



Fairfax High School PTSA News

Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 219-2200 <http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxHS/>

School Calendar

June

- 1- Spring Sports Banquet- 6:30PM
- 3- Orchestra Spring Concert @ Lanier- 7:30PM
- 4- Band Banquet
- 5-10- Senior Exams
- 6- Junior/Senior Prom
- 7- Cappies Awards at the Kennedy Center
- 8-11 SOL Retakes
- 11- 7 Period Day (All Classes)
- 12- Students Released @ 11:20AM
- 12-17- Underclass Exams
- 15- Early Release at 8:46 AM
- 15- Graduation- Noon
- 15- All Night Grad Party
- 16-17 Early Release at 11:20 AM
- 17- Students Release @ 11:20AM
- 18- Last Day of School-Released @ 9:56AM
- 21- Fathers Day

August

- 3-6- AP Bootcamp – 7 – 9 PM
- 10- Drumline and Colorguard begin
- 11- Fall Sports Begin
- 11-14- Cheer Tryouts
- 13-14 Marching Band Newcomer Rehearsals
- 17- Marching Band Rehearsals begin
- end of August – Scrimmages and games begin for Fall Sports

September

- 4- New Parent & Student Orientation- 9AM – noon
- 8- First Day of School
- 12- Band Tag Day
- 17- First Home Football Game – Parade before game
- 18- Homecoming Dance
- 23- Back to School Night – 7PM
- 23-24- Little Shop of Horrors Auditions at 2:45PM
- 28- Little Shop of Horrors Rehearsals begin

A Message from the Principal

Dear Rebel Parents,

The end of the 2008-2009 school year is here! I hope your son or daughter has had a positive experience this year at Fairfax High. Thank you for your support as we worked to accomplish our 3 goals for the 2008-2009 school year:

- 1) Increasing student achievement for all students,
- 2) Strengthening school climate,
- 3) Expanding professional learning communities to enhance student and faculty learning

It truly has been the “Year of Champions” here at Fairfax High School! We will continue to work together to build a school of champion teachers, champion staff, champion students and champion parents!

Have a safe and relaxing summer! Remind your son or daughter to do their summer reading assignments! ☺

Thank you again for your continued support of this faculty and staff!

Sincerely,

Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.

Senior Event Calendar

(Remaining dates)

Event	Date	Time	Location
Collection of Senior Dues	Dec 2 – Feb. 1 \$35 After Feb 1 - \$40	Before and after school	Senior Sub-School
Graduation Ticket Distribution	May 27, 2009 (7 tickets per senior)	Lunches	Commons
Optional Cap & Gown Photo by Lifetouch Co. (800- 445-1189)	June 3, 2009 Co. will notify parents how to schedule	2:30pm – 9pm	Auditorium
Senior Exams	June 5 , 2009	6 th & 8th	Attend all classes
	June 8 , 2009	5 th & 7th	Attend all classes
	June 9 , 2009	2 nd Period only & locker cleanout	Dismissal @ 9:30
	June 10 , 2009	1 st & 3rd	Dismissal @ 10:20
Junior/Senior Prom	June 6, 2009	9:00pm – 1:00am	Fox Chase Manor, Manassas
Seniors do not attend school today	June 11	n/a	n/a
Graduation Rehearsal Attendance mandatory	June 12, 2009	10:00am	Field House
Senior Picnic	June 12, 2009	(after rehearsal)	Baseball/softball area
Graduation Seniors report to cafe by 10:30	June 15, 2009 Doors open @ 11am for parents	12:00noon	Field House
Grad photo: receiving diploma	As of June 20 to order www.candidcolor.net Problems: email candidcolor@comcast.net	Go to diploma presentation-	Enter login code FRXG09
ANG Party	June 15, 2009 For info Contact : pwagner58@aol.com	11pm – 5am	Field House

Graduation Parking

Handicapped parking in lot near Field House and Entrance 21

Remainder of the school lot will be open

Shuttles from St. Leo's begin one hour before and run one hour after Graduation

Graduation Information is posted at <http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxHS/senior/graduation2009.htm>



The PTSA thanked the entire Fairfax High School staff for all they do. The PTSA served lunch to the staff on April 22nd. Each staff member received a gift card worth at least \$25. These cards were donated by FHS parents and area businesses. Below are photos from that luncheon.



PTSA Meeting Dates

June 8 END OF YEAR SOCIAL

PTSA President

Dear FHS Community:

This is our last PTSA newsletter for 2008-2009. I would like to thank Joan Szabo and Judy Thurston for their dedication to producing an informative, timely newsletter this entire year! Judy is “graduating” from FHS in June so Joan will need a “co-editor” for 2009-2010. Please step up to the challenge. Joan’s email address is sailboatjs1@verizon.net.

I would also like to thank our team of dedicated student and staff volunteers who helped the PTSA get out the newsletter each month. The PTSA could not have done it without you! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Afia Acheampong
Dollie Adams
Evelyn Aguirre
Shanny Alirezai
Abdullah Bourfa
Mary Becker
Jamel Williams
Najia Collins
Giselle Brio-Lopez
Margaret Daigle
Brandie Burns
Cathy Edwards
Stephanie Cruz
Craig Franklin
Anosh Hesham
Rose Ideli
Samuel Hollis
Beth Reece
Shoaib Khan
Soo Roh
Sung Lee
Fannie Williams
Natalia Lopez
Shao Lu
Marbin Marquina
Shannon McAvoy
Richard Moss

Ricky Nobles
Vivian Otter
Lea Pak
Teresa Petrizzo
Amal Saleh
Jessica Sandhu
Manny Theodore
John Thomas
Monica Varges
Lucas Waters

The PTSA still needs new people to step up next year to fill vacancies on the PTSA Board:

FAST Desk Coordinator
Hospitality Coordinator
Volunteer Coordinator
African American Achievement representative
Athletic Boosters representative
Cluster VII representative
Freshman Class representative

PTSA meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Please consider helping out Fairfax High in this way.

Thank you SO much to all our volunteers all year who responded graciously and faithfully each and every time I sent out an email requesting help and/or donations. Fairfax High School would not be the same school without your dedication and participation. I have been amazed and overwhelmed by your response this year. You are the BEST!

Have a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer!

Clai Eldrup-Jorgensen
Fairfax High School PTSA President



CITY OF FAIRFAX THEATRE COMPANY: SUMMER CAMP

The (new) City of Fairfax Theatre company will be offering Summer Camp for students ages 6-14 for five weeks this summer, from June 29-August 9. The cost of camp is \$650 for the full week (Mon-Fri), full day (9am-3:30pm) sessions. The morning session of camp will be led by high school and college interns (age 15-23), selected by Wendy Knight, Managing Director, for variety of theatre skills, including singing, playwriting, magic and management. Campers will learn acting, singing and craft skills through theatre games, improv and performance exercises, and will work on a camper-created performance to be highlighted in a Student Showcase at the end of camp.

The afternoon session will have students in workshops taught by adult professionals. Chris Johnston, conductor of the Annandale Symphony Orchestra and music teacher at the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, will work with students on music and voice. Leanne Madieros, a theatre educator from New Jersey who specializes in playbuilding and movement, will help students open their imaginations by building characters and creating stories through face, voice and body. William Lambert, a teacher with nearly 20 years of experience in middle school drama, will work with campers on confidence and teamwork. Campers will spend an hour with each adult five days a week for five weeks. In this environment, campers are allowed maximum benefit for individual growth and development in intense one-on-one instruction by professionals.

Enrollment will be taken until sessions are full or camp begins. A camp registration form, as well as additional information on the camp, is available on the web at http://fairfaxcitytheatre.org/CFTC/Summer_for_Youth.html

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL IS NOMINATED FOR SEVEN CAPPIES AWARDS

Fairfax High School was nominated for seven Cappies Awards for its latest musical, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. The Cappies, a Critics and Awards program for High School Theatre and Journalism students, nominated:

★ Returning Critic: Colleen O'Brien; ★ Female Dancer: Sheila Faaalasi; ★ Male Vocalist: Zach Goubeaux; ★ Featured Actor in a Musical: Mikail Faalasi; ★ Lead Actor in a Musical: Jeremy Tuohy, and ★ Best Orchestra and ★ Best Musical. The awards gala will be held at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC on June 7, 2009.

Academic Boosters

Rebels on the Rise Breakfast

Twice a year the Academic Boosters and the Student Services Department host a "Rebels on the Rise Breakfast" for students who have made great academic strides. This year's second breakfast was held on April 30 and honored 76 students who were nominated by their teachers. Hats off to our fabulous honorees:

Mahad Ahmed
Isiah Alcocer
Nigeria Allen
Abeer Alsalhi
Kathleen Ambrose
Kelly Andrades
Edwain Ayala
Josselin Ayala
Christina Biser
Alvaro Bustamante Fuentes
Yeraldine Carillio
Cesar Casafranca Sandoval
Akkarin Chirachaturaphak
Antonio Claire
Nick Cottrell
Bernice Da Costa
Caleb De Jesus Eschevarria
Sabrina Delogado Stickley
Matthew D'Nicuola

Christina D'Sa
Talal Faqiha
Sabrina Faruque
Erik Flores-Chavez
Brittany Ganzermiller
Laura Groppe
Christofer Guanilo-Cueva
Gustavo Guanilo-Cueva
Cameron Harshfield
Quillan Heim
Florencia Herceg
Aaron Herencia
Colin Hicks
Meghan (Alex) Judge
Parisa Khara
Lareesa Kidwell
Jin Joo Lee
Eric Leshner
Frank Lopez
Jackie Main
Richard Marcey
Marbin Marquina
Bradley Matt-James
Richard Moss
Matthew Mullet
Blaine Mulugeta
Reggie Mumford
Kaitlyn Murphy
Brian Nguyen
Daniel Ordonez
Leslie Payne
Sanket Pednekar
Sergio Pinto Tapia
Jessica Pittington
Melissa Ramirez
Emily Robinson
Abigail Royer
Shelby Sowers
Liban Tarey
Sindu Thokala
Alisha Thomas
John Thomas
Daniel Tipton
Taha Tosun
Hien Tran
Taylor Trent
Jacqueline Trimmer
Abnisek Upadhyay
Marilyn Urrutia Rivera
Wendy Urrutia Rivera

Saman Usodan
Jessica Vasapoli
Doreen Vo
Anna Wi
Danielle Williams
Scott Wood
Preston Wrenn

We would also like to thank everyone who donated their time to set-up and clean-up for the breakfast, or send food in for the breakfast.

Academic Recognition ceremony will be during the day next year. Arrangements are still be finalized.

Last, please contact Shelly Bechert or Susan Kuck, co-chairs of the Academic Boosters, if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions regarding our committee. We welcome your input.

Shelly Bechert (ShellyBechert@verizon.net)
Susan Kuck (sjkuck@msn.com)

Athletic Boosters

Fairfax is once again hosting **sports physicals** here at the high school. Plan to take advantage of this great opportunity. Mark your calendars for June 3rd. Physicals will be performed from 5:30 until 8:00 pm at a cost of \$40. For more information call 703-219-2241. To register online - use the following link:
<http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/ppeoverview.htm>.

Remember, in order to participate in any sport next fall, the student needs a current "sports" physical completed using the approved **VHSL Physical Form**. These forms are available on the athletic website and will be used during our sports physical night on June 3rd. If you will be participating in sports at Fairfax in the fall, plan on attending. If you know of someone who hopes to try-out for one of the fall sports (rising 9th graders etc) - please pass this information along.

PROM

The Fairfax High School prom is June 6th at Fox Chase Manor in Manassas beginning at 9pm and ending at 1 am. Tickets will be on sale during

lunches from May 27th to June 5th. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Tickets cost \$55 per person; please send in a check payable to Fairfax High School. If students wish to bring in a guest from another school, a guest permission slip must be completed and turned in when the ticket is purchased. Permission slips are available outside of A-129, G-135, A-154 and A-142.

Photo ID will be required at check in at the prom and must match your ticket. Raffles will be presented during the Prom. Students must be present to win the raffles.

Hey Senior Parents!!!

Do you realize it's less than three months until graduation?! It's time to start planning for it. Have you ordered your **personalized yard signs** yet? They will have the Fairfax lion and your child's name on them. Why not order two? The All Night Grad Committee will put one of your signs on Rebel Run to greet the grads on their day. Of course the sign is yours after graduation. You can order the signs by going to the school's home page and clicking on the link to All Night Grad.

Hey, while you're on the ANG site, why not sign your grad up for the all night party? It is going to be an amazing time!

And if you're interested in getting **reserved seats for graduation** you need to check out how to buy tickets for that raffle. The day's going to be hectic enough without fighting the lines!

And speaking of graduation day, have you signed up to help on the All-Night Grad Party yet? It takes literally hundreds of parents to pull this off- we need you for a few hours!! The volunteer information is also on the ANG site. Come on, you'll get a cool t-shirt!

Free Bowling!

The summer of 2009 will mark the thirteenth year of Bowl America's Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Program. The Rolling Rewards Program has become one of the area's most recognized student reward program for academics among students and

parents. During the summer of 2008 over 35,000 students came to Bowl America and received free game passes for their outstanding achievements in the classroom.

To recap how the program works, students bring their final 2008-2009 report card into any Bowl America location, and are awarded a free game for each “A” earned over the course of the entire school year. It’s that simple!

Bowl America is proud to support the community, its school systems and most of all, its students, through the Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Program.

Auto Tech

We are taking donations of **CAR-BOAT-VAN-JET SKI**. All donations are **fully tax deductible** as they are used for teaching purposes only. If the vehicle is worthy, we will fix up and it will be resold thru the student auto sales program with the proceeds going to the Fairfax auto tech program. We also do minor automotive repairs in the shop by **appointment only**. For further info contact Less Steger (703)219-2247 or (703)591-8589.

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Newsletter Submission Guidelines

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