

From the principal:



Course Selection for 2015-16 Begins Now!

Beginning in January, our current freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be selecting courses for the 2015-2016 school year. Please begin to discuss with your child what he or she is considering for next year. There are 8 periods in our school day leaving 7 periods open for courses. All students enroll in PE and English each year. Depending on their year in school, there are other required courses for students. **In order for students to have the best chance of being placed in the courses they select, they need to make their first choices carefully.**

Below are some great resources on the Fremd website to help you be involved in the process. These can be found under the **Academics Tab** at the top of the page – select **Student Services Department**.

Class Pages (left side)

- Freshmen (see Important Forms Section)
- Sophomores (see Important Forms Section)
- Juniors (see Important Forms Section)
- Seniors
- Incoming Freshmen

Orientation Dates for Students:

- Current freshmen: January 12 & 20
- Current sophomores: January 8
- Current juniors: January 9

Online selections are due January 21st. Individual meetings with counselors will occur starting January 26th in PE Classes to finalize course selection.

I hope your holiday season brings relaxing moments and fun-filled memories.

Sincerely,

Kurt Tenopir
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Distinguished Alumni Award

Each year at Honors Convocation in May, an award is given to a distinguished Fremd High School alumnus. The award recognizes a Fremd High School graduate for achievement in their profession and philanthropic contribution to their communities. The award provides current students with role models for exceptional accomplishments.

Those nominated must have graduated from Fremd High School at least 10 years ago; demonstrate a high level of achievement with significant accomplishments in their field; and exhibit leadership, character, and service to their community. Parents, staff, retired staff, and all interested parties are asked to make nominations. Self-nominations are welcome. Individuals who wish to nominate an alumnus should complete the nomination form that is available on Fremd's website under the "General Info" tab and select "Alumni." or go to the following link <http://fhs.d211.org/info/alumni/> and click on "Nominate Someone." The deadline for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award nominations is March 1st, 2015.

Looking for Holiday Gifts

Looking for unique holiday gifts? The Fremd Viking Booster Club Holiday Craft Fair is on Saturday, December 13th from 9am to 4pm. Free admission and parking! Complete your last minute holiday shopping with 250+ crafters on two floors. They'll have unique handmade items, seasonal decor, stocking stuffers, gourmet food, pet items, art, jewelry, and more. Concessions are available all day. The Viking Spirit Shop will also be open throughout the Holiday Craft Fair on December 13th.

Grant - A - Wish Program

The FHS National Honor Society will be kicking off their annual Grant-A-Wish Drive beginning November 25. This is the largest charity event for the FHS National Honor Society and more than 500 wishes for underprivileged children in Chicago are served by this event. NHS members are responsible for getting wishes out to FHS students and staff along with local businesses and community members. December 11 is collection day with gifts being delivered on December 12. PODS of Chicago is a large contributor to the event by donating two PODS storage containers and delivering the gifts to Chicago.



*Have a safe and happy
holiday season!*

from the staff at Fremd High School



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

PLTW

There will be a Project Lead the Way informational meeting at Palatine High School at 7:00 pm on December 2, 2014 in the Auditorium and a second informational meeting at William Fremd High School at 7:00 pm on December 10, 2014 in the student Café. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. If you have questions about these events, please contact phardy@d211.org.

dates to remember

- Dec. 2** Late Start / Morning Work Sessions (8:50 a.m. start)
- Dec. 4-6** Variety Show
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 6** Incoming Frosh Testing
8:00 a.m.-12:00
- Dec. 9** Choral Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 11** Orchestra Concert
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 13** Booster Craft Fair
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16** Band Concert
6/7:30 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 19** Orchesis Holiday Show
(students may attend during their lunch hour)
Kolze Auditorium
- Dec. 19** Winter Vacation Begins at the Close of School
- Jan. 5** School Resumes
- Jan. 8** Incoming Freshman Parent/ Student Night, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 13** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 1, 2 and 3
- Jan. 14** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 4, 5 and 6
- Jan. 15** First Semester Final Exams
Periods 7 and 8
- Jan. 16** Teacher Institute – No School
- Jan. 19** Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Jan. 20** Second Semester Begins
Floral Design Showcase
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 22** College Planning Seminar
7:00 p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- Jan. 27** Late Start / Morning Work Sessions, 8:50 a.m. start

Reminder...

First semester final exams are scheduled for January 13, 14, and 15. Prior to exams, students must bring their textbooks to class and pay for any lost textbooks; student who don't check in their textbooks or pay loss fees will not be able to take exams until they do so.

Viking achievements are reasons to celebrate

- ✱ Individual departments began in late October to nominate students for the Viking Pride (Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence) Awards. This award recognizes outstanding achievement or improvement. Our congratulations to the following winners: **Arash Abbas, Emma Albrecht, Monica Artrip, Dylan Assmann, Stephanie Bae, Alexandra Baumgart, Sarah Brand, William Brinston, Annmarie Buabeng, Jack Buban, Javier Cabrera Hernandez, Maxwell Chan, Sarah Coombes, Tess Cordell, Aarsh Desai, Anthony Feltz, Jill Finis, Alison Fissinger, Jameson Fonseca, Ryan Gilski, Gillian Gould, Emily Grewe, Leah Hillesheim, Isabella Iaccino, Michelle Jiang, Jack Kao, Julia Kazmierczak, Tariq Khader, Sophie Kish, Miya Konishi, Olimpia Krezalek, Natalia Lastowiecka, Brianna Lewis, Amelia Marshall, Cendy Martinez, Soumyaa Mazumder, Kathleen McManus, Timothy Norman, Britney Ordaz, Karoline Osborn, Emilija Peleckas, Aleia Pennock, Maisy Rabey, Makila Rivera, Gina Rowlett, Anastasia Sotos, Tina Sternberg, Joshua Sun, Jun Tomita, Dwain Vaughn, Emily Virata, Julia Wacker, Edward Worthem, and Genevieve Wysocki.**
- ✱ Congratulations to Illinois Teacher of the Year **Steve Elza**.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Joe Marcin** and the Girls Cross Country Team on placing 3rd at Regionals and advancing to Sectionals. **Ayako Higuchi** was the individual champion, **Katie Escobar** took 6th, **Anita Grudzien** took 8th, **Jessie Peterson** took 31st and **Clare Oehler-O'Sullivan** took 33rd.
- ✱ Congratulations to the following Varsity Girls Volleyball players on making All-Conference: **Lane Hindenburg, Carly Roberts** and **Aubrey Stegich**.
- ✱ Congratulations to the following Varsity Debaters for winning awards at Fremd's Student Congress Tournament: **Madisen Hursey**—1st place Chamber Award and **Leonard Lee**—Best Presiding Officer.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Chris Grattoni** and the Fremd Math Team for earning second place at the North Suburban Math League meet. The following students earned perfect papers: **Kevin Chen** (freshman), **Elizabeth Perez** (freshman), **Daniel Tokarz** (junior), and **Jennie Yang** (senior).
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Jerry Moon** and the Fremd Chess Team on bringing home a trophy for finishing 4th place out of 30 teams at the Evanston Chess Tournament. The competition consisted of six out of the top 10 teams in the state. Special congratulations to **Ryan Cajandig**, who earned an individual 1st place award on board #3, and **Nathan Narasimhan**, who earned an individual 3rd place award on board #7.
- ✱ Congratulations to the following Varsity debaters for winning awards at Fremd's Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament: Public Forum--**John Komoll**, Top Speaker, **Matthew Carlins** and **John Komoll**, 1st Place Team, **Zach Jordan** and **Ishan Taparia**, 2nd Place, **Rebecca Beale** and **Eric Simon**, 3rd Place, and Lincoln-Douglas--**Angie Peng**, 3rd Place.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Joe Marcin** and the Girls Cross Country Team on placing 3rd at Sectionals and qualifying for the State meet. **Ayako Higuchi** was all-sectional placing 8th. The cross country team members are: **Ayako Higuchi, Katie Escobar, Anita Grudzien, Nora Finegan, Jessie Peterson, Clare Oehler-O'Sullivan, Lauren Cardiello, Monica Zawisza, Bell Moroney** and **Anna LaValle**.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Steve Keller** and the Boys Soccer Team on being Sectional Champs, and qualifying for Super Sectionals. **James Lefevre** made the winning goal with 12 minutes left.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Andrew Kittrell** and Coach **Courtney Wilhelm** and the Girls Swimming & Diving Team on winning the Conference Championship for the 3rd time in a row. Congratulations go to: Medley Relay: **Grace Grzybek, Loretta Stelnicki, Saki Takumiya**, and **Grace Kneller**—1st place; 200 Free: **Erica King**, 2nd place; **Julia Portmann** 3rd place; 200 IM: **Grace Grzybek** 3rd place, **Becca Ballo** 6th place; 50 Free: **Grace Kneller** 3rd place, **Loretta Stelnicki** 4th place; Diving: **Sydney Plichta** 2nd place; **Sarah McTague** 3rd place; 100 Fly: **Saki Takumiya** 1st place; **Julia Portmann** 5th place; 100 Free: **Grace Kneller** 2nd place; **Emily Kini** 3rd place; 500 Free: **Erica King** 3rd place; **Emily Bolger** 5th place; 200 Free Relay: **Grace Kneller, Loretta Stelnicki, Grace Grzybek, Erica King**—1st place; 100 Back: **Grace Grzybek** 2nd place, **Saki Takumiya** 3rd place; 100 Breast: **Becca Ballo** 2nd place, **Shae Taylor** 5th place; 400 Free Relay: **Erica King, Saki Takumiya, Julia Portmann, Loretta Stelnicki**, 2nd place.
- ✱ Congratulations to juniors **Kellie Halloran** and **Dayna Duffy** on taking 1st place in their age group in the Day of the Dead 5K race.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Steve Keller** and the Boys Soccer Team on their win over New Trier at Super Sectionals and advancing to the State Meet.
- ✱ Congratulations to Coach **Steve Keller** and the Boys Soccer Team on their 3rd place State finish.
- ✱ Congratulations to November English student of the month **Madisen Hursey**.
- ✱ Congratulations to Director Judy Klingner and the cast and crew of the musical "Shrek" on their amazing performances.
- ✱ Congratulations to the Varsity Speech medalists at the Viking Varsity Challenge: 2nd place Original Comedy, **Abby Cohen**; 2nd place Informative Speaking, **Emma Davies**; 3rd place Radio Speaking, **Emma Davies**; 3rd place Oratorical Declamation, Rachel Lucas; 4th place Informative Speaking, **Varshini Ramanathan**; 5th place Dramatic Interpretation, **Brinda Dollu** and 6th place Dramatic Interpretation, **Connor Bradshaw**.
- ✱ Congratulations to social studies teachers **Courtney Wilhelm** and **Jason Spoor** and everyone involved in making the Veterans Day tribute a success.

