

## High School Announcements - Week of January 29, 2024

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### Upcoming Dates

❖ Monday, January 29	Parent Financial Aid Meeting 6:00 p.m.
❖ Wednesday, January 31	Delayed Start
❖ Wednesday, February 7	Delayed Start
❖ Saturday, February 10	Winter Semi- Formal Dance 7-10 p.m.
❖ Wednesday, February 14	Delayed Start
❖ Friday, February 16	No School - Mid Winter Break
❖ Monday, February 19	No School - Mid Winter Break

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Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are in the second half of the 23-24 school year. With the first semester under their belts, students are already working hard on second semester content. I encourage all of you to continue to use PowerSchool as a valuable resource. PowerSchool keeps parents connected with grades, attendance, and teaching staff. High School students still need their parents to check in on them to keep them on track.

Administratively, we continue to put safety and academics at the focus of each and every day. I would like to take the time to remind parents of our cell phone and earbud policy. Students are required to leave these items in lockers as they are a safety issue and a distraction. Students who are in the hallways with earbuds and cell phones will be sent to Student Services to turn them in. These items require a parent pickup once the student has two or more instances with electronics.

We are looking forward to all that the second semester has to offer.

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Lauren Chesney  
Principal  
Fruitport High School

### Student Activities

- ❖ Picture Day for the Chalkboard Project is Tuesday, January 30th. Students must have a waiver turned in to participate. Students **will not** be able to get their picture taken without the waiver.
- ❖ Coping with life can be tricky. Building unhealthy patterns can lead to feeling trapped. That's often called "Addiction." That word brings up ideas of drugs but addictions take many forms; ***nicotine is one addiction that we believe some students at FHS are struggling with.*** Feeling stuck by an addiction can be overwhelming and statistics show that most addictions begin before 21 years of age. To offer resources and help to beat addiction, Fruitport High School will be offering a lunch group for anyone feeling affected by addiction. This group will be spearheaded by Mr. Sherrill, Fruitport Community Schools Student Support Specialist and Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor. This group will meet during both lunches on Tuesdays during the second

semester in room 127. **The first meeting is Tuesday January 30.** Grab your lunch and join for discussion on topics that include; Reasons for Why I Smoke/Vape/Use Substances/Engage in Addictive Behaviors; Addiction and Triggers; Physical Effects of Smoking/Vaping/Using/Addictive behaviors; Physical, Psychological and Social Benefits of Quitting; Quitting; Overcoming Obstacles to Quitting; How to Deal with Stress; Myths of Big Tobacco/Marijuana/Process Addictions; and, Staying Committed to Quitting. Questions can be directed to Mr. Sherrill at [jsherrill@fruitportschools.net](mailto:jsherrill@fruitportschools.net) .

- ❖ The next *Imagery* meeting will be next Thursday, January 25th from 2:45-3:45 in Mrs. Carmean's room (213). Please consider bringing new written work to share with the group.
- ❖ Fruitport Student Council presents the Sadie Hawkins Snowflake semi-formal dance which will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the High School. All grade levels are invited to attend. Any student that does not attend Fruitport High School, must have a guest form on file. Forms can be picked up in the Student Services office.
- ❖ Dance Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold at lunches only on January 31, February 1 and February 2. After these dates, any late tickets purchased will cost \$20.00 each. Please plan ahead to avoid the late fee. As a reminder, any student that has fees/items owed to the high school will need to have these paid before they are allowed to attend the dance. This includes all library, lunch and athletic fees.

### **School Counseling Office**

- ❖ 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**

- ❖ **Financial Aid Night for High School Seniors and their Guardians/Parents**

**When:** January 29, 2024 from 6-8pm

**Where:** High School Media Center

**Why:** All forms of financial aid have 1 thing in common, they require the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be completed in order for the aid to be awarded. The FAFSA will determine how much aid (free, earned, or borrowed) can be disbursed. Even organizations like the Community Foundation and the Promise require a FAFSA to be on file in order for the award to be disbursed.

**Details:** This event will provide an overview of the types and sources of aid available **AND** support for students and parents who would like to start/complete the FAFSA.

**MUST HAVE:** If you plan to start or complete the FAFSA on this night, both the student and at least 1 contributor (parent/guardian) must have created an FSA ID before January 26th. It takes at least 3 days for social security numbers to be confirmed, which is the "ticket into the FAFSA." Instructions on how

to create an FSA ID are found in the coursework section of your senior's [Class of 2024 Google Classroom](#), in the [Financial Aid section: Financial Aid Overview and Classroom Activity](#). or you can go directly to <https://studentaid.gov/> where you will need to CREATE AN ACCOUNT if you do not already have one.

- ❖ **FAFSA Completion Frenzy in February** - students and parents who would like more individualized help completing the FAFSA are able to sign up for an hour time slot every Friday with one of our FAFSA experts. If you are interested in setting up a time to receive this assistance, please complete the Google Form and we will be in touch with you to get a time scheduled:  
<https://forms.gle/d6LLiJ7jq2hzDSEy6>
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Athletics**

- ❖ Any girls interested in playing tennis this spring, see Coach Busscher in room 205 to sign up and receive more information.
- ❖ Athletes are reminded that the participation fee of \$85 needs to be paid before the first game. This can be paid cash or check in the Athletic office.

## **Looking Ahead - Save the Date:**

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| ❖ Friday, March 8, 2024    | No School - Staff report - P.D. |                   |
| ❖ 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.         |