



Viking Voice

Weekly Newsletter

Fort Walton Beach High School

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There is an awful lot of information in this edition. Please scroll all the way to the end in order to read entries on a parent information session, yearbook info, band auction, theatre auditions, sports info, the 1st semester exam schedule, and more!

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.**

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on Thursday, November 23, this year. Students and Staff will not be in school **Monday, November 20 – Friday, November 24**. School will resume Monday, November 27.

Please enjoy some time with family and friends.

****Due to the holiday - the next newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, November 29.**

Holiday Checkout Procedures

Contact: L. Smith, B. Craig, or S. Pitman (833-3300 ext. 3323/3301/3400)

The attendance office would like to thank those who send in notes when their student is absent. With so much activity in the attendance office and with more than 1,700 students to keep up with, notes help to create a paper trail to fall back on if there is a discrepancy with absences.

Parents, with the holidays quickly approaching, please remember to send notes for absences, late check ins, and early check outs. Please include your student's legal first and last name, grade, dates of the absence, and dismissal times (if necessary) on the note. **If you know in advance that your student will be missing school, it is helpful if you send a note prior to the absence.**

The week of **November 20 through 24** and **December 12 through 19**, we will be accepting **notes** or **parent in person** for checkouts. Phone calls for checkouts will **not be permitted**. Also, please **do not fax** in a request for a student to check out (there is not a fax machine in the attendance office). Also, please **do not email** Mrs. Craig or Mrs. Pitman with requests to check out. Their computer screens are opened to the attendance files and they may not see the email request in a timely manner. Please plan ahead for checkouts during these weeks.

Presentation for Parents

KNOCK KNOCK

who's there?!

one mama & one doc who say...
#KNOCKITOFF

Town Hall Meeting
November 28, 2017 @ 6:00
Fort Walton Beach High School Auditorium
*park in parking lot near auditorium**

Do you want to know what today's drugs look like and
what our kids are being exposed to daily?

Join us to discuss warning signs and specific substances
that today's kids are using.

You will hear from an experienced ER
doctor, narcotics officer and a parent.

Get smart before it's too late for your child or your
friend's child...

Questions? Call or text
Jamee Graff 907-854-9030 | Jamee@fightson.org

Red Stamp

2018 Valhalla Yearbook

Yearbook Information

Contact: S. Teare (teares@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us)

What will last longer than the latest video game, must have jeans or boots, or even the iPhone 8? A yearbook! When all of those Christmas gifts are in a landfill, a yearbook will still be enjoyed and shared for generations. (I have my grandmother's yearbook from 1903, my dad's 1940 book, and my mom's 1946 yearbook with her homecoming queen photo!)

The holidays will be here before you know it! Do some early shopping and order the hard-to-shop-for teen's yearbook now. We will even provide a holiday card.

Bring \$80.00 cash or check to Room 318 or order online at www.balfour.com. Add a personalization name stamp for \$6.00 and special symbol for \$4.00.

Contact Mrs. Teare if you have any questions: 833-3300 ext. 1318 or teares@okaloosaschools.com.

Senior Tributes on Sale Now

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

Parents, friends, relatives – Do you have a graduating senior? Did you miss the deadline to reserve space in the 2018 yearbook for a tribute to your senior? Space is still available but won't be for long. Prices range from \$325.00 for a full page to just \$45.00 for 1/8th page. You may order online at www.balfour.com or send check or cash to Mrs. Teare in room 318. Photos, page, and the balance owed is due by December 15, 2017. Call Mrs. Teare 850-833-3300 ext. 1318 or email teares@okaloosaschools.com.

Class of 2018

Red & White Affair

Contact: O. Hanson (833-3300 ext. 1418 or Omar.Hanson@okaloosaschools.com)

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

6:00pm-9:00pm

Wyndham Gardens (on Okaloosa Island)

Tickets: \$30 each or \$55 for two (must pre-purchase – will not be available at the door)

Dress: Red & White Semi-Formal Attire

This event is for seniors enrolled at FWBHS. Tickets will be sold **Monday, November 27– Friday, December 1**, during both lunches. All debts to the school must be paid before a ticket may be purchased.

Congratulations 2018 Hall of Fame

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

Congratulations to the Fort Walton Beach High School Class of 2018 Hall of Fame!!

***Samuel Abel
Andrew Bachmann***

***Jack Lavin
Rachel McMullen***

*Hannah Brownsberger
Connor Cleveland
Nicole Cobble
Sonja Daldine
Amayah Edwards
Claire Hook*

*Grant Oberle
Roderick Peacock
Lucille Rudman
Jackson Sheffield
Dane Shelton
Waylon Steele*

www.FAFSA.gov

SENIORS – complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) beginning **October 1, 2017**, at www.FAFSA.gov.

It's FAFSA Time Again!

The 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open now.

Every senior should complete an application to qualify for financial aid. Encourage them not to delay – the earlier the FAFSA application is processed, the more aid a student may receive. [Check out](#) this playlist that describes the process.

Bright Futures Information

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) – Class of 2018

The *2017-2018 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* will be available online beginning **October 1, 2017**. 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 2018-2019 postsecondary academic year.

Applications can be made beginning **October 1, 2017**, for current seniors at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

Follow these steps:

- ☐ Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.
- ☐ Select **State Grants, Scholarships & Applications**, and under **Applicant Quick Links**, select **Student Application** to complete and submit an online application.
- ☐ Pay attention to program deadlines listed in the application conditions section, on the application results screen, and on the application acknowledgement communication sent to the e-mail address provided by the student on his/her application.

- The FFAA will provide a User ID and password to each applicant upon submitting the application via the Saved Results Page and in an e-mail communication.
- Students may use User IDs and passwords to check:
 - The status of certification(s) prior to the program deadline(s).
 - The status of awards following the program deadlines.
 - Notifications from OSFA regarding award status.

This single application is used to evaluate the student for the following State of Florida programs:

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program – Deadline Graduation, 2018
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant – Deadline April 1, 2018
- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program – Deadline April 1, 2018
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans – Deadline April 1, 2018

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

Follow FWBHS Guidance Department

Contact: C. Simms (833-3300 ext. 3315 or simmsc@okaloosaschools.com)

Twitter: @FWBHSguidance

Facebook @FWBHSGuidance

ASVAB

Contact: CMSgt Houston (833-3300 ext. 2408)

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:

On Thursday, January 18, 2018, the best and most comprehensive aptitude test in the country will be given in the FWBHS Auditorium beginning at 7:00am. The test will take approximately 3 hours, and your absence from class will be classified as school leave, if students sign up through JROTC and shows up for the test.

The test is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and it is **FREE!**

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who are age 16 or older – even if you are not interested in the military, can use this test for exploring careers and learning about your personal preferences and aptitudes.

Please sign up for this very worthwhile test at the JROTC room.

Career Connection Center

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

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

**Monday, November 27, 2017 (in the cafeteria)
Florida State University Panama City Campus (Panama City, FL)
10:45am-12:05pm**

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.

Chorus News

Congratulations Joseph Hall and Sydnie Newberry!

Contact: D. Morris (833-3300 ext. 1533 or
Diara.Morris@okaloosaschools.com)

Congratulations are in order for Sydnie Newberry and Joseph Hall, who have been selected to perform in the All State Concert Choir and All State Men's Chorus!

They passed all three components of the audition with flying colors, and ranked highly out of hundreds of students throughout Florida!

Band News

41st Annual FWBHS Viking Band Auction

Contact: R. Folsom or D. Fields (833-3300 ext. 2507/2508)

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Viking Band Auction & Dinner

Live & Silent Auction throughout the night

Dinner sponsored by Outback.

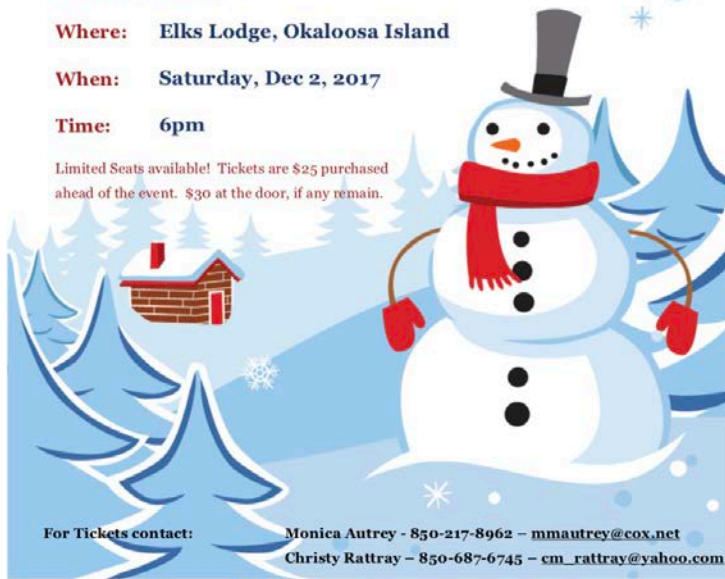
Tickets available soon!

Where: Elks Lodge, Okaloosa Island

When: Saturday, Dec 2, 2017

Time: 6pm

Limited Seats available! Tickets are \$25 purchased ahead of the event. \$30 at the door, if any remain.



For Tickets contact:

Monica Autrey - 850-217-8962 - mmautrey@cox.net

Christy Rattray - 850-687-6745 - cm_rattray@yahoo.com

Dial a Viking

Contact: M. Reilly (Dialaviking@gmail.com or Allforthebandkids@gmail.com)

In need of last minute help moving, organizing, yard work, putting up holiday decorations, babysitting, computer help and more?

Hire a Fort Walton Beach High School Viking to help you out!

These band students are Eager and Dependable! The perfect way to help support the band and an inexpensive means to get the job done right. (All money earned goes directly into the students accounts to pay for their individual band fees.)

Thank you for your local support!

Theatre Department News

Congratulations Viking Thespians!

Contact: C. Whittaker (WhittakerC@okaloosaschools.com)

Please congratulate Viking Thespians for their performances last week at the Florida Theatre Festival!

The one act, *Am I Blue*, directed by senior **Grant Oberle**, received straight superior ratings from all judges!

Senior **Alex Knife** was awarded the \$1,000 Vern Walker Scholarship for Technical Theatre!

Senior **Abigail Morgan** received over 25 callbacks from colleges who want to recruit her!



Auditions for *Shrek The Musical*

Contact: C. Whittaker (WhittakerC@okaloosaschools.com)

Ft. Walton Beach High School will hold auditions for *Shrek the Musical* on **Monday, December 4 from 2:00pm-5:00pm** in the **Ft. Walton Beach High School Auditorium**.

Auditions are open to any high school student in the community. Audition packets, calendars and audition music can be found on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Shrekfbhs.

Shrek the musical follows the story of the Ogre and Princess Fiona who find true love despite the scheming of the evil Lord Farquaad, as made famous in the Dreamworks movie of the same name.

Christa Whittaker directs and is assisted by musical director Mary Jeter and Kelly Murdock choreographer.

All interested students and their parents should download the audition packet and rehearsal schedule and read it thoroughly before choosing whether or not to participate.

For more information email director Christa Whittaker at whittakerc@okaloosaschools.com.

Math Department News

Math Tutoring

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

TUTORING HOURS

2nd 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
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
Ms. Foreman (rm. 412A)	Wednesdays	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)	Guidance Office	2:00pm-3:00pm
Fridays	Gardner	Room 281	6:15am-6:45am

Sports News

FWBHS Athletics

Contact: P. Dorn (833-3300 ext. 4405)

Competition has begun for Viking Winter Sports. Schedules for the winter sports can be found at:

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

Please visit this site to see the schedules for all of FWBHS sports – but especially our winter sports (girls & boys soccer; girls & boys basketball; girls & boys weightlifting; wrestling).

Testing Information

1st Semester Exam Schedule

GRADES 9-12

Thursday, December 14	Friday, December 15	Monday, December 18	Tuesday, December 19
Period 1 7:00-7:40	Period 2 Exam 7:00-9:00	Period 4 Exam 7:00-9:00	Period 1 Exam 7:00-9:00
Period 2 7:44-8:24			
Period 3 8:28-9:08	WAVE 9:00-9:25 Break **Students check w/WAVE teacher to know which break they will have	WAVE 9:00-9:25 Break **Students check w/WAVE teacher to know which break they will have	WAVE 9:00-9:25 Break **Students check w/WAVE teacher to know which break they will have
WAVE 9:12-9:17	1st Break 9:00-9:10	1st Break 9:00-9:10	1st Break 9:00-9:10
Period 4 9:21-10:01	2nd Break 9:15-9:25	2nd Break 9:15-9:25	2nd Break 9:15-9:25
Period 5 w/Lunch 1st Lunch 10:01-10:29 2nd Lunch 10:45-11:15	Period 3 EXAM 9:30-11:30	Period 5 EXAM 9:30-11:30	Period 7 EXAM 9:30-11:30
Period 7 11:19-11:51	**Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:30. Buses will be here.	**Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:30. Buses will be here	**Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:30. Buses will be here
Period 6 EXAM 11:55-1:55			