

From the principal:

Happy New Year! I hope you had an opportunity to attend a few of the wonderful performances or exciting competitions over the past few weeks. Our students and staff consistently impress me with their high personal expectations and commitment to excellence as they take the stage or competition arena to represent Fremd High School.

The start of 2015 also brings the beginning of a new academic semester. If you would like to see improvement in your student's academic achievement or connection to high school opportunities during second semester, I urge you to share your concerns with the school. Please contact your student's counselor in the Student Services Department at (847) 755-2630.

Counselors are a great central communication source for parents. They can facilitate communication between a family and teachers, make recommendations for additional resources, and serve as a consistent connection for parents and students to Fremd High School.

If you feel your son or daughter is not achieving the level at which he or she is capable, then a call to the counselor is a great starting point. This discussion can open the door to many untapped resources, such as after-school Media Center study time and computer access, Tutoring Center connections, Guided Study Hall mentors, online Parent Access for grade monitoring, teacher websites for information, and after-school extracurricular groups. Together, we can make your student's high school experience full of positive connections and successful learning experiences.

PARCC replaces ACT Exam as State Assessment

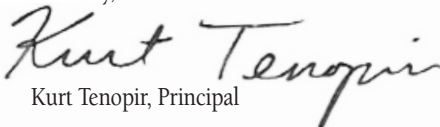
The Illinois State Board of Education has determined that the ACT will no longer be used as the assessment to determine student growth. In place of the ACT, school districts will now administer the PARCC (Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) test. PARCC is an interactive, computer-based benchmarked assessment of applied knowledge that is designed to measure students' performance on the Illinois Learning Standards.

As the State transitions to PARCC, District 211 will still offer the ACT Plus Writing free of charge to every junior at their high school on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The March 3rd test will count as an official ACT score to use as part of future college and career plans.

On March 3, while juniors are participating in the ACT, any student enrolled in E101 English, E102 English, and E108 English (almost entirely freshmen) will participate in the PARCC English Language Arts I tests. Junior students and English students (E101, E102 and E108) will be dismissed from school after the approximately 4-hour testing window. Bus transportation will be available to and from the test. Sophomore and senior students will not be in attendance on March 3, but should take this opportunity to pursue educational opportunities independently.

After the March 3rd test, all other PARCC assessments will take place during the normal school day, and students who are participating in the tests will be excused from one to two periods of class to take the exam. This will include students enrolled in E101, E102, E108, M113 Algebra 1, M114 Algebra 1, M117 Algebra 1, or M147 Advanced Algebra 1. Details of the testing schedule will be available in early spring.

Sincerely,


Kurt Tenopir, Principal



Senior Brunch and Graduation Date and Time Set

Senior Brunch will be held on Thursday morning, May 28 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Stonegate in Hoffman Estates. Tickets will be on sale at the cashier from April 27-May 20. Cost of the ticket is \$20.

Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2015 will be held on Sunday, May 31st, at 6:00 p.m. at Sears Centre at 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192. More information will be forthcoming as the day approaches.

Sophomore Class Ring Orders:

Class ring orders for the sophomore class will be placed at school on February 26th and 27th. Watch your mail for the ring ordering kit from Jostens, or design your ring online at www.jostens.com. The ring orders placed in school in February will be ready for delivery in late Spring. Juniors and Seniors that have not yet ordered their rings may also order at this time as well. All class ring purchases are optional, and students should review costs and styles with their parents before they decide on class ring purchases.

CAREERS, CAREERS!

It's been a great fall of Career Exploration. In September we had a large group go downtown to the IMTS (International Manufacturing Technology Show), and another group learned about Culinary Careers at Seasons 52 Restaurant. October brought Aviation Careers at Schaumburg Airport, Pharmacy Careers at Roosevelt Pharmacy School in Schaumburg, and Medical Careers at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. There was a panel of Elementary Education speakers at Conant from Schaumburg District 54, and a group traveled to the Brookfield Zoo. We learned about software and hardware engineering and Information Technology Careers at kCura in Chicago, and about designing and producing flavors for food, beverage, and pharmaceutical companies at FONA (Flavors of North America). In November we saw a tech rehearsal at the Marriott Lincolnshire, several people ventured to Lutheran General Hospital Health Career Open house in the evening on their own, and others learned about health care careers at Harper. Sports marketing careers were addressed by a panel of sports marketing speakers, and we had renowned voice over artist Derrick Procell speak at Artsfest for Music Careers. Many were treated to great entertainment that same day by Jocelyn Shoulders and Corky Siegel, among other artists that week. We got to see the new showroom as we learned about automotive careers at Motorwerks in Barrington. Digital Arts Careers were abundant at Tribeca Flashpoint Academy. We had a professional Entrepreneur Day at NIU in Hoffman Estates, with many entrepreneurs sharing their experiences with our business students. A geneticist Luna Okada spoke about her career field. In December we will attend an engineering day at Harper sponsored by UOP with former Astronaut Dr. Al Saaco speaking about his background. Carpenter's Union Trade School will host us in December as well as a final trip before the break to the Harper Cadaver Lab.

Any investment in career exploration will move students toward a better understanding of life outside of school. Work on understanding how your interests and skills can be matched to occupations.

Thank you to all the companies and individuals who have welcomed Fremd students into their businesses, and shared their time, talent and knowledge.

Feel free to contact me for any additional assistance, or to share your career with Fremd students. Jan Brottman, 847-755-2657, jbrottman@d211.org.

dates to remember

- Jan. 19** Martin Luther King Day
No School
- Jan. 20** Floral Design Showcase
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Opening Day of Second Semester
- Jan. 22** College Planning for Juniors
and Parents
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 27** Late Start/Morning Work Session
8:50 a.m.
- Feb. 5-6** Orchestris Dance Show
Kolze Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 10** Late Start/Morning Work Session
8:50 a.m.
- Feb. 14** District 211 Honors Orchestra
SHS, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 16** Presidents' Day - No School
- Feb. 17** Band Benefit Dinner/Concert
Café/Kolze Auditorium, 6:30/7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20** Early Dismissal – 11:50 a.m.
- Feb. 23-27** Writers Week
Kolze Auditorium
- Feb. 24** Jazz & Java Concert
Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m., Feb. 24
Late Start/Morning Work Session
8:50 a.m.
- Mar. 7** Turnabout Dance
7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
- Mar. 9** Winter Sports Awards
Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17** Late Start/Morning Work Session
8:50 a.m.
- Mar. 23-27** Spring Break

Calendar Correction

- April 11th Booster Spring Craft Fair –
changed from February 28th in calendar.
- April 21st Parent Principal Network Meeting –
changed from April 14th.

Parent Technology Academy.

January 28, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Fremd Media Center. The evening's theme will be *Learning to Love Social Media*. Technology Coordinator Keith Sorenson and a student panel will host an interactive discussion focused on student use of social media and the role of teachers and parents in helping students manage technology use at Sears Centre at 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192. More information will be forthcoming as the day approaches.



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-2600.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-2654.

Kudos to the following Viking family members

- ★ Congratulations to the following Viking Pride winners: Kyle Adames, Aastha Agarwal, Megan Albert, Robben Amos, Molly Aronson, Courtney Balogh, Rebecca Beale, Sarah Beale, Jorge Bermudez, Annie Bielinski, Kailey Brey, Melissa Byrd, Calvin Chao, Zoe Che, Dahuy Choi, Melinda Coleman, Luis Cortez Madera, Emily Demarco, Michael Demski, Kathryn Evenson, Prethika Ganesan, Kylie Hess, Grace Hsieh, Christina Hynda, Sarah Hynds, Kyle Ingram, Abby Iuorio, Megan King, Emily Kini, Victoria Klanang, Nikita Knudson, Ewa Konezewska, William LeFevre, Brett Lewis, Matrix LoPiccolo-Kleine, Trenton Marean, Angela Marozza, Edward Mavromatis, Joe McTague, JuLia Morrison, Safa Mustafa, Tom Narey, Larry Ni, Angelina Oquendo, Austin Pace, Victor Perez, Aliyah Rivera, Ellie Robertshaw, Angela Rublaitis, Karolina Sas, Jacob Sikora, Lashawn Street, Magda Szozda, Riho Takahashi, Yuming Tian, Daniel Tokarz, Emma Vanek, Vaishnavi Vembar, Sara Verma, Amanda Viecehl, Ethan Violette, Ana Vitorino, Mizuki Yamashita, Hannah Watanabe and Monica Zawisza.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Kristen Newby and the Girls Frosh-Soph. Swimming & Diving Team on winning the Conference Championship for the 3rd time in a row.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Brian Newby and the Girls JV Swimming & Diving Team on winning the Conference Championship for the 3rd time in a row. Medalists include: Medley Relay - Jiamin Huang, Anna Miller, Jennie Yang, and Becca Rutkowski; 200 IM - Jiamin Huang; 50 Free - Becca Rutkowski and 100 Free - Becca Rutkowski.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Andrew Kittrell and the Girls Varsity Swimming & Diving Team on winning the Conference Championship. Championship Medalists include: Medley Relay - Grace Grzybek, Loretta Stelnicki, Saki Takumiya and Grace Kneller; 100 Fly - Saki Takumiya and 200 Free Relay - Grace Kneller, Loretta Stelnicki, Grace Grzybek, and Erica King.
- ★ Eight school records have been broken this year by the Girls Swim Team including: Medley Relay - Grace Grzybek, Loretta Stelnicki, Saki Takumiya and Grace Kneller; 50 Free - Grace Kneller; 100 Free - Grace Kneller; 500 Free - Erica King; 200 Free Relay - Grace Kneller, Loretta Stelnicki, Grace Grzybek, Erica King; 100 Back - Grace Grzybek; 100 Breast - Loretta Stelnicki and 400 Free Relay - Grace Kneller, Erica King, Julia Portmann, and Erica King.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Andrew Kittrell and the Girls Varsity Swimming & Diving Team on winning the Sectional Meet. Championship Medalists and State Qualifiers include: Medley Relay - Grace Grzybek, Loretta Stelnicki, Saki Takumiya and Grace Kneller; 100 Fly - Saki Takumiya; 200 Free Relay - Grace Kneller, Loretta Stelnicki, Grace Grzybek and Erica King; 100 Breast - Loretta Stelnicki and 400 Free Relay - Grace Kneller, Erica King, Julia Portmann and Loretta Stelnicki. Other State Qualifiers include: Diving - Sydney Plichta and Sarah McTague; 200 Free - Erica King; 200 IM - Grace Grzybek; 50 Free - Becca Rutkowski, and Emily Kini; 100 Free - Grace Kneller; 500 Free - Erica King; and 100 Back - Grace Grzybek and Saki Takumiya.
- ★ Congratulations to the following All American Girl Swimmers: Medley Relay - Grace Grzybek, Loretta Stelnicki, Saki Takumiya and Grace Kneller; and 200 Free Relay - Grace Kneller, Loretta Stelnicki, Grace Grzybek and Erica King.
- ★ Congratulations to the following September Social Studies Students of the Month: Westley Walker, Will Pankratz, Davide Sacchi and Jack Albrecht.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Varsity Debaters who won awards at the Naperville North Student Congress tournament: Leonard Lee, 2nd Place Chamber Award and Madisen Hursey, 3rd Place Chamber Award.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Andrew Kittrell and Coach Courtney Wilhelm and the Girls Swimming & Diving Team on their 6th place finish at the State Competition. Congratulations to: 200 Medley Relay, 4th place - Grace Grzybek, Loretta Stelnicki, Saki Takumiya and Grace Kneller; 200 Free, 9th place - Erica King; Diving, 11th place - Sarah McTague; 100 Free, 12th place - Grace Kneller; 500 Free, 9th place - Erica King; 200 Free Relay, 7th place - Grace Kneller, Loretta Stelnicki, Grace Grzybek and Erica King; 400 Free Relay, 8th place - Grace Kneller, Erica King, Julia Portmann, Loretta Stelnicki.
- ★ Congratulations to Congressional Debater Leonard Lee, who advanced to Semifinals at the Glenbrook National Debate Tournament.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Bob Widlowski and the Boys Basketball Team on winning the Fenton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament for the second year in a row.
- ★ Congratulations to December Social Studies AP Human Geography Student of the Month Kailyn Bryk.
- ★ Congratulations to Ron Cregier on being voted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in the category of career coaches.
- ★ Congratulations to the Harper Area High School Art Show Fremd Award Winners: Nancy Leinwander, Juan Flores-Mendoza, Lauren Gregory, Jihee Yoon, Samiksha Gupta, Hyo In Sung. Honorable Mentions: Rashna Joshi, Jordan Kruse, Sara Hill, Kristin Kim, Emma Aftelak, Samiksha Gupta.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Chris Grattoni and the Fremd Math Team for earning first place at the North Suburban Math League Meet. The Freshman Team, Sophomore Team, and Junior Team all earned first place, and the Senior Team earned second place. The following students completed perfect papers: Kevin Chen (freshman), Edward Li (freshman), Shingo Ito (sophomore), Airi Nakayama (sophomore), Julia Cai (junior), Amy Chen (junior), Mark Guo (junior), Anqu Peng (junior), Daniel Tokarz (junior), Lingqi Kong (junior), Ann Rajan (junior), and Emily Yin (junior). Oralist Soumyaa Mazumder (senior) was awarded first place in her competition.
- ★ Congratulations to December English Student of the Month Soumyaa Mazumder.
- ★ Congratulations to Matthew Nicholson (senior), Roshan Rajan (senior), Jennie Yang (senior), and Elizabeth Perez (freshman) for their achievement and participation at QED, Chicago's Youth Math Symposium. A Math Symposium is similar to Science Fair, except that the projects focus on math instead of science. Matthew, Roshan and Jennie co-wrote a paper titled "It All Hinges on This: Spatial Efficiency of a Bi-fold Door," and Elizabeth wrote a paper titled "The Mathematics Behind the Monty Hall Problem." All four earned an award of "Distinguished Mathematical Research."
- ★ Congratulations to the following ILMEA 2015 All-State Students: Band: Roy Cho, Nathan Cornwell, Grace Liu, Hazuki Okuda, and Melanie Shaffer; Choir: Chloe Cho, Quinn Jackson, Emilie Kouatchou, and Vance Lehman; Orchestra: Andres Carrero, Justine Chee, Nathan Du, Andrew Hwang, Brian Lin, Nathan Mo, Jennie Yang, and Emily Yin; 3rd place Arranging Category - Anthony Fu.
- ★ Congratulations to the following Speech Team award winners at the Elk Grove Invitational: 1st place - Emma Davies, Informative Speaking; 1st place Varshini Ramanathan, Impromptu Speaking; 2nd place Emma Davies, Radio Speaking; 4th place Abby Cohen, Special Occasion Speaking and finalist Rachel Lucas, Oratorical Declamation and finalists Braden Kobeski and Matt Baughman, Humorous Duet Acting.
- ★ Congratulations to senior Jennie Yang, captain of the Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team, for being named the top individual scorer at the Rockford Auburn Harvard Mirror Tournament on Saturday. Jennie averaged 86.84 points per game which helped carry the team to a 5th place victory with a 7-3 record for the day.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach Elise Ference and the Girls Gymnastics Team on their 1st place finish at the Big Purple Invite. Award winners include: Vault: 3rd place Carly DeFilippo, 4th place Chrissy Radochonski; Bars: 3rd place Emily Neal, 5th place Carly DeFilippo; Beam: 2nd place Emily Neal, 3rd place Chrissy Radochonski; Floor: 2nd place Chrissy Radochonski, 3rd place Carly DeFilippo and 3rd place All Around - Chrissy Radochonski.
- ★ Congratulations to CAD student Scott Lenz on winning 1st place in the First Annual D211 House Design Challenge. Scott beat out over 50 other competitors at Fremd High School and Palatine High School. Scott's house design will now be used as the next house design for the Fremd and Palatine building trades classes to build starting in August 2015.
- ★ Congratulations to Varsity basketball player Xavier Williams on being named the Daily Herald Player of the Week.
- ★ Congratulations to Coach David Yates and the Girls Basketball Team on beating several top teams from California and Colorado to go 3-1 and finish 3rd in the Mike Desper Division of the 2014 NIKE Tournament of Champions in Phoenix, AZ. Haley Gorecki was named to the All Tournament Team.
- ★ Congratulations to Band Director Matt Moore and the Fremd Band program on their participation over winter break at the Alamo Bowl (halftime performance) in San Antonio, the Alamo Bowl Parade Review competition (earning second place in their division), Pep Rally performance, and a symphonic band clinic with two college band directors from the University of Texas El Paso.