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From the Principal Jeffrey S. Theodoss

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The class of 2008 was the third class to take the new version of the SAT, which includes a writing section.

As I explained last year, traditionally students took the SAT which was comprised of two sections; 1 (one) math and 1 (one) English. The College Board expanded the test by separating the English Language Arts test into a critical reading and writing section and the mathematics component remained the same.

The College Board reports that nationally 1,500,000 students from the class of 2008 or 48% of all students took the test nationally. In Massachusetts, 60,962 took the exam representing 85% of all students.

Comparing Foxborough to the state and national norms, 171 students from the class of 2008 participated in the SAT program. In critical reading, Foxborough students scored 527 (2008) up 7 points from 520 (2007), which was up 13 points 507 in (2006). Mathematics held constant 545 (2008) up 2 from 543 (2007), same as (2006) and writing 540 (2008) up 11 points 529 (2007) up 8 points 521 in (2006).

State Comparison/National Average

	<i>F.H.S.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>National</i>
Critical Reading	527	514	502
Mathematics	545	525	515
Writing	540	513	494

Advanced Placement Test

In 2008, (212) advanced placement tests were administered to FHS seniors and juniors. Eighty percent of the students tested scored three or above. A score of three or better represents an opportunity for students to receive college credit. Remember the test is scored from a low of one to a high of five. Forty-six percent of the students scored in the four or five range.

Advanced placement courses are college level courses taught at the high school. Students take these

demanding courses in hopes of scoring a three or better to receive college credit prior to entering college. Once a student receives an appropriate score, he/she has the prerogative of receiving credit for that entry level college course. Sometimes the advance placement courses help students minimize the number of college distribution requirements, allowing them to once again take a higher level course or an elective.

Advanced placement courses are offered in English literature and English language composition, European and United States History, calculus, statistics, Spanish, French, biology and Chemistry.

All our advanced placement courses passed the audit and requirements of the CollegeBoard.

Virtual High School

FHS belongs to the Virtual High School. The VHS provides an opportunity for FHS to expand its' curriculum, allowing students to take on line courses with certified instructors from all over the country. VHS allows FHS to better support student needs and interests

VHS offers over two hundred courses and allows us to offer courses to fifty students each year (25 per semester). The first goal was to enhance our advanced placement program. Students have selected courses in AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Spanish and AP computer science. Some of the electives being taken this semester are criminology, Irish Literature, Entrepreneurship and world religions, to name a few of the student selections. Our goal is to provide more advanced placement courses, minimize scheduling conflicts, develop independent learners and critical thinkers, while prepare students for a college environment. Mid-term reports on student grades and informal student input about course satisfaction are very positive.

Jeff Theodoss



**Open House for 7th and 8th
grade students and their parents!**

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Foxborough High School will be hosting an “Open House” for current seventh and eighth grade students and their parents on Thur. October 30th. The orientation program will provide an opportunity to visit and learn more about the curricula and related programs and activities offered at FHS.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a brief presentation by the administration. All parents and students are asked to meet in the auditorium. The remainder of the evening will allow you to meet with district and school administrators, departmental chairpersons, guidance counselors, school council members, and various athletic and club groups.



The goal is to have all your questions answered, so that you and your child will make an informed decision about the next four years.

I hope you will be able to find time from your busy schedule to visit with us during our open house on Thursday, October 30th, 2008.



Academic All Star Team to Honor Students New England Patriots Team Up With Foxborough High School for Second Year of Program

The New England Patriots will be teaming up again this academic year with Foxborough High School and the

Foxborough School Committee to create an Academic All Star Team to honor classroom achievements.

Based on criteria set by school officials that recognize academic excellence, classroom effort and perseverance, students will be chosen for the New England Patriots/Foxborough High School Academic All Star team at the end of the school year. Academic All Stars will be honored with their parents at a banquet next June to be hosted by the Patriots at Gillette Stadium. Members of the Patriots organization and team will address students at the banquet, and certificates of achievement will be awarded. Last June, more than 500 Foxborough High School students and their parents were honored at Gillette.

“We are pleased to continue our Academic All-Star partnership with Foxborough High School,” said Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft. “The program has been a great success in motivating student’s at all academic levels to persevere and excel in the classroom. The New England Patriots take tremendous pride in the accomplishments of these students in our hometown, and we look forward to honoring them, as well as their parents, at an awards banquet later this spring at Gillette Stadium.”

The New England Patriots/Foxborough High School Academic All Star Program recognizes both top student performance and significant efforts to improve grades and participation in class.

“Perseverance is a cornerstone of this impressive program,” said Foxborough High School principal Jeff Theodoss. “Our expectation is that the program will motivate students to work to the best of their abilities.” Added Superintendent Dr. Christopher Martes, “The Patriots are an exceptional role model for excellence at all levels, and the Academic All Star program reflects the importance of recognizing achievement across the board.”

Foxborough School Committee member Lawrence Harrington, an initial supporter of the Academic All Star program, applauded the program for its success. “I urge parents of high school students to encourage their children to participate in this program,” he said.

“We are very proud of all the progress that our students make and the new goals achieved that they have set for themselves,” added School Committee Chairman Ms. Beverly Lord. “We are appreciative of the fact that we have been able to partner with such a fine organization, one that provides valuable, on-going support for this kind of recognition through the outstanding Academic All Stars program.

Teachers at Foxborough High School will select the New England Patriots/Foxborough High School Academic All Stars, using one of the following criteria:

- Seniors who have maintained a 3.4 average during their four years at Foxborough High School and students who are members of the National Honor Society will automatically be included.
- Students who demonstrate significant improvement in grade point average, who demonstrate excellent participation and effort in the classroom from the start of the first quarter to the end of the school year as selected by their teachers.



**Foxborough High School Testing Code # 220840
2008-2009**



NEWS from the Library / Media Center

SAT TESTING

<u>Register By:</u>	<u>Test Date:</u>
November 5th	December 6th
January 6th	January 24th

ACT TESTING

<u>Register By:</u>	<u>Test Date:</u>
November 7th	December 13th
January 6th	February 7th



New FHS LMC team launches Digital Catalog,
Teacher Web site, and wiki

Welcome to your Library 2.0!

In a news release last week, American Association of School Librarians (AASL) president Ann Martin commented that "Learning for life is the essential component in developing successful students. " Together with AASL, the FHS LMC team envisions a school library media program that "prepares learners to thrive in a complex information society, seek diverse perspectives, gather and use information ethically and use social tools responsibly and safely."

To that end, the team of Mrs. Valerie Kirrane, Mrs. Deborah Petrosch, and Ms. Kathleen Porter, with the support of students, teachers, and school administrators, have established an atmosphere in the Media Center conducive to learning and have set up new web-based tools to enable students to use the current collection and other resources. Over the coming months, they plan to continue to make the collection more attractive, more accessible, and timelier.

Students can now search the high school collection from the computers within the Library / Media Center simply by clicking on the iBistro icon on each desktop. If a particular title is not on hand but is available from one of the 74 other SAILS network libraries, they can have it delivered to the school by logging in with their Student ID plus "F" (for Foxborough) and PIN. They also have the option of picking up the item at the Boyden Library by logging in with their public library card.

When students log in to this SAILS site, whether from school or home, they can access dozens of databases for research. Check out our new Teacher



Web site for more information, at
<http://www.teacherweb.com/MA/Foxborough/F>

HS_LMC/index.html, and click on the Library/Media Center icon to log in.

The brand-new LMC wiki may be found at <http://fhsmediacenter.pbwiki.com>. Click on the "request access" link to join the wiki, add to the site, and contribute your suggestions for new materials to add to our collection.

If you have any question or comment please email, telephone, or stop by. Thanks for your support!

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MCAS RETESTS

The MCAS retests are scheduled as follows:

Nov. 5th - ELA Composition – Session A & B
Nov. 6th - Reading Composition -Sessions 1 & 2
Nov. 7th - Reading Composition - Session 3

Nov. 12th - Mathematics – Session 1
Nov. 13th - Mathematics – Session 2

Your student has been notified that he/she will be taking this retest, please remind he/she of the importance of this test and to make every effort to be present to school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Lauren White, Guidance Director

News from Mrs. Leanna Pink
Choral Director



31st Annual All New England Choral Festival

Congratulations to Jeffrey Dietzel, Christina Kelly, Seana Peterson, and Jimmy Philbin; four Concert Choir students who were selected upon recommendation to participate in the 31st Annual All New England Choral Festival at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. They are amongst approximately 200 vocalists chosen throughout the entire New England area to perform in this select choir.

They will be rehearsing with guest conductor,

Kristofer Johnson. Their day will consist of intense rehearsals on selected pieces that they are expected to have prepared on their own and the evening will conclude with their concert at 7:00 pm.



Providence Bruins

The Combined Choirs of Foxborough High School have been invited to perform the opening musical number at the Providence Bruins game on February 20th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Manchester Monarchs.



ATTENTION - All men (and teachers)

Teachers: If you know of any students that have an interest in singing or even the talent or desire to sing, PLEASE contact Mrs. Pink. We have an outstanding number of women in our concert choir (over 50) and would really like to balance that number out with men.

Any suggestions are welcome and Mrs. Pink will get in touch with them at their approval.

Students: If YOU would like to sing or learn how to sing, we would love to have you in choir. Each year we are doing more interesting music, more diverse, and more exciting! We would like to increase our numbers and encourage you to give us a try. We have unique performing opportunities that span all throughout the New England area. Please email Mrs. Pink with questions or more interest.

PinkL@foxborough.k12.ma.us.



Monthly Coffee Hour

The first principal's coffee at the high school has been scheduled on Thursday, November 13, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs Media Center. Future meeting will be scheduled after feedback from parents on their availability is reviewed.

The coffee hour with Principal Jeff Theodoss and parents was a great success last year and many topics were discussion in a relaxed open discussion forum.

Some of the guest speakers last year included Mr. Joe O'Neil, College Admissions Counselor, Ms. Ellen Pillsbury, School to Career Specialist, Mr. Craig Najarian, Athletic Director, Ms. Caitlin Annicelli and Ms. Kelly Shaughnessy, Student Class Advisors of the National Honor Society.

Our goal is to continue to inform the public about the programs offered at Foxborough High School. The coffee hour will provide another opportunity for parents and community members to ask questions and to better understand the operations of the high school.

Please feel free to extend an invitation to other parents or community members.

Please plan on joining us on November 13th!



News from the FHS Student Council
By: Ms. Christine (Senorita) Smith



The Foxborough High School Student Council hosted a very successful regional student council conference on Friday, October 10th. Approximately eight hundred students and advisors from south eastern Massachusetts schools came to Foxborough High School for leadership training and student executive board elections. Students enjoyed listening to their inspirational guest speaker, WBZ's television personality Liz Walker. She shared her experiences of working with women and children in Sudan, Africa. Her charitable organization, My Sister's Keeper, is building

a school in a village in Sudan. The South Eastern Massachusetts Association of Student Councils along with member schools donated over \$2,600.00 to the charity. Congratulations to Foxborough High's Student Council members Lauren Fisher ('09) and Anthony Bassignani ('09) for co-chairing the event, and a special recognition for our President, Jon McAlister ('09), and Vice President, Stephanie Storer ('09), for their leadership and focus during our busiest time of year.

The Homecoming dance was a great success with almost six hundred students in attendance. Thank you to all of our parent and teacher chaperones for sharing the evening with so many of us. The senior Homecoming Court was announced and the king and queen were crowned at the October 3rd football game against North Attleboro. The princes and princesses of this year's court are Sam Plasmati and Maria Navedo, Pat Mitchell and Caelan Pacelli, Brian Swanton and Erin Kiely, and Jeff Dietzel and Stephanie Storer. Congratulations to our Homecoming King, Jarrell Greene, and Homecoming Queen, Cayleigh Lincoln.

.....Senorita Smith



Student News!



NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

SEMI-FINALIST IN THE 2009
NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Samuel F. Plasmati has been named as a Semi-Finalist in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Mr. Jeff Theodoss presented a Letter of Commendation from FHS and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, to Sam earlier this month.

More than 1.5 million juniors in over 21,000 high schools entered the 2009 National Merit Program by

taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence. Congratulations Sam!



COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2009 NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Mr. Theodoss also presented letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, to these scholastically talented seniors: Erin C. Fusco, Nicole K. Jabanoski, Anya O. Jacobs, Schuyler A. Milender, Patrick J. Mitchell, and Dustin J. Sylvia for being named as Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2009 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

“The young people named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program are distinguished by their strong academic performance in

this rigorous competition,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “Our nation's pursuit of educational excellence can be furthered by publicly honoring these outstanding students and by acknowledging the important role schools play in fostering their development. We hope that this recognition will contribute to their educational opportunities and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential.”

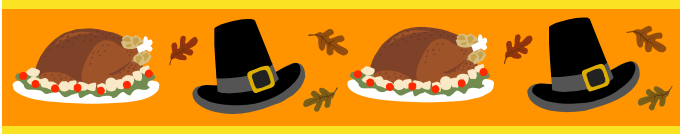


STUDENT RECOGNIZED AS AN OUTSTANDING BLACK AMERICAN BY THE 2009 NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Jeffrey S. Theodoss announced earlier this month that Seana H. Peterson has been recognized by the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Achievement® Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students. Black students may enter both the National Achievement Program and the National Merit® Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and meeting other published requirements for participation. The two annual programs are conducted concurrently but operated and funded separately. A student's standing is determined independently in each program. Black American students can qualify for recognition and be honored as Scholars in both the National Merit Program and the National Achievement Program, but can receive only one monetary award from NMSC.

Of the more than 150,000 students who currently enter the National Achievement® Program each year, approximately 4,700 are honored. A group of about 3,100 Outstanding Participants are referred to colleges for their potential for academic success. A smaller group of about 1,600 are named Semifinalists, the only students who have an opportunity to advance in the competition for National Achievement Scholarships.



**STUDENT RECOGNIZED AS SCHOLAR
IN THE 2008-2009 -HISPANIC/LATINO
NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Jeffrey S. Theodoss also announced earlier this month that Maria E. Navedo has been recognized as a Scholar in the 2008/2009 National Recognition Program (NHRP) that identifies outstanding Hispanic / Latino high school students. Principal Jeff Theodoss presented a certificate from the NHRP to Maria.

The NHRP was initiated in 1983 to identify outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students and to share information about these academically well-prepared students with subscribing colleges and universities. In order to be eligible, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino as defined by the NHRP. Each year the NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 of the highest scoring students from a nationwide total of more than 200,000 high school juniors who took the PSAT/NMSQT and designated themselves as Hispanic, as well as approximately 150 of the top scoring PAA students from Puerto Rico. The nationwide selection also includes students from Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and U.S. citizens attending international and APO schools.

Qualification for recognition is based on the student's combined critical reading, mathematics, and writing skill scores on the PSAT/NMSQT when taken in the

eleventh grade of high school. PSAT/NMSQT score cut-offs vary each year by state. Students must also self-identify themselves as Hispanic on the PSAT/NMSQT answer sheet. A minimum grade point average (GPA) is established for the program and academic information is requested directly from the high schools.

Raising Awareness through Drama

By: Ms. Shannon Wasilewski/English Teacher and
Drama and Repertory Clubs Advisor

The Drama Club Presents:

Doin' the Right Thing

Last May, the Drama Club had a unique opportunity to help raise public awareness about domestic violence by presenting a show entitled *Doin' the Right Thing*, an original play addressing teen rape and sexual assault. The club worked with H.U.G.S. Foxboro, a local group committed to raising awareness about domestic violence and other social issues. After the performance, audience members had a chance to discuss the situation and topic with Foxborough Police Chief O'Leary. We are thrilled to have another opportunity to reprise our performance this month.

In support of Domestic Violence Month, the Foxborough High School Drama Club, in conjunction with H.U.G.S. Foxboro, is once again presenting *Doin' the Right Thing* on Friday, October 24, 2008 at

7 p.m. in the Foxborough High School Auditorium. The play's cast presents an honest portrayal of one school's response to the alleged sexual assault of a young student by a football player in a neighboring community. The play was originally developed by Deana's Fund and students at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School in Cambridge MA, through a grant from the Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Foundation. Last year, the Drama Club rewrote the play to fit our suburban environment. It is based on a real life case in a neighboring school system

The performance itself lasts approximately 30 minutes, and will once again be followed by a question and answer period between the performers, the audience and Chief O'Leary. The primary learning points of the play include:

- dispel myths and stereotypes about sexual assault
- understand the impact of sexual assault on the victim, perpetrator, and on bystanders
- know how to help someone in the aftermath of a sexual assault
- identify community resources for support



The FHS Drama Club is once again excited to be working with H.U.G.S. Foxboro to bring this important message to the school and the community in such a unique way. We are thrilled to again be involved with raising awareness about this issue.

Parents, students, and the public are strongly encouraged to attend this important presentation. There is no charge for admission.

--Shannon Wasilewski, Drama Club Advisor

*Remember to Vote!!
Election Day November 4, 2008!*



PARENT / TEACHERS MEETING

Wed. November 19th and
Thurs. November 20th

Foxborough High School will hold an open house for parent/teacher conferences on **November 19th and November 20th.** Parents may meet with teachers for five-minute conferences from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. School will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. on both days. Conferences will be conducted on an appointment basis. Parents will be provided with a schedule of their child's classes, the room location for each teacher and the appointment schedule as arranged by their child. Students will make appointments for parents from Monday, Nov. 10th (**No School on Tuesday, November 11th**) and Wednesday, Nov. 12th – Friday, Nov. 14th. This information will be brought home by your son/daughter.

Principal, Jeffrey S. Theodoss, Vice Principal, Joseph A. Heinricher, Vice-Principal, Robert G. Delaney, and guidance counselors will be available for parent conferences. If you desire a conference

with your child's counselor or an administrator, drop in at the appropriate office during the conference hours.

Parents are encouraged to make every effort to attend and to confer with teachers about their children's progress.

..... Thank
you



Yearbooks will be available
the night of the
"Parent/Teacher
Conferences"
(November 19th and 20th)
Class of 2007 - \$ 65.00
Class of 2008 - \$ 70.00

**And you may place your order for the
Class of 2009 for only \$ 60.00**



Foxborough High School Store

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
WE WILL BE OPEN DURING



**The store is located near the
cafeteria.**

We have a variety of Foxborough
merchandise on sale for all your holiday shopping
needs.



*As part of the September "Take Charge of Education" donation, Target Stores awarded Foxborough High School with a check in the amount of **\$205.85**. This payout is a direct result of the parents, teachers and school supporters who participate in the program.*

Through "Take Charge for Education" families teachers and members of the community have an easy way to raise money for their school. When they sign up and designate an eligible K-12 school, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase they make with their REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card) to that school. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to schools twice a year. Over the past 11 years, schools have used the funds for whatever they needed, whether it was books, field trips, new technology or supplies. Take Charge of Education is part of Target's broad commitment to education and is designed to enhance educational efforts for children in communities across the _____ company.



Special Education Parent Advisory Council
November 2008



Thursday November 20, 2008

Location: Cafeteria – Igo Elementary School
70 Carpenter St. Foxborough - 7:00 PM

Join us for an informative evening:

Rebecca Goniwich from the Hallowell Center
presents:

**The DORE Program for ADHD &
Dyslexia**

This is an exercise-based remediation process for difficulties that originate with the cerebellum. On the spectrum of problems that someone with cerebellar developmental delay (CDD) might have are difficulties like dyslexia, ADD, ADHD and dyspraxia. By testing the balance and the ocular motor functions

with state-of-the-art equipment they can determine the quality of cerebellar function.



My Sensory Solutions

A Tomatis-based, individualized listening program, integrated with balance, voice, movement and visual activities for people ages three and up with ADD, ADHD, autism, dyslexia, sensory integration, auditory processing and other related difficulties.

Diane Maxon from the Therapeutic Learning Center in Canton discusses TLC's range of programs and therapies: social skills groups, OT, PT, handwriting skills and more!

*Refreshments will be served.
All are welcome.*

*By: Margaret Chaisson, Chair –
FSE PAC*



School Council Welcomes Your Input

The school council is a representative committee made up of the principal, parents, teachers, students and community members. If you have thoughts, questions or concerns about Foxborough High School don't hesitate to contact a member of the council. It is our job to bring your issues forward for discussion. Whether you are a parent, student or teacher at FHS we really do want to hear your ideas and know what you think!

Our Mission

Our mission is to share ideas and resources and to shape the direction the school will take to strengthen teaching and learning. Information about the Council can be found on the High School website at www.foxborough.k12.ma.us. Look for our School Improvement Plan, meeting schedule and meeting minutes as well as other general information.

Our Meetings are Open

Council meetings are open to all parents/guardians of Foxborough High School students. That means that visitors are welcome and it is a great way to learn about what is going on at the high school.

The meetings are held in the first floor media center at the high school. Meetings times are 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. The meetings dates are as follows:

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Thursday, May 14, 2009



Who's Who on the 2007-2008 FHS School Council?

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Lauren Fisher - Student – Class of 2009
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Find it on the Web: Have you ever lost a flyer or notice or forgotten to write the details of a school event on your calendar? Did you know that you could go to one resource and have access to calendars for all

of the schools as well as the district calendar? <http://teacherweb.com/MA/Foxborough/CalendarsOnline/index.html> is accessible via a link from the Foxborough Public Schools home page as well as each individual school.

Direct Connect to Principal Jeff Theodoss: Have you been receiving emails from Jeff Theodoss? Let's face it, as students reach high school age and lives get busier it is hard to keep track of what's happening at school and maintain the all important home school connection. Sign up for the high school email list at http://fps.foxborough.k12.ma.us/mailman/listinfo/foxborough_fhs and get regular email updates. Approximately 200 parents, guardians and community members have already signed up, but with over 900 students at our high school we have a ways to go. Sign up today and take advantage of this great opportunity to stay informed!

Foxborough Rotary Club



We want your best and brightest!

Rotary District 7950 which encompasses and represents 64 Rotary Clubs from southeastern Massachusetts and the Cape to the entire state of Rhode Island is actively searching for high school students to spend the 2009/2010 academic year abroad as part of Rotary's worldwide Youth Exchange Program.

To qualify, a candidate must be between the ages of 15 and 18½ years of age by the time of departure (August 2009), must be above average academically, be well rounded in outside activities, be flexible enough to live in a different cultural environment for the better of a year and learn a new language, and must be outgoing and willing to speak before groups.



Additionally, the candidate's family will be responsible for paying travel expenses, mandatory health insurance, and some miscellaneous expenses. Rotary will handle travel and visa arrangements, and the student will be sponsored by a Rotary Club in your area. The host Rotary Club will handle many of the necessary expenses while the student is there. There are

also some opportunities for partial scholarships based on need.

Please take a moment to discuss this opportunity with your child. You may find more information online by visiting: www.exchangestudent.org. You may also call Outboard Chair for this district (Rona Mann) at 401-539-7762 or Guidance Director, Laureen White at 508-543-1620.. Application must be completed and mailed no later than November 15, 2008.

This is a chance of a lifetime and Rotary provides arguably the finest youth exchange program in the world.

RECYCLE

By: Ms. Gail Schaaf - Parent

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS



To help defray the costs and support the girl's tennis team, the "Tennis Booster Club" is not only raising money for the tennis team, but also helping to clean up the earth!

Under the supervision of Ms. Schaaf, she is collecting used inkjet and laser printer cartridges and cell phones. These items are then sent to the Funding Factory (www.FundingFactory.com) where in turn she received a check that is used towards the tennis team.

So don't throw away the old ink jet cartridges or used laser printer cartridges, or even those dead cell phones. Donate them!!! If you have any of these items, please have your son/daughter drop them off at the high school. There is a box located in the main lobby for these items.



FROM THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ADVISOR *Mr. Joseph O'Neil*

CHANGE OF DATE - Originally Dec. 11th

Foxborough High School

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) / students invited to

Financial Aid Evening



FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid)
CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Profile)

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Room #122

Presented by:

The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority

Questions contact Joe O'Neil

508-543-1620 x. 147

All Night Party

Class of 2009



Attention All Senior Parents



For the 21st year in a row, a senior “All Night Graduation Party” will take place in the Foxborough High School gymnasium on the night of graduation, Sun. June 7, 2009. Students arrive at the school at 10:30 p.m., and shortly following, the doors are locked until 5:00 a.m. the following morning.

HELP is needed from senior parents in decorating, fund raising, publicity, food, volunteer coordinator, and raffles. In order for this event to be a success we need the HELP of all senior parents.

There will be an important meeting regarding “The All-Night Graduation Party” on **December 1st**. The meeting will take place in room 127 (PAVE room kitchen) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The room is located across from the guidance / nurses offices at the high school.

The theme of the night will be selected at this meeting and your participation is greatly needed in making this evening a great success. All parents are urged to attend.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Sue Greeley at 508-543-5878 or Ms. Jan Donaway at 508-698-0628.



**Foxborough High School
 National Honor Society 2008-2009**

This year's National Honor Society, comprised of 44 senior members, and is working hard to serve the school and greater community. Plans are still being made for upcoming projects. The success of such projects largely depends on fundraising. Currently, you can help us in the following ways:

- Buy **2008-2009 School Agendas**. \$12 each, the agendas are on sale at the school store during lunch and will be sold during Parent Teacher Conferences. They are a great way to keep your student organized for a successful year, and all proceeds go to NHS.
- Attend or participate in the NHS-run **Powderpuff Football game** at the Ahern Field on **Saturday, November 15th**. The game starts at 7 pm.
- For students: Attend the upcoming **NHS Winter Dance**. The tentative date is Dec. 13th.

All proceeds will support NHS projects. Look out for future information!

- Donate spare change to **Pennies for Peace**. This charity, founded by the Central Asia Institute and Greg Mortenson (whose work is detailed in the book *Three Cups of Tea*), raises money to build schools in impoverished areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Such schools give new opportunities to local children and help counter the effect of extremist leaders.

NHS will be placing collection bins in the school office and lunch room, as well as at various stores around town. Donations can be made from November until February 2009.

For juniors interested in joining...

This year, the NHS application process will take place earlier than usual. Accepted applicants will therefore be inducted earlier (the ceremony is scheduled for early February) so that they have time to work with the senior class. This process was explained at an October 21st meeting that all interested juniors were expected to attend.

After grades have closed for Term 1, all eligible students (those with a **grade point average above 3.4**) will be invited to apply. Before Thanksgiving break, there will be another morning meeting at which application materials will be distributed. Attendance at this meeting is **mandatory** in order to apply. Students will then have until **December 11th** to complete the application.

Community service is a large part of National Honor Society and thus an important aspect of the application. Any interested students looking for more community service opportunities may see Seana Peterson or Blair Read, the senior community service coordinators.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Annicelli or Ms. Shaughnessy.

NHS Online

More information about NHS activities and the application process is available at the NHS website listed below. It is also accessible from the school website at <http://foxnhs.tk>

Ms. Caitlin Annicelli and Ms. Kelly Shaughnessy
NHS Advisors

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

From the Class of 2008 fifty-eight students received the John and Abigail Adams scholarships for their performance on the 2006 MCAS tests. To qualify for this award students must have scored in the advanced category in at least one of the tests and a proficient in the other, and also their score must be in the top 25% of the test takers from the school.

A tuition scholarship is available for any student choosing to attend a Massachusetts public school in the fall of 2008. The recipients were as follows:



Nicholas K. Allen	Gregory R. Letourneau
William J. Cammarano	Rebecca Liggett
Mary P. Cavanaugh	Emily E. Lovejoy
Melanie R. Chambers	Patrick R. Martin
Andrew J. Costain	Jennifer C. Marves
Anthony J. Cuneo	Elisabeth R. McClanahan
Thomas W. Drew	Stephen M. McGrath
Timothy R. Driscoll	Nathan A. McNeff
Rachel L. Dutra	Jason M. Moschera
Piers M. Echols-Jones	Daniel E. Mucinskas
Amanda M. Flagg	Daniel R. Mullen
Emilee R. Flaherty	Sarah B. Mullin
Kristyn F. Fusco	Kathryn J. Murray
Christopher J. Gorham	Jose R. Navedo
Elizabeth M. Greeley	John J. Nixon
Tara E. Greeley	Caitlin E. O'Brien
Jennifer L. Greenleaf	Marl E. O'Brien
Andrew F. Grube	Jennifer J. Palmieri
Benjamin T. Harris	Amy C. Pascucci
Jessica L. Heinricher	Luis F. Sanchez
Rachel M. Henderson	James E. Scotton
Tory E. Hickey	Brisa R. Shaw

Richard R. Hoyt	Cassandra A. Shaw
Sai S. Kaza	Kelly E. Smith
Jillian K. Keigher	Jordan M. Tedoldi
Caroline A. Kelly	Nicole M. Tibbetts
Sammy M. Khalifa	Andrew M. Weiss
Stephanie A. Kronmiller	Brian W. Woollard
Davis P. Lavieri	Samantha M. Zaruba

Please refer to the on-line calendar for further dates at:
www.foxborough.k12.ma.us. Click on the FHS website.

Note: The calendar above may be subject to change.
 To confirm if an event is still taking place, please contact
 the high school at 508-543-1616.

Please mark your calendar...



OCTOBER

Oct. 30th Open House - Grade 7 & 8 Parents and Students
 Oct. 31st Happy Halloween!!

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1st SAT's Testing at FHS
 Nov. 3rd School Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 4th Staff Development Day - No School
 VOTING DAY!
 Nov. 5th MCAS Retest - ELA
 Nov. 6th MCAS Retest - ELA
 Nov. 7th MCAS Retest - ELA
 Grades Close - Term I
 Nov. 11th Holiday - No School
 Nov. 12th MCAS Retest - Mathematics
 Nov. 13th MCAS Retest - Mathematics
 School Council - 3:00 p.m.
 Jazz Concert - 7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 15th Powder Puff Game / Ahern School 7:00-10:00 p.m.
 Nov. 17th School Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 Report Cards Distributed
 Nov. 19th Early Dismissal / 11:00 a.m.
 Parent - Teacher Conferences - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Nov. 20th Early Dismissal / 11:00 a.m.
 Parent - Teacher Conferences - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Nov. 24th Drama Production - 7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 26th Early Release - 11:00 a.m.
 Foxboro Warriors vs. Mansfield Hornets - 10:00
 a.m.
 Nov. 27th Game played at Mansfield High School
 Happy Thanksgiving!!!