



Viking Voice

Weekly Newsletter

Fort Walton Beach High School

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Messages from Administration

****If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send me an email (include your student's name) and I will remove you from the distribution list.**

Dear Viking Families,

Thank you so much for such a smooth start of the 2017-2018 school year.

This coming week, we will start leveling classes to meet class size. For some students, this process will cause some discomfort. We are very mindful of the upset that this causes, but even though we try to be in compliance when we start, we cannot foresee the students who enroll late. The freshman class is over 505 students this year. This is exciting since it is the largest it has been in a few years; however this scenario puts a great strain on our master schedule and our counselors. We are delighted to have each student, and I only share this as an illustration of how hard it is to be at class size the first few weeks of school.

Our extra- curricular activities are getting started! I hope that you will join us for some of our games, plays, concerts, and events. We are a great academic school, and we are very proud of our extra-curricular opportunities because we believe a well-rounded student is better prepared for the world after high school.

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting is approaching, too. If you would like to be on SAC, please contact Dr. Sharon Thetford at ThetfordSh@okaloosaschools.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 850-833-3300.

GO VIKES,
J Spolski

School Advisory Council

Contact: S. Thetford (ThetfordSh@okaloosaschools.com)

SACs were established (by the Florida Legislature) to give parents, students, community members, and teachers a greater role in the decision making process at their schools.

Each council has the responsibility of assisting in the school improvement process and deciding how school improvement funds are spent. In addition, councils along with the school faculty determine how school recognition funds are spent.

If you are interested in serving on the FWBHS SAC – please email your name to Dr. Sharon Thetford (English teacher) at thetfordsh@okaloosaschools.com.

Football Ticket Information 2017-2018

Contact: S. Oldenburg (833-3300 ext. 3303)

Football ticket prices for the 2017 season:

Adults: \$7.00
All Students: \$5.00

All students under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Reserve Season Football tickets are now on sale. They are available in the front office Monday-Friday, from 7:00am-1:00pm. Cost is \$40.00.

Free and Reduced Lunch & Breakfast Information

Okaloosa County School District
Announces its policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for students under the
2017-2018 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS
Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting
Stephen Anderson 202B Hwy. 85 N., Niceville Fl. 32578

To apply for the Free and Reduced meal program, fill out an Online Meal Application made available Aug. 02, 2017. Go to www.applyforlunch.com. Household size and income criteria will

be used to determine eligibility. An application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need not notify the organization of changes in income and household size. Paper application forms are available on as needed basis for parent/guardians at each school.

To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the online application, approval time up to 24 hour turn around or paper application up to 10 days once returned to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Note- if you were approved prior year, last year application will expire on September 21, 2017.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP/TANF case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive free benefits regardless of the child's personal income or the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison - Kelli Williams at 850-833-3008.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members – check the “no income” box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
- Social security number of the adult signing the application or the word “NONE” for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy Arleen Hamilton will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Stephen Anderson 202B Hwy. 85 N., Niceville Fl. 32578

Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

Volunteers and Mentors Needed

Contact: L. Smith (Lindsey.Smith@okaloosaschools.com)

If you are interested in becoming part of our Viking Team and volunteering your time to our students and school, please go to the Okaloosa County School District website (www.okaloosaschools.com) and look for this link:



The form at this link **MUST** be completed and submitted before you can volunteer with our students and school.

Lunch Deliveries

Please refrain from making daily food deliveries.

If you must bring food to your child during the school day, please pre arrange with your child to come to the attendance office between classes and pick up the food.

Gift Deliveries

Due to the disruption that will occur to the school day, Fort Walton Beach High School will not accept any gift deliveries for students. This does include flowers, balloons, candy, edible arrangements, etc. Please make arrangements for deliveries to be made at another location outside of the school day.

Notary Services

Fort Walton Beach High School does offer the services of three notaries. Mrs. Johnson is in the Main Office, and Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Pitman are in the Attendance Office. They are available weekdays from 6:30am – 2:15pm.

Please note that you must sign your forms in front of the notary and you must have a picture ID.

Attendance Office News

Attendance Office

Contact: B. Craig (833-3300 ext. 3301)

Parents are reminded that a student has 5 days from the day they return from an absence to excuse the absence. To excuse an absence, a parent is requested to send a note with the student to attendance. When an absence is unexcused, the

student may not make up any work or tests in the class periods they were absent.

Picture News

Underclassmen (9th, 10th, 11th grades) School Picture Day

Contact: S. Teare (833-3300 ext. 1318 or teares@okaloosaschools.com)

Mark your calendar for Picture Day on Wednesday, August 23rd, in the Auditorium.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have their school day photos made during their English class.

Senior Pictures (if you didn't have your pictures taken this summer)

Contact: S. Teare (833-3300 ext. 1318 or teares@okaloosaschools.com)

Mark your calendar – for Wednesday, August 23rd or Thursday, August 24th, in the Media Center.

Seniors who still need to have portraits made should plan on coming to the media center during a no-class, study hall, or English class. Ms. Teare will send more information to Seniors during WAVE – regarding session fees, etc.

Class of 2018

Senior Supplies

Contact: Clay Wren (850-432-7464 or HJpcola@aol.com)

Representatives from Herff Jones will be at FWBHS on Wednesday, October 18, for the graduation supplies presentation to the Class of 2018. This includes information about Cap/Gown orders, Graduation Announcements, and other mementos.

The presentation will take place in the Auditorium from 8:45am-9:30am.

The representatives will return to FWBHS on Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24 (from 10:00am-1:00pm) to take supply orders from seniors. These representatives will be set up in the front hall – across from the main office/ guidance office.

Seniors – Community Service Hours

Attention Seniors – Please turn your community service hours into the guidance office. In order for these hours to appear on your transcript we must enter them on to the computer.

**Bright Futures retrieves your community service hours from the school district's computer system.

Please turn your community service hours into the guidance office!!!

Guidance News

Career Connection Center

Contact: J. Smith (833-3300 ext. 2151)

Students are invited to the Media Center to meet with College Representatives on the following dates:

Monday, September 11, 2017

University of Central Florida
11:37am-12:07pm

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne, FL)
Rollins College (Winter Park, FL)
10:45am-12:07pm

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Mercer University (Macon, GA)
10:45am-11:15am

Thursday, September 28, 2017

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (Huntsville, AL)
10:45am-12:07pm

Scholarship Opportunities

Contact: Julie Smith (833-3300 ext. 2151 or smithj3@okaloosaschools.com)

Scholarship opportunities for ninth through twelfth graders may be found at www.fwbvikings.com. Students may also come to the Media Center to find out what scholarships are available. Please check each week for updates.

Honors Graduation Criteria

The cumulative weighted grade point average is used to calculate honors graduation designation. At the end of the seventh semester, honors graduates will be determined by the following cumulative scale:

Summa Cum Laude – 4.25 and above
Magna Cum Laude – 4.0-4.2499
Cum Laude – 3.75-3.99

In order to be considered an honors graduate, students must be enrolled in the same year-long course at the same level and receive a grade for the eighth semester.

**Students graduating in the 2016-2017 school year will be able to use the 2015-2016 Honors Graduate calculations OR the 2016-2017 Honors Graduate calculations; the calculation that best benefits the student will be applied.

Science Department News

Biology 1 Honors Required Assignment

Contact: B. Russell (Elizabeth.Russell@okaloosaschools.com) or Me. Mueller (Megan.Mueller@okaloosaschools.com)

Welcome to the 1st year of a great high school experience!!

At FWBHS the biology honor's teachers want you to grow as a learner. We are requiring that you complete one of the following assignments to continue in the Biology Honors program.

- A) A research assignment on a Genetic Disorder (we have a list for you) or
- B) A Science Fair Project (in any SF subject area)

Students will be given a timeline of requirements with due dates that need to be followed for each of these assignments. These requirements will be entered as homework grades in August, September, and October. The final product will be entered as a required test grade for the 2nd 9 weeks.

If you choose the SF project you can earn an extra credit quiz grade for the required “homework assignments” (entered in for the 2nd 9 weeks grading period).

Also, if you compete in the regional SF on January 31, 2018 you will receive an additional 100% extra credit test grade for the 3rd 9 weeks’ grading period.

If you choose the genetic research project you will follow the rubric and create an electronic presentation for the class to be given before Christmas break.

We want both of these options to be a fun way for you to engage in science; to enhance your knowledge of what science IS and DOES.

Please discuss these options with your parents. If you are interested in completing a SF project we will have more information for you soon. Also, we will have SF informational meetings on August 22 and 24 starting at 2:00 for parents and or students who want more information and/or help. We will meet in room 226. (These are optional meetings and will cover the same information)

We will be going over these options in detail in class Monday, August 21. Students will give their decision to their teacher on Friday, August 25, in class.

We are here to assist you in making sure that either of these options is an interesting and successful way to learn science ☺

Please let Ms. Russell or Ms. Mueller know if you have any other concerns about these projects.

Math Department News

Math Tutoring

Contact: J. Sheffield (SheffieldJ@okaloosaschools.com)

TUTORING HOURS

1st 9 weeks 2017-2018

Course specific tutor per teacher:

Ms. Harrell (rm. 336) Mondays 2:15pm-2:45pm

Ms. Betts-Jones (rm. 144)	Tuesdays	2:00pm-2:45pm
Mr. Gardner (rm. 281)	Tuesdays	6:15am-6:45am
Ms. Feagin (rm. 149)	Tuesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Ms. Martin (rm. 412A)	Tuesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Mr. Mueller (rm. 145)	Tuesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Ms. Sheffield (rm. 262)	Tuesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Mr. Schwandt (rm. 210)	Tuesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Ms. Tuthill (rm. 411)	Tuesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Mr. Hanson (rm. 418)	Wednesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Ms. McWilliams (rm. 341)	Wednesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Ms. Young (rm. 407)	Wednesdays	2:15pm-2:45pm
Ms. Duval (rm. 340)	Thursdays	6:15am-6:45am
Ms. Fister (rm. 417)	Thursdays	2:00pm-2:30pm

Additional Math Tutoring

Contact: J. Sheffield (SheffieldJ@okaloosaschools.com)

All FWBHS students, from any math course, may attend the following tutoring sessions:

Mondays	Hanson	Room 418	2:15pm-2:45pm
Tuesdays	Fister	Room 417	2:00pm-2:30pm
Wednesdays	Mr. Kallenbach (Volunteer)	Media Center	2:00pm-3:00pm
Fridays	Gardner	Room 281	6:15am-6:45am

Band News

2017 FWBHS Viking Band Fall Golf Tournament Registration

Indian Bayou Golf Course, Destin, Florida
 Wednesday, September 13, 2017
 11:00 Registration, 11:30 Lunch & Practice, 1pm Shotgun Start

_____ **\$90 Individual Registration**

_____ **\$100 Bronze Sponsorship** - includes tee or green sign with company name

_____ **\$400 Silver Sponsorship** - includes tee or green sign with company name and one team -
 4 golfer entries

_____ **\$450 Longest Drive Sponsor** - includes tee sign designating "Longest Drive" sponsor company name and one team – 4 golfer entries – LIMIT 2

_____ **\$450 Closest to the Pin Sponsor** - includes tee sign designating "Closest to the Pin" sponsor company name and one team - 4 golfer entries - LIMIT 2

_____ **\$500 Gold Sponsorship** - includes tee and green sign with company name and one team - 4 golfer entries plus Marquee signage at Clubhouse

_____ **\$750 Beverage Cart Sponsor** - includes cart sign with company name and one team - 4 golfer entries plus Marquee signage at Clubhouse – LIMIT 2

****Some Sponsorship Opportunities are limited and will be first come first serve.*

Sponsorship/Player Contact: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

() Mark this box if you want FWBHS Viking Band to assign players for your team

Player Names: Player 1 _____
Player 2 _____
Player 3 _____
Player 4 _____

**** Team names must be turned in by September 6 at noon, but please submit registration NOW to save your spot!*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Mail completed form with payment to:
FWBHS Band
Attn: Golf Tournament
PO Box 692
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549

Tournament Questions or Registration Pickup:
Monica Autrey, Golf Tournament Chair –
850-217-8962 or mmautrey@cox.net

Christy Rattray, Band Parent President –
850-687-6745 or cm_rattray@yahoo.com

Sports News

Girls Soccer

Contact: B. Latham (833-3300 ext. 1280)

All girls interested in playing soccer for FWBHS this season should meet in Coach Latham's classroom (#280) on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

PARENT MEETING:

All parents of girls soccer players should meet in Coach Latham's classroom (#280 – side entrance on Stadium side) from 6:00pm – 7:15pm on Tuesday,

August 22, 2017. This meeting will cover all aspects of the soccer season and every family should be represented.

Summertime Vikes

Congratulations to the following Vikings who representative FWBHS at events during summer 2017:

Katie Balent and Alayna Spolski attended the HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar) in Tallahassee during the first week of June. They learned about the importance of leadership in our schools, communities, states, and country. They visited the State Capitol and met several State leaders. Claire and Waylon also participated in community service to benefit the Tallahassee area.

Sam Abel, Andrew Bachmann, and Jack Sheffield attended American Legion Boys State in Tallahassee during the month of June. These young men gained hands-on experience in leadership by taking part in the political process through role-playing civic exercises. They increased their knowledge of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizens; along with learning about the law, court system, parliamentary procedure, and Florida political history.

Abigail Morgan and Lucy Rudman attended American Legion Girls State in Tallahassee in June. They had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in leadership by taking part in the political process through role-playing civic exercises. They increased their knowledge of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizens; along with learning about the law, court system, parliamentary procedure, and Florida political history.

Amayah Edwards and Conrad Wyrick attended the Joint Science and Technology Institute for Students. This was a two-week, fully funded, residential STEM research program for current high school students in the United States and Department of Defense schools around the world. The students participated in research projects mentored by Department of Defense research scientists and other subject matter experts.

Congratulations to all VIKING Students who worked hard this summer to earn community service hours, build their resume, and improve their GPA!!!

Vikings Class of 2017

Congratulations to Vikings from the Class of 2017 who began making their mark at NWFSC this summer:

Tyla Lane and Mario Olvera Rodriguez were selected through a competitive application and interview process to join the NWFSC RaiderReps this August. They will serve as ambassadors, representing the college at special events and activities, leading campus tours, and assisting in recruitment efforts.

Tyrese Chaney was chosen, through a competitive interview process, as a member of NWFSC Pacesetters Scholarship Program.