

Fieldcrest High School...



Happenings

Monday, February 10, 2020

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 10

- GBB Regionals Begin @ Pontiac

Tuesday, February 11

- Academic Challenge @ ICC... Bus time 8:15 AM
- BBB vs Putnam County... 5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12

- GBB @ Pontiac (IHSA Regional)... 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 13

- District Leadership Meeting (Library)... 3:15 PM
- Curriculum Council (Library)... 3:15 PM
- FHS Scholastic Bowl @ Tremont 4:30 PM

Friday, February 14

- No School... Happy Valentines Day!!
- BBB vs Heyworth (Senior Night)... 5:30 PM



Saturday, February 15

- FHS Sophomore Invitational Begins



 **This Week's Spotlight is on... FHS Girls Basketball Seniors**

Congratulations to the Senior Basketball Players, who played in their final regular season game at home on Thursday evening. They helped defeat Deer Creek-Mackinaw 54 to 51 on Senior Night. The team is currently 26-4 heading into regionals. Those seniors are: Zada Baker, Hannah Baker, Alyx Carls, Ellen Hood and Nevada Park.



Have a Great Week... God Bless! William Lapp, Principal

News and Notes



- **Parents of Freshman Students...** you are reminded that all 9th grade dental physicals should be completed with forms turned into the office by May 15, 2020. Please contact Nurse Nancy if you have any questions.



- **The FHS Girls Basketball Team** will be participating in the Pontiac Regional, tipping off action on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 PM versus the winner of Pontiac and GCMS. That game is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 6:00 PM in Pontiac. The championship is scheduled for Friday, February 14 beginning at 7:00 PM.



- **Students interested in The Laborers' Union Training Program** mentioned in last week's *Happenings* should contact Mrs. Wilson for more information. This program will allow students, beginning in their junior year, to participate in a coursework experience that enables them to "fast track" into an apprentice program immediately out of high school. Specific information will be provided during course registration to interested students.

- **Fieldcrest High School** would like to THANK everyone who helped make HOPE week a success. The Key Club/Interact and



Dance Team helped organize a basket raffle to raise money to donate to St. Jude Hospital in honor of the McKay's. There were 39 baskets and 1 quilt donated that were given away on Friday. Over \$1800 was raised JUST with the basket raffle. Thank you again to everyone who donated baskets and to those who purchased tickets to win.



- **The Fieldcrest High School Academic Challenge Team** will participate in their regional on Tuesday, February 11 at Illinois Central College.

The team includes 14 students who take 2 exams that are competitively scored against other students from other schools. The top 2 teams in each class move on to sectional competition in March. Good Luck!

- **From the Desk of Mr. Lapp...** I have the privilege of networking with some fantastic and supportive administrators in the Heart of Illinois Conference. One of those is Mr. Brian Quam of El Paso-Gridley. In a recent article printed in the EPG School Newspaper, Mr. Quam shares a realistic perspective of officiating in the area and state. I encourage you to review it on page 2, *The Rest of the Story*.

The Rest of the Story



Athletic Officials are Becoming Extinct



By Brian Quam

It is difficult for me to fathom that I have been in administration for 11 years. Prior to becoming a principal, I taught social sciences and coached at EPGHS. I was an assistant football and basketball coach for a number of years and then later became the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. After teaching, I spend time after school supervising events and there is one constant that I witness. We have the same officials today that were working games 12 years ago. The Illinois High School Association has released data and information on the current and upcoming official's shortage among all sports. The requirements are not stringent to become an official. You must be 17 years old, good physical condition, and able to make decisions on your feet and stick to them. The IHSAA trains officials in 16 different sports: baseball, basketball, competitive cheer, competitive dance, football, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

When you are going to cheer the Titans at a school event, please spend the time and observe the age of our current officials and see how many younger adults are learning to officiate. Many of the officials that we have coming to events are in their 50's and 60's. We need to maintain and support this profession because their efforts be extremely rewarding for our student athletes. Over the years I have been able to build relationships with many of the officials that attend our events and they do their best to maintain the integrity of the sport that they are officiating. If you are looking for some extra money and have passion for any particular sport, there is a need for you. Whether it is officiating at the junior high or high school level, we are in desperate need for new officials. In some of our sports, our athletic conference assigns officials. There is a possibility that some of the HOIC Conference Varsity Football games could be moved to Saturday next year because crews are dissolving or retiring. Many times, these crews are assigned years in advanced but time takes its toll on some of these groups of individuals. If you ever wanted an opportunity to give officiating a try, there is no better time than now. We have a difficult time finding officials in any of our events currently at the high school. If you wanted more information, please feel free speak to our district Athletic Directors, Dave Ferrenburg at the high school and Joshua Krone at the junior high. They would both be happy to get you pointed in the right direction. You can also visit the IHSAA website at www.ihsa.org to start the application process. Be thankful for the officials that are still suiting up for our events and please make the consideration of yourself being a part of that organization.

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**Individuals in the Fieldcrest District interested in officiating should contact William Lapp or Sean Poston in the high school office at (309) 432-2529



The FHS staff and students would like to thank Everyone who helped to support the Hope Week Fundraising Event, supporting the efforts of St. Jude Hospital. The group raised over \$1800 during the 3 evenings that students sold chances to win.

