



# FHS Parent Connection



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## Franklin High School PTO...

*A special thank you to teachers, staff and FHS Administration* for participating in the Fall Semester Open House. This event provided a time for teachers to "meet and greet" parents and for parents to check out the surroundings of their children. With everyone's busy, hectic schedules, this time was greatly appreciated.

*FHS PTO was once again able to provide a snack and drink for the staff members who participated in the Open House thanks to Ingles and Gooder Grafix and all the volunteers.*

### TRANSPORTATION IN BAD WEATHER

Arrangements should be made with your student in advance for unexpected early school dismissals in an emergency situation, such as power outages, inclement weather, etc. Students will not be able to use the school phone because lines must be kept open for the central office. Also, please work out with the student before they come to school what they need to do in the afternoons if they need to leave for an appointment during the day. Connect-Ed automated phone service will keep you posted in the event of unexpected schedule changes. **Also, please remember that all students are not allowed to use their cell phones during school hours.**

**From the Desk of Principal Baldwin.....**I would like to thank all the parents who participated on our recent dress code committee. We will be taking the revisions to superintendent Dr. Dan Brigman for approval. Also, we will be considering revisions to our cell phone policy in the spring of 2012 and look forward to parental input on this committee as well. Thank you for all your support!

**ATHLETIC PASSES STILL AVAILABLE**  
Winter & Spring Sport Specific Pass - \$25.00  
All Sports Pass - \$75.00  
Family Pass (up to 5 All Sports Passes) - \$175.00  
See Sandy Tabor, Bookkeeper, in Main Office.

**From the FHS Guidance Department:** Stay tuned for further information on Senior Financial Aid Night. **SAT Reviews** will be offered the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. There will be a snow date of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Check the Panther Growl for dates and time updates!  
**We are pleased** to announce that we will be offering all the SAT's at Franklin High School. All tests are at 8am on Saturdays!

We **STRONGLY ENGOURAGE** all Juniors to take SAT's in March 2012!

**Registration deadlines:** Nov. 8/ Dec. 30/ Feb. 10/ April 6

**Test dates:** Nov. 5/ Dec. 3/ Jan. 28/ Mar. 10/ May 5

**From the FHS Media Department:** Hours are 7:40-3:30  
Computers, scanners and printers are available for student use on school assignments during lunch and after school. Mrs. Buchanan is available to help find resources online and in print. Please make an appointment a day in advance. **The media staff is here to help students succeed in their studies at FHS!**

**INFORMATION for all seniors!!** You have an opportunity on November 11<sup>th</sup> in Arden, NC to retake your senior photos. You do not have to purchase, but they must be taken by Lifetouch in order to appear in the yearbook. Check with Mrs. Stamey for details.

Email [terry.stamey@macon.k12.nc.us](mailto:terry.stamey@macon.k12.nc.us)

## Important Dates...

- Nov. 1 FFA Regional Land Judging
- Nov. 2 PTO Meeting 12:00 Noon M202
- Nov. 2 FFA Club Meeting
- Nov. 10-12 Equine and Pre Vet College Trip for Ag students
- Nov. 11 Holiday - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 14 FFA Parent & Alumni Meeting at Fair Grounds 7pm
- Nov. 21 Farm City Week Breakfast
- Nov. 22 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Nov. 23 Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am
- Nov. 24 Teacher Workday (no school)
- Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 7 FFA Club Meeting
- Dec. 8 Senior Projects
- Dec. 10 Christmas Tree Pickup
- Dec. 12 FHS Choir Concert FAC 7pm
- Dec. 12 Biology EOC Review 6-8pm
- Dec. 13 MMS/FHS Band Concert FAC 7pm
- Dec. 13 FFA Parent & Alumni Meeting
- Dec. 17 Early Dismissal @11:30 am
- Dec. 20 Winter Break Begins (workday)
- Dec. 21-31 Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 2 Holiday
- Jan. 3 Workday
- Jan. 4 Mandatory Workday
- Jan. 5 Students return to school
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan. 21-24 Teacher Workdays (no school)

**Student Planners** will be available for sale in the Main Office for \$3.00 each.

**The French Club** will be starting a Pie Fundraiser the first week of November. See Main Office for details.

**The FFA students** will begin selling Christmas Trees and Smoked Turkeys on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Order yours now!

### KEEP INFORMED!

*For daily announcements, Guidance Dept. news and links to FHS Athletics Page*

**Visit the NEW official FHS Web Site:**

[www.macon.k12.nc.us/schools/fhs](http://www.macon.k12.nc.us/schools/fhs)

## **GERMBUSTER SUPPLIES NOW ON HAND AT HIGH SCHOOL**

**GERMBUSTER** Supplies have once again been distributed to every classroom, multi-use area and administrative office at Franklin High School through the efforts of the FHS PTO. These supplies were purchased with funds received through the Bi-Lo Rewards Program.

As cold and flu season arrives, many students and faculty members are forced to miss school when they contract those illnesses. The FHS PTO provides each teacher with a supply of antiseptic wipes and hand sanitizer, as well as tissues in the hopes of reducing absenteeism and preventing the spread of colds and flu.

Remember, since FHS PTO does not conduct fundraisers, we count on all our FHS families (and extended families) signing up for the Bi-Lo and Ingles Bonus Card Reward Programs. If you have not already done so, please be sure to sign up today. You can do so by locating the 12-digit number on the back of each card and emailing it to us through the PTO website -- look for the link on the FHS homepage. Every school year you must renew your registration for both cards in order for Franklin High School to benefit. There is no extra cost for you to do this and it doesn't affect in of your in-stores savings or promotions!

Please join us for our next Parent Teacher meeting on November 2nd at 12:00 noon in Room M202! We are a non-fundraising group and would welcome new ideas and suggestions!

**CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the ladies volleyball team for being the WNCAC Conference Champions for 2011! AWESOME job girls!!**

### **ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

[www.SchoolSoup.com](http://www.SchoolSoup.com)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)  
[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)

Make sure that all applications **1)** are completed correctly; **2)** include everything that's been requested; **3)** are clean and neat (they should be typed); **4)** have the student's name on every page; **5)** are copied before they are submitted; and **6)** are submitted before the deadline.

Congratulations to Ansley Taylor for her win as Homecoming Queen and Nina Astling for Runner-up!! Also to the Football Team for a winning season ! Another Year and another Congratulations goes out to Canyon Woodward, the Interact Club and all the volunteers and sponsors for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blue Planet 5K for Clean Water Race. The money raised and the amount of participants far exceeded the expectations again this year and helps another country with clean water! GREAT JOB!!

**The American Red Cross blood drive will be at Franklin High School again this year. The date for the fall blood drive is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students who are 17 and 18 can give blood if they have a picture ID. Students that are 16 must have parent permission and a picture ID.**

**See Ms. Esterwood in room C004 or contact her at [rita.esterwood@macon.k12.nc.us](mailto:rita.esterwood@macon.k12.nc.us) for more information.**  
**Thanks!**

The B-Naturals have entered into a contest similar to the Spirit Video contest that we won last year. We have made a two minute video about what our music department and music means to us. If you would kindly go to the link I've attached below and vote for our video everyday (yes everyday until November 7th), that would be greatly appreciated. We could have the chance at winning \$50,000 for our music department. Please feel free to forward this to any friends or family or facebook friends that would be willing to help us out. Thanks in advance.

[http://gleegiveanote.com/vote\\_details.php?id=79](http://gleegiveanote.com/vote_details.php?id=79)

**GEAR UP will be offering a College Application Week and a Financial Aid workshop in November for all parents and students who are interested. Please contact Mary Bennett and Camille Tuttrup for further details!**

**Hurry and sign up so you can learn more about College planning and find funds to help you pay for it!!**

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Macon County Schools' policy prohibits the use of **ALL** tobacco products: **Everywhere** on school grounds, by **Everyone**, students, staff and visitors at **All Times** during school, sporting events, practices, etc.

**Please remember no cell phone use on campus!  
Thank you for your cooperation!**