membership levels to choose from. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and generous donation.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society would like to proudly welcome fifty-four new members into our club! The induction ceremony was a success and the NHS advisory board is eager to begin the Spring Semester with so many new faces and helping hands! Also, our NHS members will be holding a collection for the Child Abuse Prevention Project. This is an annual collection where members receive donations of diapers, baby wipes, children's puzzles, books, new clothes, new shoes and other necessities for children who are removed from their homes and need basic necessities. The organization helps kids from birth through high school and is always looking for items in high demand, especially for teenagers and older children.

FOREST HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The FHS Band hosted the Florida Bandmasters Association District 19 Honor Band on January 26, 27 and 28. Six hundred middle and high school band students from Lake, Marion and Sumter counties competed to earn a seat in a 96 seat middle school band and a 102 seat high school band. Much hard work was required from the band students and band booster organization to host this event flawlessly.

YEARBOOK NEWS

The deadline for the balance due on the Senior Ads is Friday, February 10. Checks should be made out to Forest High School and include the student number.

Please submit payments to Ms. Folsom in C-238 before or after school.

EMIT NEWS

FIRST Robotics

EMIT IllumiCATS are in the midst of our third FIRST Robotics season! On January 7th EMIT while co-hosting FLL Robopoolza, our FRC team found out this year's challenge—Rebound Rumble—a basketball-themed game (game information can be found on the US FIRST website (<http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/2012-rebound-rumble>)). The team of students is working closely with their mentors to design, build, and program a robot in six weeks! In addition to the robot, students are preparing awards submissions for the Orlando Regional Competition. Anyone who would like to support the team in any way may contact Ms. Peggy Brookins at 671-4721.

EMIT Admissions 2012-2013

Recruitment for the 2012 – 2013 school year is also underway. Applications can be found on the E.M.I.T. section of the Forest High School website (they are due February 24, 2012). For more information there will be a parent and student meeting on February 7, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the FHS Auditorium. Student testing and interviews will take place on February 11th and 18th, 2012 at 9:00 am in the FHS Media Center. If you have any questions, please feel to contact Ms. Peggy Brookins at 671-4721.

EMIT Magazine Drive

The E.M.I.T. Fundraising Committee has initiated a magazine fundraiser. Each student has been given a packet with magazine options to sell. This is an important fundraising opportunity for the program. Anyone who would like to purchase or renew a magazine subscription through E.M.I.T. can visit store.gafundraising.com, click on "Online Store Open 24 Hours", and enter the school ID # 2287365.



EMIT Spirit Night

Visit Every 3rd Thursday
on HWY 200

Just say you're with EMIT
and help us raise \$\$

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Tutoring will be available after school for all Algebra 1 and Geometry students to review for the State Common Course Exam. Algebra 1 students will meet on Tuesday and Geometry students will meet on Thursday. Tutoring will be held in room A267 from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Transportation will not be provided. The following are the dates for the tutoring.

- Algebra 1: March 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and May 1st
- Geometry: March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and May 3rd

State Assessments will begin the week of May 14th for Algebra 1 students and the week of May 21st for Geometry students.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Senior students and parents,

Please remember that the Bright Futures Scholarship application is now available on the Florida Student Financial Aid website (www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.Org).

Also remember that FAFSA information must also be completed for the Bright Futures application to be considered complete. Please continue to review your Career and Educational Handbook to be certain that specific scholarship requirements are met.

UPDATE PHONE/ADDRESS INFORMATION

Please remember if your phone number or address changes please notify the school as soon as possible.

PASTA FOR PENNIES 2012

Our annual Pasta for Pennies campaign benefiting the Leukemia Lymphoma Society is coming February 21-29. 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 March 31st at Disney's World ShowPlace Pavilion. Tickets are on sale through March 9th for \$110 each. Each ticket includes transportation, dinner, dance and picture packet. For those FHS students planning to take an outside guest, Guest Request Forms are available in the Student Activities Office (B-162). All completed request forms must be turned in by February 27th.

2012 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The Senior Class of 2012 proudly announces their Outstanding Seniors. These students were chosen by their peers along with meeting the criteria of grades, attendance and discipline. Congratulations to Caroline Collins, Adlin Gordian, Kierra Hardaway, Dani Horosh, Anne Charlotte Strawbridge, Chris Adams, Peyton Lanier, Chris Lovell, Nick Pelliccio and Brad Sanders. Special Congratulations to this year's Mr. and Miss FHS, Chris Adams and Anne Charlotte Strawbridge.

CAPS 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 www.herffjonesnorthflorida.com.



EMIT Family Fun Night

Thursday, February 9th

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sonny's on HWY 200

Click for [Coupon](#)

SENIOR PARENTS

Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

February

- 10 Final Payment for Sr. Ad due C-238
- 11 ACT
- 17 Final Day to Purchase Grad Bash Ticket B-162
- 27 Guest Request forms due for Prom B-162

March

- 9 Final Day to Purchase Prom Ticket B-162
- 10 SAT
- 12-16 Sign Up for Prom Bus (by noon on 16th)
Must have Parent Consent Turned In
- 19-23 Spring Break
- 31 Jr./Sr. Prom

April

- 9-13 Grad Bash Bus Sign Up
Must have Parent Consent Turned In
- 14 ACT
- 30 Sr. Class Meeting 9am
- 30-5/1 Graduation Announcements
Delivered during lunches must pay balance at delivery

May

- 1 Graduation Announcements
Delivered during lunches must pay balance at delivery

May, cont.

- 4 Grad Bash
- 5 SAT
- 7-18 AP Exams
- 7-31 Common End of Course and Sr. Exams
- 21 Outside Credits Due
- 22 Sr. Meeting 9am
Jr/Sr Awards Night 6:30 FHS Auditorium
- 23 Deliver Caps and Gowns @ lunches
Must have:
 - o All outside credits in
 - o No school debts
 - o Herff Jones paid in full

June

- 1 Sr. Final Day
Seniors Final Walk 2:30 Rotunda
- 2 SAT
- 5 Baccalaureate 7pm FHS Auditorium
- 7 Graduation Practice Mandatory 8am
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
- 9 *Graduation Southeastern Livestock Pavilion*
Students report at 7am
Ceremony 8am

If you have questions please call JJ Merians at 671-4700.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1	Girls Weightlifting	MCIAC	Bellevue	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	V. Girls Basketball	Districts	TBA	TBA
Feb. 2	9th/JV & V Boys Basketball	Bellevue	Home	4:30/6/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	V. Girls Basketball	Districts	TBA	TBA
Feb. 4	V Fastpitch Softball	Pre-Season Classic	DHS	TBA
Feb. 4	V Wrestling	Districts	Deland HS	8:00 a.m.
Feb. 7	V Boys Basketball	Districts	Home	TBA
Feb. 7	JV/V Softball	Lake Weir	Away	5/7:00 P.M.
Feb. 7	V Baseball	Classic	TBA	TBA
Feb. 7	Boys Tennis	Lecanto	Coehadjoe	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Girls Tennis	Dunnellon	Coehadjoe	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Girls Tennis	Gainesville	GHS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	V Fastpitch Softball	Crystal River	Home	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Boys Tennis	Citrus	Away	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	V Wrestling	Regionals	University HS	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 13	Boys Tennis	North Marion	Coehadjoe	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Girls Tennis	North Marion	Away	4:30 p.m.

Feb. 14	JV/V Softball	Vanguard	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	V Baseball	West Port	Away	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Boys Tennis	Lake Weir	Away	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Girls Tennis	Lake Weir	Coehadjoe	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	JV Baseball	Belleview	Away	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	JV/V Softball	North Marion	Home	5/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	V Baseball	North Marion	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	JV Baseball	North Marion	Away	TBA
Feb. 16	Boys Tennis	West Port	Away	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Girls Tennis	West Port	Coehadjoe	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	JV/V Softball	Belleview	Away	5/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	V Wrestling	State	Lakeland CC	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 17	JV Baseball	Vanguard	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	V Baseball	George Jenkins	Home	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	V Fastpitch Softball	Buchholz	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	V Baseball	Vanguard	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	JV Baseball	Gainesville	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Boys Tennis	Belleview	Away	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Girls Tennis	Belleview	Coehadjoe	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	B&G Track	DHS, VHS	Home	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Boys Tennis	Vanguard	Coehadjoe	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Girls Tennis	Vanguard	Vanguard	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	JV Baseball	Vanguard	Away	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	V Fastpitch Softball	Lincoln	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	V Baseball	West Port	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Girls Tennis	Trinity Catholic	Coehadjoe	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	JV Baseball	PK Yonge (doubleheader)	Home	11:00/1:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	B&G Track	Wildcat Invitational	Home	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 27	JV Baseball	Belleview	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	Boys Tennis	Trinity Catholic	Coehadjoe	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	Girls Tennis	Citrus	Citrus	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	B&G Track	BHS, DHS, WPHS	WPHS	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 29	JV/V Softball	Dunnellon	Home	5/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 29	V Baseball	Dunnellon	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 29	V Boys Weightlifting	North Marion	Home	4:00 p.m.