



Viking Voice

Weekly Newsletter

Fort Walton Beach High School

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Wow! There is an awful lot of information in this newsletter. Please read all the way through this edition for information on Viking Cheerleaders, Viking Archers, Viking Band, and more!

Messages from Administration

Parent Survey 2021-2022

Okaloosa County Schools would like parents to fill out the parent information survey. Parents may submit a survey for each child attending Okaloosa schools by returning to the link below.

This year's School Parent Satisfaction Survey is available at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GQQCBJ>

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on Thursday, November 25, this year. Students and Staff will not be in school **Monday, November 22 – Friday, November 26**. School will resume Monday, November 29.

Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)

Contact: C. Betts-Jones (Carmen.Betts-Jones@okaloosaschools.com)

On Monday, November 29, beginning at 7:00am, in the media center, seniors enrolled in US Government (regular, honors, and AP) will be taking the computer-based Florida Civic Literacy Exam. Florida Statute section 1003.4282 states, “Beginning with the 2021–2022 school year, students taking the United States Government course are required to take the assessment of civic literacy identified by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1007.25(4). Students earning a passing score on the assessment are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment required by s. 1007.25(4).”

Your senior US Government student will receive a letter detailing information on this Exam during their US Govt class on Monday, November 15.

1st Semester Exam Schedule

FORT WALTON BEACH HIGH SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

| GRADES 9-12 | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tuesday, December 14 | Wednesday, December 15 | Thursday, December 16 | Friday, December 17 |
| Period 1 7:00-7:37 | Period 3 7:00-9:00 Exam | Period 5 7:00-9:00 Exam | Period 1 7:00-9:00 Exam |
| Period 3 7:41-8:18 | WAVE 9:00-9:25 Break **Students Check w/WAVE teacher to know which break they will have. | | |
| WAVE 8:22-8:32 | | | |
| Period 4 8:36-9:13 | WAVE 9:00-9:25 Break **Students Check w/WAVE teacher to know which break they will have. | | |
| Period 6 9:17-9:54 | | | |
| Period 5 w/Lunch 9:58-11:15 | 1st Break 9:00-9:10 2nd Break 9:15-9:25 | | |
| 1st LUNCH 9:58-10:28 | | | |
| 2nd LUNCH 10:45-11:15 | Period 4 9:30-11:30 Exam | Period 6 9:30-11:30 Exam | Period 7 9:30-11:30 Exam |
| Period 7 11:19-11:50 | **Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:30. Buses will be here. | | |
| Period 2 Exam 11:54am-1:55pm | **Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:30. Buses will be here. | | |

Class of 2022

Painting Senior Parking Spaces

Contact: O. Hanson (Omar.Hanson@okaloosaschools.com)

Seniors! On Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5, we will be painting Senior parking spaces from 9 am to 1 pm!

Even spots will be painted on **Saturday, December 4** (9am-1pm).

Odd spots will be painted on **Sunday, December 5** (9am-1pm).

There is a **\$10** fee to paint your spot, and a design form must be submitted for approval by Friday, December 3. Forms can be picked up from Deputy Reeves or Deputy Armitage in the SRO office next to the Teacher's Lounge. You will have to **provide your own paint**, and the paint must be **water-based exterior paint**; no oil-based paints or spray painting will be allowed. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hanson for more information.

Suggested items to bring with you to the painting event: broom (to sweep off excess dirt/dust that may collect; lawn chair (for resting if you take a break).

FAFSA – Application is now Open

Contact: www.FAFSA.ed.gov

SENIORS – complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) beginning **October 1, 2021**, at www.FAFSA.ed.gov.

Bright Futures Information – Registration is now open

Contact: Office of Student Financial Assistance (888-827-2004 or OSFA@fldoe.org)

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) – Class of 2022

The *2021-2022 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* will be available online beginning **October 1, 2021**. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org provides the FFAA to students seeking state scholarship and grant awards (including Bright Futures) for the 2021-2022 postsecondary academic year.

Applications can be made beginning **October 1, 2021**, for current seniors at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

****OSFA will evaluate students based on official ACT® and SAT® test scores obtained directly from the two national test companies through the state test repository. In order for the scores to be sent to the repository, students must request their official test scores be sent to one of Florida's 12 state public**

universities when registering for the ACT®/SAT®. The demographic information between a student transcript and ACT®/SAT® registration must match exactly or the scores will not properly load into the student's evaluation.

Cap & Gown/Senior Supplies

C. Wren (cwren@herffjones.com)

Orders may be placed online at <https://www.herffjones.com/>. When ordering from the website, type Fort Walton Beach Sr High Sch into the School Search Box.

And, a video to keep the seniors engaged and moving toward ordering Senior Supplies: <https://herffjones.wistia.com/medias/5enj2uiq4i>

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.

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

Honors Graduation Criteria

Students must be on track for graduation with their cohort or before. The cumulative weighted GPA listed below delineates the selection of honor graduates. Includes, high school courses, middle school courses that count for high school credit, dual enrollment and virtual/online courses. Calculations will be made at the conclusions of the 7th semester.

Summa Cum Laude – 4.25 and above

Magna Cum Laude – 4.0-4.24

Cum Laude – 3.75-3.99

Guidance News

Congratulations Emily Kim!

For the month of November, the City of Fort Walton Beach **ACE Award** was presented to **Emily Kim**. The ACE Award is presented each month to an outstanding student who has demonstrated success in academics, extra-curricular activities, and community service. Congratulations to Emily!



Congratulations Cole Armstrong!

Cole Armstrong has been selected as Fort Walton Beach High School's 2022 Sunshine State Scholar nominee! The Sunshine State Scholars' Program recognizes Florida's top 11th grade students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



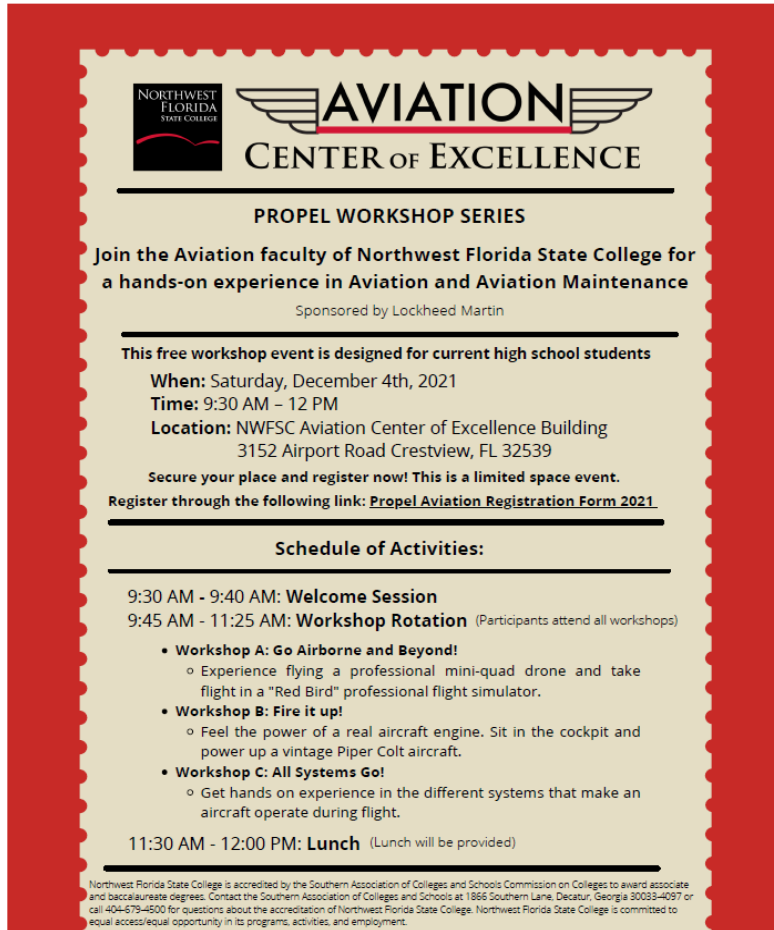
Thanksgiving Break School Closed

Please remind your senior students that Okaloosa County Schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving Break from November 22nd – November 26th. This means that the front office, attendance office, and guidance office will be closed during this time. There will not be any staff on campus to answer the phone, process transcript requests, sign forms, etc. Email and voice mail will not be monitored during the holiday break.

If your senior has any transcripts to request (for delivery prior to November 29) they must speak with the guidance secretary or registrar by Tuesday, November 16. If your senior has college application or scholarship information that

requires input or signature from their guidance counselor (for delivery prior to November 29) they must request this information by Tuesday, November 16. Please encourage your senior student to check their deadlines and if any information is needed prior to November 29, request that information before Tuesday, November 16.

NWFSC – Aviation Workshop



The flyer is for the Aviation Center of Excellence's Propel Workshop Series. It features the Northwest Florida State College logo and the Aviation Center of Excellence logo. The text is centered on a white background with a red border. The event is on Saturday, December 4th, 2021, from 9:30 AM to 12 PM at the NWFSC Aviation Center of Excellence Building. It is sponsored by Lockheed Martin and is a limited space event. The schedule includes a Welcome Session, a Workshop Rotation with three workshops (Go Airborne and Beyond!, Fire it up!, and All Systems Go!), and Lunch. A registration link is provided.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

AVIATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

PROPEL WORKSHOP SERIES

Join the Aviation faculty of Northwest Florida State College for a hands-on experience in Aviation and Aviation Maintenance

Sponsored by Lockheed Martin

This free workshop event is designed for current high school students

When: Saturday, December 4th, 2021
Time: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
Location: NWFSC Aviation Center of Excellence Building
3152 Airport Road Crestview, FL 32539

Secure your place and register now! This is a limited space event.
Register through the following link: [Propel Aviation Registration Form 2021](#)

Schedule of Activities:

9:30 AM - 9:40 AM: **Welcome Session**
9:45 AM - 11:25 AM: **Workshop Rotation** (Participants attend all workshops)

- **Workshop A: Go Airborne and Beyond!**
 - Experience flying a professional mini-quad drone and take flight in a "Red Bird" professional flight simulator.
- **Workshop B: Fire it up!**
 - Feel the power of a real aircraft engine. Sit in the cockpit and power up a vintage Piper Colt aircraft.
- **Workshop C: All Systems Go!**
 - Get hands on experience in the different systems that make an aircraft operate during flight.

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: **Lunch** (Lunch will be provided)

Northwest Florida State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Northwest Florida State College. Northwest Florida State College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment.

Tutor.com

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families is a program that provides on-demand, online tutoring and homework help at no cost to eligible service members, civilian personnel, and their dependents. With live, expert tutors available 24/7, military-connected students can receive academic help at their moment of need. Tutors include AP and test prep too. Signup at www.tutor.com/military.

ACT/SAT Prep

Contact: A. Hart (615-585-2401 or Amhart1966@aol.com)

Mrs. Alice Hart is still available to provide ACT/SAT preparation workshops and tutoring. Please contact Mrs. Hart if you are interested in learning more about the availability of the ACT/SAT prep workshops and tutoring: 615-585-2401 or amhart1966@aol.com.

For workshop registration forms visit: www.junebuggin.com/testprep.

The Dream Scholarship

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A PROGRAM OF THE DREAM.US

APPLY NOW FOR THE DREAM.US
A SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS!

NOW OPEN TO DREAMERS WHO CAME TO THE U.S. BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2016.

The National Scholarship Award is for high school or community college students who have DACA, TPS, or came to the US before November 1, 2016 and otherwise meet the DACA eligibility criteria. Must have arrived before the age of 16.

The scholarship covers tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$16,500 for an associate degree and \$33,000 for a bachelor's degree at one of our 70+ Partner Colleges.

Some recipients also receive an additional stipend of up to \$1,000 per year for books, supplies, and transportation.

For more information and to apply visit:
<https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/>

Application closes February 28, 2022.



"When I found out I received TheDream.US scholarship, my goals changed; they became much bigger."
— BRIAN
THE DREAM.US SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Art Department News

Satsumas Update

Contact: K. Moran (MoranK@okaloosaschools.com)

To all of the customers who purchased Satsumas from the Art Department:

The Satsumas will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, November 30, after 2:15pm. Pickup for the satsumas will be 3:30pm to 6:00pm in the art room.

JROTC Department News

Armed Services Vocational Battery (ASVAB) Test

Contact: J. Houston (HoustonJ@okaloosaschools.com)

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test will be administered at FWBHS on **20 January 2022**. Students interested in taking this test can sign up with the JROTC Instructors when we return from the Thanksgiving Break. Sign-ups will continue until 13 January. There is, of course, no military obligation for taking this test.

Band News

Upcoming Viking Band Events

Contact: D. Fields or A. Kanocz (Derek.Fields@okaloosaschools.com or Alissa.Kanocz@okaloosaschools.com)

The Viking Band invites you to enjoy these upcoming holiday events:

Friday, November 19

6pm-8pm

Destin Commons

Santa's arrival and Tree lighting (the band will welcome Santa with music and marching down main street)

Monday, December 6

6:30pm

Fort Walton Beach Christmas Parade

FWBHS Band and Bruner Middle School Band will march together in this traditional event

Saturday, December 11

10am

Destin Christmas Parade

FWBHS Band and Destin Middle School Band will march together in this traditional event

Monday, December 13

7pm

FWBHS Auditorium

A Very Viking Christmas Concert (casual, crazy Christmas attire encouraged)

Reading Department News

Reading Tutoring

Contact: T. Bevino (BevinoToni@okaloosaschools.com)

Tuesdays
2:00pm-2:45pm
Room 131

All students are welcome to come to this tutoring for homework help or reading assistance.

Math Department News

Math Tutoring Schedule

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

Course specific tutoring per teacher (teacher provides tutoring for their students only):

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ms. Duval (rm. 340) | Tuesday 2:15-2:45 PM |
| Mr. Gardner (rm. 210) | Tuesday 6:15-6:45 AM |
| Mr. Hanson (rm. 418) | Tuesday 2:15-2:45 PM |
| Ms. Jones (rm. 150) | Tuesday 2:15-2:45 PM |
| Ms. Lister (rm. 412A) | Tuesday 2:00-3:00 PM |
| Ms. Tuthill (rm. 411) | Tuesday 2:15-2:45 PM |
| Ms. Young (rm. 407) | Tuesday 2:15-2:45 PM |
| Ms. Feagin (rm. 149) | Wednesday 2:15-2:45 PM |
| Mr. Gonzalez (rm. 146) | Wednesday 2:15-2:45 PM |

Additional Math Tutoring

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

All FWBHS students, from any math course, may attend this tutoring offering:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Gonzalez (rm. 146) | Friday 6:15-6:45 AM |
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Yearbook News

Yearbook Sales

Contact: K. Brownsberger
(Katrina.Brownsberger@okaloosaschools.com)

Yearbook sales have begun! Remember, the longer you wait, the more expensive the book gets, so be sure to buy your copy soon! Your annual yearbook is a great way to record and remember some of the best times of your life, with lifelong friends and activities that will shape who you become on your journey to adult hood.

Yearbooks cost \$85 until November 20! After 11/20 the purchase price will bounce higher.

Order yours today at: <https://www.jostensyearbooks.com> The process is simple and online to make it even easier to access from home!

That said, if you have any questions, please email our yearbook team at fwbhsyearbook@gmail.com.

Yearbook Photo Submissions

Contact: K. Brownsberger
(Katrina.Brownsberger@okaloosaschools.com)

The yearbook needs your help! We are going to all games, school activities, and club events, but we know that isn't all you are involved in.

Send us your pictures! The ones you take with your friends, group outings, the inside story with your teams that we miss as outsiders. We want pictures of you in the stands and pictures of you getting ready for the dances! We want your candid's, your poses, your memories so we can make sure they never fade in our yearbook this year!

In particular, we want photos from over the summer. Give us pictures of **Band Practices, Senior Sunrise, New Student Orientation, First Day of School pictures, Day at the Fort**, or anything else we've missed that you think would make great yearbook content!

Upload the pictures you take at home to us in the yearbook at: <https://images.jostens.com/416225444>. Or email them to us at fwbhsyearbook@gmail.com.

Senior Ads

Contact: K. Brownsberger
(Katrina.Brownsberger@okaloosaschools.com)

All of our seniors are excited to have a personalized page done, to celebrate your time in school by sending you off with warm wishes from all of your peers, teachers and friends at The Fort.

Well, here is the information you've been waiting for!

Senior Ads can be created and purchased

at <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1038146/Fort-Walton-Beach-High-School/>.

Graduation is a once in a lifetime achievement for our seniors and we are so proud of you! Show off what you've accomplished in the last 18 years by buying and creating your own spread, to be looked back on and remembered at every family gathering and class reunion you attend over the course of your sure-to-be fantastic future!

Sports News

FWBHS Athletics

Contact: H. McDaniel (850-833-3300 or McDanielH@okaloosaschools.com)

Competition is beginning for Viking Winter Sports. Schedules for the winter sports will be found at:

<http://www.fwbathletics.com/quicklinks/>

Congratulations Viking Archers!

Contact: P. Markey (Pat.Markey@okaloosaschools.com)



With their participation at the St. Mary Archangel Invitational Tournament on Nov 12-13, the Viking Archers made Viking history by qualifying and competing

as a team to represent FWBHS at a National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) competition bullseye tournament.

Individual trophies were awarded to **Tyler Mundle**, 2nd place and **JT Deep**, 4th out of 27 HS boys; and **Katrina Leon**, 4th place out of 25 HS girls.

Way to go, Team!

Congratulations Viking Cheerleaders!

Contact: K. Duval (Kristal.Duval@okaloosaschools.com)

Congratulations to the Viking Cheerleaders who brought **TWO First Place** trophies back from the Sunshine State Games!!

The Vikings are the Sunshine State Champions in BOTH the Game Day and the Traditional Divisions.



Flag Football

Contact: T. Johnson (Tommy.Johnson@okaloosaschools.com)

Any girl interested in Flag Football please go sign up with Coach Johnson in Room 800.

Track & Field

Contact: C. Sloan (SloanC@okaloosaschools.com)

Anyone interested in joining the Track & Field team in the spring needs to stop by Coach Sloan's room (323) or Coach Field's room (148) to sign up and get information.

Conditioning will begin after Thanksgiving for anyone that is not participating in a winter sport.

All athletic paperwork and physicals must be turned in before you start.

Boys Golf Team – Fundraiser

Contact: J. Lavin (LavinJ@okaloosaschools.com)

The Boys Golf team is selling Sandestin Golf passes to raise funds for the upcoming season. The cost is \$120 for a twosome to play Sandestin Raven, Baytowne, or Links. Please contact John Lavin at lavinj@okaloosaschools.com for more details. This pass will be good from August 25, 2021 to February 28, 2022. This is a tremendous saving as regular golf prices would be close to \$150 per player.

STARS Fundraiser – Order Stars Dance Team Apparel

Contact: E. Longo (Erin.Longo@okaloosaschools.com)

The FWBHS Stars are selling new apparel! Visit their online store. Details found on the flyer below.



Athletic Ticket Information 2021-2022

Contact: H. McDaniel (McDanielH@okaloosaschools.com)

FWBHS is **100%** contactless for all ticket sales for home events. There will be no ticket sales at the gates.

Individual tickets can be purchased on the GoFan website or app.

BUY TICKETS HERE
SCAN TO BUY



1. Open Phone Camera
2. Hover Over QR Code
3. Access GoFan Website

OR

1. Go to www.gofan.co
2. Search Fort Walton
3. Select Event



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COVID-19 Testing Site – for OCSD Students & Employees

Okaloosa Country School District
STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

COVID-19 TESTING

Central Administrative Complex

202 Highway 85N
Niceville, FL 32578

COVID-19 testing has been a challenge for many of our families in Okaloosa. As a result, the Okaloosa County School District has partnered with the Department of Health to provide a COVID-19 testing site for SYMPTOMATIC students and employees.

Per DOH: This testing is only for symptomatic individuals and a negative result on this rapid test will NOT permit an early return from quarantine.

To schedule an **APPOINTMENT**, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4sbf4kxb> or use the URL code.
Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



- Once you have scheduled your appointment, you will receive an email confirming your date and time. Please have that confirmation available at the testing site.
- If you received a quarantine letter from the school, please bring that letter to your appointment.
- Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your scheduled appointment.
- DOH will be using the **BinaxNOW** rapid antigen test to diagnose COVID-19 infections.
- If the BinaxNOW test result is negative, a PCR specimen will be collected and sent to a lab for confirmation.

UPON ARRIVAL

1. Please park in spaces marked with cones located on the south end of the building complex.
2. Call the phone number posted on the cone.
3. A DOH employee will come to your car to complete paperwork and administer the test.

LAB RESULTS

- The BinaxNOW test results will be provided within 15 minutes at the testing site by the DOH.
- If a PCR specimen is collected, those results may be accessed through the "Healthy Together" app available in the Apple App Store and Google Play OR via LabCorp at Patient.Labcorp.com. Result time is approximately 48 hours.



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