

Fieldcrest High School...



Happenings

Monday, November 23, 2020

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 23 (Even Day)

Tuesday, November 24 (Odd Day)

Wednesday, November 25

- Thanksgiving Break Begins!

Thursday, November 26

- Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, November 30 (Even Day)

Tuesday, December 1 (Odd Day)

Wednesday, December 2 (Even Day)

- ASVAB Testing for Juniors 8:15-11:15 am

Thursday, December 3 (Odd Day)

Friday, December, 4 (Even Day)



News and Notes



- Juniors will be administered the ASVAB on Wednesday, December 2 during the morning hours. Traditionally recognized as a military placement exam, the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is used by Fieldcrest High School to assist in the overall career planning for students. Additionally, completing the ASVAB is now one element in the new classification of graduate for the State of Illinois, identifying students as College and Career Ready. Students will also participate in a score reporting workshop in January to interpret scores and develop a career plan. Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest the evening before in order to perform at their BEST!

- **Fieldcrest High School** will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday from Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27. There is no school on these days. School resumes on Monday, November 30 with EVEN classes meeting.



- **Students are invited** to participate in after school tutoring with teachers and teaching assistants when we return from Thanksgiving break. There will be bussing available to the attendance centers in Toluca and Wenona, Tuesdays through Thursdays, departing the high school at 2:15. We are expecting ALL students who have Failing grades to attend these sessions for the remainder of the year in order to provide support to those students. Please take a moment to read the letter to all parents on page 3 of *Happenings*.

- **Jostens Ring Delivery** is scheduled for Monday, December 7 during lunch hours. Students are asked to bring their final payment to pick up their ring that day or finalize payments through their web accounts.



- **There will be a small change** to the schedule when students return on November 30. The schedule will be adjusted to provide students a "Grab and Go" style lunch to those students leaving for the day. Classes will be released by grade level to provide better distancing in the cafeteria. Any student staying for after school tutoring will have a designated location to eat lunch. Details coming...



- **Don't Forget!!!** Parents help us out when students return... Self Certify your children each day.!



This Week's Spotlight is on...



Travis Sunken



Fieldcrest High School would like to recognize student Travis Sunken as the November Senior of the Month. He was selected by the FHS Math Department as a senior who best exemplifies one who represents excellence in all that he does in the area of math. "Travis doubled up on math classes as a junior taking both dual credit offerings while taking PreCalc," states Mrs. Nicole Underwood, FHS Math Teacher. "This year he is not only taking Calculus but is serving as a Student Teaching Assistant during the Statistics class. He has also been very helpful working with students in the Math Center. Travis works hard and adds to the classes he takes. His willingness to help fellow students is appreciated greatly by the math department and FHS students." Travis will receive a cash award of \$50 from Minonk and Toluca Community Bank, proud sponsors of this year's Senior of the Month and Senior of the Year program. Special

thanks to them for making this possible.



Have a Happy and Healthy week! God Bless!

William Lapp, Principal

Happenings... The Rest of the Story

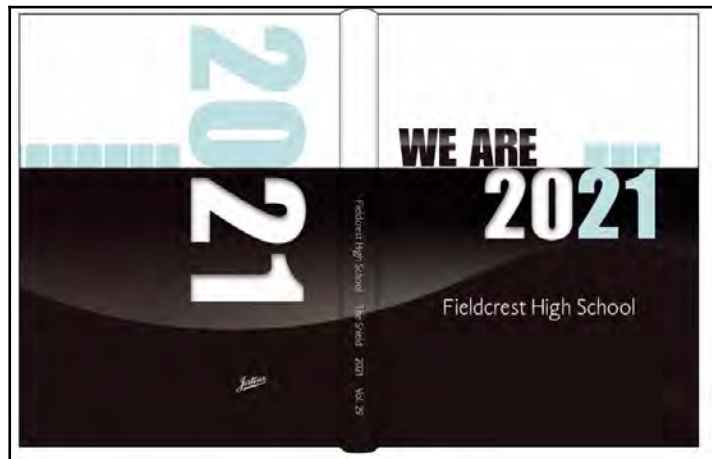
2020-2021 Yearbook Sneak Peek

The cover for this year's Yearbook is awesome . . . can't wait to see how the rest will turn out! Make sure to order your Yearbook early!!!

The books are just **\$60.00** They also offer personalization options for an additional fee.

The easiest way to order is to go online at Jostens and pay by credit card.

You can also contact Dr. Koudelka at koudelka@unit6.org to reserve your book if you prefer to pay by cash or check.

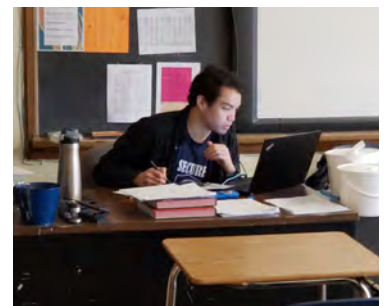


The Club continues to have 2019-2020 yearbooks available if you missed out. Contact Dr. Koudelka or the high school office if you want to nab one before they are gone.

Remote Learning takes shape @ FHS... Thanks for checking in students!



Students and staff working together through online sessions and in person labs and tutoring. **Together is Better!!**





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Monday, November 23, 2020

Hello Fieldcrest Families,

The first semester is nearly complete. There continues to be great uncertainty as to what the actual future structure of school looks like to finish the semester. As a staff, we recognize the difficulties students have because of the continuous distractions facing them during this pandemic. No matter what the circumstances we face currently, or will need to address in the future, Fieldcrest High School is committed to provide quality instruction through it all. We have modified curriculum to meet the needs of students who may have been impacted by the shortened year last spring. Teachers and Teaching Assistants have connected with students and parents to provide tutoring assistance after school AND on Remote Learning days. Still, there are more students out there that need to engage with learning and invest more into their education.

I am confident that students, during remote instruction, have found that connections done virtually are not as engaging as they are in person. This has had an impact on performance for many of our students. Some students have taken the shortened day or ability to move to Remote Instruction as a reason to get a job. Some students have used the block schedule days to "take a day off" of the classes that did not meet that morning. These decisions as well have placed an even heavier burden on the ability of students to organize and meet the demands for success in each class. Through all of the adversity we face as a school community, we must all remember that the first job of a student is for that child to be a student.

As we move into the last few weeks of the semester and transition into the next, Fieldcrest High School will be implementing **mandatory tutoring for students who are failing classes**. Students on the border of failing (D-) will also be expected to stay after school beginning in January. Sessions will be conducted on Tuesdays thru Thursdays with bussing available at 2:15 to take students to attendance centers in Toluca and Wenona. This service will be provided as one more avenue for students to receive help and allow for support as they organize their day to focus and invest in their education. This supportive service is one step in ensuring that we, as a staff, are providing every opportunity for your child to succeed. **Students needing this service, who opt out of the support, may be faced with the decision of attending summer school if offered or being retained in the same class for 2021-2022.**

As we move into 2021, I think it is safe to say that everyone hopes to see brighter days that include full school days, no masks, a return to sports and activities, as well as the overall sense of normalcy in our lives. No matter what the future holds, Fieldcrest High School remains determined to educate your child at the highest level we can challenge them, supporting them as appropriate. We can do it, but it must be done together. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at wlapp@unit6.org or call me at (309) 432-2529.

In education,

William Lapp, FHS Principal

Mr. William Lapp, Principal
Mr. Jason Chaplin, Athletic Director
Mrs. Megan Uphoff, Secretary
Mrs. Kristin Wilson, Guidance





Fieldcrest High School Guidance

Department Hosts: Virtual Visits

Talk With College, Career, and Military Representatives During 8th Hour Study

* During 8th Hour Study Halls Senior Students will get a chance to meet with various college, career, and military representatives.

Dates of meetings with Zoom links will be posted on Schoology in Updates and on the calendar of the Senior 2021 Group page and Senior College and Career Counseling Page.

Please show your face during the Zoom Meetings.
Please bring headphones or earbuds to listen in to the meeting.

Meetings may place take in the library during 8th hour.
Stayed tuned for more announcements on Schoology.

Please direct questions to Mrs. Swanson at:
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