

Falcon Flyer

September 11, 2020



Student, Parent, Faculty and Staff Weekly Update



What's New at Fauquier High School?

“We Believe; Always Believe”

Principal's Message:

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Labor Day holiday - ready to continue with our virtual instruction process. This has been a short week but has proven very productive! Our Falcon Booster Club is off to a great start and have scheduled their first meeting of the 2020-21 school year, our guidance department provided an excellent virtual senior information session on September, 9 with a terrific turnout, PSAT information went out to parents and students this week, and we are slowly but surely working out the “bugs” in our virtual learning model. Thanks to everyone for a great week! While we are all becoming more familiar with the new instructional model, please remember that the success of this process depends on the cooperation and participation of everyone including: teachers, students, parents and administrators. I have tasked our teachers with maintaining high expectations for their students, rigorous instruction, being flexible and fluid as we work through this process and maintaining regular communication with students and parents. I am asking students to focus on their synchronous instruction days and participate in class activities. Log in and remain in class; you don't know what you will miss while you're away from your computer. Make sure you turn in your assignments and communicate with your teachers. On asynchronous days, please complete the work your teacher assigns. **Remember, instruction this fall is different than you experienced in the spring. Assignments count and grades matter!** Parents, anything you can do from home to monitor your student's progress in their classes would be greatly appreciated. Please check their Blackboard page for the most recent progress and any missing assignments. Contact your student's teachers if you have assignment, grading, or other concerns. They will be happy to assist you in answering your concerns. Administrators are always available to assist in answering questions, solving problems, and offering support. Do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have a question or concern. **As a team we will succeed!**

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

Mr. K

Patriot Day

*A tribute to September 11, 2001-
Always Remember, Never Forget*



Please remember the significance of this day, nineteen years ago, September 11, 2001, and the loss of many lives in the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the many lives lost from the effects of the rescue and clean-up process. This was a tragic day in the history of our country but we all learned from this tragedy. The following quotes are indicative of the lessons we learned:

“If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate”
-Sandy Dahl, Wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2002.

“When Americans lend a hand to one another, nothing is impossible. We are not about what happened on 9/11. We’re about what happened on 9/12.”
-Jeff Parness



9/11/2001-Always Remember, Never Forget

New This Year!

We know your time is valuable and we don't want to overburden you with excessive e-mail, text messages, and phone calls, so I will be sending the "Falcon Flyer" as our weekly correspondence. My goal is to reduce the amount of correspondence going home, streamline our communication process, and have valuable information located in one easy-to-find location. We will continue to use the auto-call system for emergency situations or important reminders, and teachers will continue to send specific information related to your student directly to you. In this edition, you will find important facts regarding the reopening of school and guidance information. I hope this reduces that overwhelming feeling of information overload many of you are experiencing.

What's Happening?

Have a question? Can't find something? Did you check Blackboard? How about the FHS or FCPS1 web page? We have been diligent in keeping all necessary information updated in Blackboard, on the FHS web page and through social media. Additionally, we are using e-mail notification, and automated phone calls to keep everyone apprised of FHS news. If you are not receiving our correspondence, please let us know and we will get you on our list.

News:

Kraig Kelican- Principal:

- Reminder that the end of the first marking period is Friday, September 18 and grades are due on September 23. Please make sure all missing and make-up work is submitted prior to September 18. Students should work with their teachers to make sure their assignments have been submitted, graded, and recorded accurately.
- Congratulations to Jake Goldman for his outstanding academic accomplishments as a National Merit Semifinalist. This honor entailed a great amount of time and effort on Jake's part and all the hard work paid off. We are proud of you Jake!
- Attendance during Virtual Learning: The Virginia Department of Education requires schools to maintain attendance records for both synchronous and asynchronous days of instruction. Synchronous day attendance is easily done since teachers and students have direct contact. Teachers simply indicate which students were in attendance during this time. Asynchronous day attendance is more difficult since this contact may or may not take place. We understand this is a very different and stressful time for students, parents and teachers and we are making every effort to make this process as easy as possible for all involved. To maintain accurate attendance records on asynchronous days of instruction, students are typically completing assignments, projects, group discussions and other instructional activities individually or in groups. Students are not expected to log on to each class on asynchronous days and/or spend the 80-minute block involved in instruction. Something as simple as submitting an assignment, asking a question, logging in for help, or other easy process the teacher develops are sufficient to determine student engagement. Students will be counted present if they are engaged in some form of instructional activity. Again, simplicity is our goal. Wednesdays are days for office hours and attendance is not "taken" and will default to present. I am encouraging teachers to be flexible and work with students and parents to make this work. We would like to try this method for a brief time to gauge its success and we may need to make modifications as necessary. If you have any questions or concerns about the attendance process, please contact the Attendance Office or Administration.

Notes: Should students not be available at the actual time of the lesson due to connectivity problems or other circumstances, the student can complete the lesson through alternate means and will be marked present **once the parent notifies the teacher that the lesson has been completed.** Additionally, students who complete or attempt to complete assignments on asynchronous days will be counted

present for that day/class. When students are absent from classes, parents must contact the attendance office to excuse this absence.

- SAT and ACT Tests Update: The staff at FHS is working on a mitigation plan in an effort to offer SAT and ACT testing at FHS in October, November, and December to address the health and safety of our students and staff. Stay tuned for more information.
- A reminder to parents and students that personal items left at school at the end of the 2019-20 school year, in lockers and locker rooms are still available for pick-up in the Main Office. If you have any such items, please contact the Main Office at 540-422-7300.
- Blackboard pages are becoming uniform! I have received many comments in the last few months from parents that teacher blackboard pages were difficult to navigate and to find information in specific places. We heard you! Beginning this year, all teachers will be using a template that places information in the same place for ease of use. There will be designated sections for assignments, grades, class procedures, teacher communication and more with the option for additional links to supplemental information. This should allow parents to view the blackboard pages for teachers and easily find the same information in the same location on the page. I look forward to any comments you may have on the new set-up.

FHS Yearbook- Mr. Nobblit, Sponsor:

- The FHS Yearbook Staff is working on promoting a Community Upload feature (sponsored through Walsworth, our printing company) that allows students and parents to submit photos of the "Virtual Experience" this year. Click on the link below. Use the access code FHS Yearbook then upload a photo. We are looking for photos of students in their virtual classrooms. That may be the dining room table, the park, or wherever. We are also looking for photos of students taking lunch breaks, meeting for socially distanced study groups, working a part-time job, conditioning for sports, or just relaxing on the off days. This link can also be found on the FHS homepage. Just don't forget the code.
<https://wpcgo.yearbookforever.com/Zi5T6>

SCA- Ms. Story, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Green, Sponsors:

- Elections: Want to get involved in Student Council Association? Looking to meet new friends or take on a leadership role? Want to have a voice in the school? Then SCA is for you! We are in the process of taking applications for the 2020-21 class and SCA Officers. Each class plus the SCA will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer by electronic ballot. The process is simple. Complete an application, participate in an interview, and vote. It's that easy. If you would like to help out but not have the responsibility of being an officer, try Executive Council. You would serve as a support group for your class officers and assist with class activities. For more information contact Ms. Story, Mrs. Anderson, or Mrs. Green and for an application click on this link:
<https://forms.gle/4C7zmLFThwkzTe4BA>

Anime Club- Ms. Fowler, Sponsor

- Anime Club is starting virtually on Wednesday, September 16. We will meet from 2-3pm via Google Meet. Students should email Ms. Fowler at kfowler@fcps1schools.net if they are interested in joining our Anime Club Google Classroom. All are welcome!

Library- Mrs. Isaac, Librarian:

- Parents and Students, how can you better prepare for learning in the virtual model? What works and how can you be successful? The following link offers many suggestions and helpful hints to help you

succeed in the virtual instruction world. Please take a few minutes to review these hints and we believe you will also find them to be helpful.

https://www.readbrightly.com/get-kids-learning-mindset-home/?ref=PRH078A7572BB20&linkid=PRH078A7572BB20&cdi=4D11667A3F088EBAE0534FD66B0A75D2&template_id=17789&aid=randohouseinc45155-20

- “Library Book curbside service is now available at FHS. To request a library book, login to Blackboard, FHS Library Organization for directions. Complete the Google Form, or just e-mail us at fhs-library@fcps1schools.net. Your book will be available for pick-up each Wednesday from 4 – 7 pm. Just call the library at 422-7320, when you pull up to the front of the school, and the librarian will bring your book out to you.”

Falcon Booster Club- Beth Howser, President:

- On behalf of the Fauquier Booster Club, I want to thank all of you for support during these past 6 months while we readjusted and reorganized into a virtual sports and school environment. We are very proud of all the accomplishments of our 2020 athletes and are looking forward to seeing our 2021 athletes perform at some point this year.

I am sure you did not expect to be sitting at home on Friday nights any more than we did and we wish we were all together on Falcon Field cheering our players on--but we are confident that VHSL is making the best decisions for our student athletes. We are also planning for the rest of the year and look forward to what is ahead of us.

We are inviting you to attend our first Booster Club meeting, Monday, September 28 at 6:30 in either the Library or the Falcon Room depending on the number of attendees. We will be requiring masks and social distancing in order to accommodate all parents and community members. We will have applications available and will be accepting payment for this year's membership (\$10 per family) by either cash or check.

Involvement this year may feel a little different, but we do need everyone's help and participation to make sure that we are able to provide scholarships and resources back to our students. We have some exciting projects to share including the upgrade of the Turf Field, new equipment on the track, and more.

Please plan to attend the meeting on the 28th and if you are unable to attend, please feel free to mail in your membership form by filling out the attached form and sending to Falcon Booster Club, PO Box 1166, Warrenton, VA 20118.

Continue to stay safe and healthy. Hope to see you soon.

Beth Howser

President

Falcon Booster Club

#WeBelieve #AlwaysBelieve!



Membership Form
2021.pdf

Guidance- Mr. Bjorkman, Director:

Future Events: (See Newsletter for additional Information)

September 13th -

Virtual College Fair—12PM and 8PM

September 17th –

Paying for College/Financial Aid Night – 6:30PM – Registration Required

September 24th-

Academic Resume Workshop- 6:30PM- Registration Required

October 7th-

College Essay Workshop- 10:00AM- Registration Required

October 12th –

Virtual College Fair—1PM and 9PM

October 14-

PSAT- Register by September 15 on the counseling webpage

Paying for College/Financial Aid Night Thursday, September 17th at 6:30PM

This presentation will be held virtually on

ZOOM. Please register at:

[Bit.ly/FHSPayingforCollege](https://bit.ly/FHSPayingforCollege)



SOL Testing Calendar

For students enrolled in these classes for the Fall Semester Only

Students will be contacted

Date	Session Content
September 21—October 2	Non-Writing SOL testing (all grades for retest)
October 26—November 6	Writing SOL testing (Term Grads October 26- October 30)
November 16—November 20	Writing SOL testing (Term Grad 2nd Attempt ONLY)

**Fauquier County Public Schools
High School Schedule Marking Period Dates
2020-2021**

First Semester		
Marking Period/Term	Grades Due	Report Cards
1: 8/24-9/18 (19 Days)	9/23	9/25
2: 9/21-10/16 (20 Days)	10/21	10/23
3: 10/19-11/13 (19 Days)	11/18	11/20
4: 11/16-12/17 (21 Days)	1/6	1/8
Second Semester		
Marking Period/Term	Grades Due	Report Cards
1: 1/5-2/5 (23 Days)	2/10	2/12
2: 2/8-3/12 (24 Days)	3/17	3/19
3: 3/15-4/23 (25 Days)	4/28	4/30
4: 4/26-6/4 (29 Days)	6/7	6/9

- **HS Parent Conferences:**
 - **First Term: After 9/25 Fall MP 1 Report Card (Suggested Wednesday, 9/30 by virtual appt)**
 - **Second Term: After 2/12 Spring MP 1 Report Card (T**

