

High School Announcements - Week of February 19, 2024

Upcoming Dates

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| ❖ Monday, February 19 | No School - Mid Winter Break |
| ❖ Wednesday, February 21 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Wednesday, February 28 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Wednesday, March 6 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Friday, March 8 | No School - Staff report - P.D. |
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Parents, if your student needs to leave early for an appointment, please send a note in the morning with the student to bring to student services for an early dismissal pass. This allows the student to leave class and meet their ride outside of the building. This also helps eliminate classroom disruptions and extra time that you may need to get your student to the appointment. Most days are hectic in the office and leaving an early dismissal on the attendance line, may not be answered in a timely manner.

Students must plan to leave the high school by 3:00 p.m. each day unless they are staying after for a school chaperoned event. Students will be required to wait in the airlocks of the front entrance after 3:00 p.m. This includes waiting for athletic events to begin later in the evening.

Student Activities

- ❖ We are bringing back llabyellov this year. Llabyellov (*volleyball spelled backwards*) is where the guys play volleyball, similar to PowderPuff in the Fall. This is open to all boys. You will play with your graduating class. Sign ups will begin during lunch February 21-23. Winners will get bragging rights and a medal! Llabyellov will take place March 13 @ 7pm.
- ❖ Our next *Imagery* meeting will be on Thursday, February 22nd from 2:45-3:45 in Mrs. Carmean's room.
- ❖ There will be no CTC from February 19 - 23 as they are closed for break. CTC students will need to arrange to leave after the 3rd hour each day.
- ❖ The Pre-Festival Choir Concert is Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Students will showcase the repertoire we are rehearsing for MSVMA District choir festival in March!

School Counseling Office

- ❖ Class registration for the 24-25 school year will begin soon. Please see the bottom of this newsletter for more information. The process has changed from years past so you and your student are strongly encouraged to read through the instructions below.

- ❖ Career Tech Center Registration for the 2024/25 school year has been shared with all students. If your student is interested in applying, please have them check their email and sign up today! This is available to students who will be a junior or senior in the 2024/25 school year. **Deadline is March 23, 2024 to apply.** No late applications will be accepted. Please be aware that applying does not guarantee a spot at CTC. Assignments will be released to students on April 15, 2024.
- ❖ Early College Applications are available in the counseling office. If your student is interested in applying for Early College, please have them contact their school counselor.

Seniors - Class of 2024

- ❖ As you may have heard, Federal Student Aid has released a new timeline that will impact when students will receive college award packages. Right now, it is anticipated that colleges will not receive the FAFSA data until mid-March, therefore they will not be able to send financial aid packages until late March or early April. We know that this may cause you to delay your final decisions for next school year. We have been hearing from various colleges and universities and they recognize the impact that this may have on you and continue to figure out ways to address/support these changes. You may hear from colleges soon. We put together some things you can do while you wait:
 1. First, file the [FAFSA](#). Although there is a delay, the sooner you file the sooner you will receive an award letter. Note: FAFSA is running inconsistently on chromebooks. If possible, students/families should use a computer other than a chromebook.
 2. Visit colleges that you have been accepted to or that you are interested in. Get a feel for the campus to make sure you have information that will help you with your final decision.
 3. Use the [FSA Student Aid Estimator](#) to determine potential aid and compare it to actual college costs ([using net cost calculator](#)) as you begin to think about final college decisions.
 4. Research and apply for scholarships: use [this list](#) to find scholarships that you may qualify for. They have varying requirements so you may qualify!
 - a. All scholarship providers should understand that they will not have FAFSA submission summaries until mid-March. They can produce evidence of FAFSA completion if necessary.
 5. Attend [virtual webinars](#) about financing college through MiStudentAid to learn more about various opportunities. Register and you will receive the recording even if you are not attending live.
 6. If you are having challenges with the FAFSA form, [Live chat](#) and email (customerservice@studentaid.gov) has been working. Providing screenshots of issues in the email is helpful!
- ❖ **Class of 2024 Students and Parents:** All Graduation, Baby/Toddler, and Friend Photos are due to Mr. Gautraud by Friday, February 23. The Graduation and Friend Photos will be used in both the Yearbook AND the Senior Slide Show. The baby photos will be Senior Slide Show only. Further information about each type of photo has been shared with you via email. If you did not receive the email or have any further questions, please email Mr. Gautraud at sgautraud@fruitportschools.net.

- ❖ **Class of 2024 Students and Parents:** Interested in doing something special for your graduating Senior? Recognition Ads can be purchased for the 2023-2024 Yearbook this Spring! Prices and details can be found on the Jostens Yearbook website. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Gautraud at sgautraud@fruitportschools.net.
- ❖ Scholarship opportunities have been sent to all seniors and posted on the website. Seniors are encouraged to apply for scholarships throughout the year. Many new scholarships have been added in the last week that are just for Fruitport students.

Athletics

- ❖ Any guy interested in playing volleyball this spring, our first practice will be March 11 from 7-9pm at the high school. This is open to any high school guy. We will work around other spring sports like baseball and track.
- ❖ Any girls interested in playing tennis this spring, see Coach Busscher in room 205 to sign up and receive more information.
- ❖ Spring sports start on March 11. Students need to be signed up through Final Forms with a completed physical on file to play spring sports.

CLASS REGISTRATION - 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR

- February 26 - March 1 - 11th grade course registration
- March 4 - March 8 - 10th grade course registration
- March 11 - March 15 - 9th grade course registration
- March 18-22nd - high school students who missed their window
- Monday, March 25 - 8th grade parent night at 6pm*
- Tuesday March 26, 27 and 28 - 8th grade course registration

It's that time of year that sets in motion the academic plan for students in the upcoming year. Yes, course registration time is upon us and we are excited to help students make intentional, goal-oriented decisions about the classes they register to take next year.

We know this is an exciting time and want to help you guide conversations at home leading up to course registration. We've put together a few things that you can do at home to get your child ready along with a few resources that will help you navigate the process.

Recommended Tasks:

1. Take a look at your student's Graduation Plan Progress in PowerSchool
2. Take note of the credits earned in each subject area and the classes taken

3. Take note of the classes that must still be taken as well as the options for earning credit
4. Review and take note of preferred [elective options](#). If you and your student feel confident in your course selections, feel free to make and submit the course selections.
5. Have fun with the process!

As you talk with your student, be sure to engage in open-ended conversations that get you talking about their future plans. Some of our favorite conversation starters are: “tell me what will come next for you after high school” and “I’m interested to know how these classes you want to take will help further the plans you have for after high school” and “I’d like to know what experiences you are looking forward to with these classes.” The reality is that each student's postsecondary plan is different which necessitates individualized paths to the goal. Like you, we want to help students achieve goals based on their individual needs.

Here’s what you may need to help you navigate the recommended tasks.

1. [Instructions to get to and through the Graduation Plan Progress](#) and the [corresponding video](#)
2. If you like to cross things off a list then you will definitely want a [blank audit form](#) that you can print so you can cross off courses completed & make note of the courses that still need to be taken.
3. A slideshow of our [elective options](#) in the event you want to write them down as part of task two.

So here’s how the one-on-one meetings with counselors will work.

- Counselors have blocked off time in their Google Calendars during the weeks noted at the top of this page to meet with students in the respective grade levels to register for classes.
- Students will click the link associated with their counselor to schedule a timeslot to register for classes with their counselor.
 - [Ms. Finnerty - students with last names A-K](#)
 - [Mrs. Higgs - students with last names L-Z](#)
- Once students select a timeslot, they will receive a confirmation email of their selected date and time. The appointment will also appear on their Google calendar associated with their school email address. *It is on the student to schedule and attend their appointment.*
- During the meetings students will be registered for their classes for the upcoming school year.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date:

❖ Monday, March 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences - In person 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
❖ Wednesday, March 13	Delayed Start
❖ Wednesday, March 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Virtual 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
❖ Friday, March 15	½ Day of School - Dismissed at 11:00 a.m.
❖ Monday, March 25, 2024	8th grade parent night at 6pm @ PAC
❖ March 29 - April 5, 2024	No School - Spring Break
❖ Saturday, May 11, 2024	Junior/Senior Prom 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
❖ Thursday, May 30, 2024	Commencement 7:00 p.m.