



FHS Parent Connection



FHS Back-to-School News...

Welcome Back! PTO extends a warm welcome to new and returning students and staff. Principal Gary Shields and Assistant Principals Pam Cabe and Bill Horniak offer these reminders to start the year:

- 1) **CAR RIDERS** - Parents should use the circular drive in front of the main building when dropping off and picking up students.
- 2) **LUNCH** - Students are not to have lunch brought in to them from off campus, i.e. fast food. The cafeteria provides meals or students may bring a packed lunch from home.
- 3) **TRANSPORTATION** - Arrangements should be made with your student in advance for unexpected early school dismissals in an emergency situation, such as power outages, inclement weather, etc. Also, Connect-Ed automated phone service will keep us posted.
- 4) **HANDBOOK/FORMS** - Please return all requested forms in a timely manner, i.e. school insurance, free lunch, etc. Also, sit down with your student and go over the rules to avoid future problems. Dress appropriately! "More should be covered than uncovered." Lastly, remember that cell phones are not allowed on campus and must remain in your vehicle during the official school day (8:20 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.).
- 5) **CAR DRIVERS** - If you plan on driving your personal vehicle to school you MUST have a Student Parking Tag. They are available for purchase for \$5.00 from the Bookkeeper in the Main Office. Your car must be registered as soon as possible.

Fall 2009 Open House - has been scheduled for **September 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fine Arts Center. Parents will visit classrooms on the student's schedule getting an opportunity to "meet and greet" teachers. Teachers will give a brief of their class with all expectations. If you have more than one child attending Franklin High School, divide up so that you may have someone follow each student's schedule. Remember, this is a brief time to meet the teachers. If you wish to discuss specific concerns or schedule a teacher/parent conference, please call the Guidance Office to set up an appointment (Kathy Breedlove 10th & 12th grades; Maura Morris 9th & 11th grades). Don't forget to bring student or schedule - additional copies will not be available that night.

PTO - New Meeting Time - Franklin High School PTO extends an open invitation for everyone to become involved. The PTO will meet the Wednesday Sept. 2nd, Nov. 4th, Feb. 3rd, & May 5th at 11:30 in the Main office. Room 202 Main Bldg. (Lisa Welch). Visit our web site for more information: www.fhspto.org. *Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.* Also, if you are interested in serving with the PTO for 2009-2010, contact Christina Sapp, President at 369-6364, or Terri Stenger at 369-5343 for more information.

Learning Centers - Check on-line for info regarding free faculty-led Learning Centers in most academic subjects held before & after school.

The Mountain Echo - The school newspaper is free to students. Parents please contact the Echo Advisor for a paid subscription. lauren.kincaid@macon.k12.nc.us

French Club - Organizational Planners are available for five dollars from Ms Welch if interested.

Athletic Info - Parents are reminded to make sure they have read our new handbook for important information regarding your student athletes. Our sports schedules can be located on our official website.

Tools for School - We highly encourage to grocery shop at both Bi-Lo & Ingles to support Franklin HS financially. Registration forms are included in your welcome back packets.

Important Dates...

- August Yearbooks on sale
- Aug. 25 1st day of classes
- Sept. 2 Underclassman Picture s
- Sept. 7 Holiday - Labor Day
- Sept. 14 Fall Open House 7 PM FAC
- Oct. 12-16 Homecoming
- Oct. 27 End of 1st Nine-weeks
- Oct. 28 Teacher Workday (no school)
- Mid-Oct PSAT (All Juniors)
- Sept. 2 PTO Meeting - 11:30 AM
- Nov. 11 Holiday - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 25-27 Workday/Holidays
- Dec. 18 Early Dismissal 1 PM
- Jan. 4 Students Return to School

FHS PTO Membership - Please return to school volunteer & membership forms as directed in an envelope marked: PTO Mailbox, Main Office.

Mid 4-1/2-Week Reports - Many teachers will be sending at a minimum mid 4 1/2-week progress reports home with students. Ask if they received them. Report Cards for the end of the 1st nine-weeks are scheduled to go home November 3rd.

2009-2010 Season Passes - Contact our Bookkeeper in the office, Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. before Wednesday Sept. 9th. Season Passes/Reserved Seating will also be sold at the gate during our home game - August 28th (Murphy). Afterwards, all unclaimed seats or unpaid seats will become open.

Student Appreciation - All stakeholders to include faculty, family, friends and supporters for FHS are highly encouraged to recognize our students by contacting the PTO personally so they can be recognized with special endowments!

GERMBUSTERS!!!! Stay tuned for a Connect Ed message to keep our children flu-free this school year.

Keep informed!
www.franklin-high.org

SAT Test Info: www.collegeboard.com
ACT Test Info: www.actstudent.org
FHS Band: www.smnet.net/fhsband/
