



"The Foxworthy"



February – March 2009

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*From the Principal
Jeffrey S. Theodoss*

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Foxborough High School has been working to create school wide academic expectations. The school wide academic expectations provide explicit foundational commitments from the high school to our students. Also, in compliance with the expectations of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (the organization that accredits school systems), the school wide academic expectations allow the faculty to have conversations that will assess curriculum strengths and weaknesses and provide requests for changes or modifications to the curriculum. The commitment from the school is to universally equip our students with the necessary skills to compete at the highest levels.

Although not used as a graduation requirement, the reporting out of our academic expectations will allow students and parents to better understand student progress toward achieving these expectations.

The FHS Academic Expectations are as follows: all students will read actively and critically, write using Standard English for a variety of purposes and audiences (long essays and open response writing), use language skills to communicate ideas and information coherently, effectively use technology, and develop critical thinking skills for assessing information and solving problems.

Each department will be responsible for reporting out on two areas of the school wide academic expectations. A department with a primary responsibility will be expected to provide multiple opportunities, through formal and informal assessments such as but not limited to: research assignments, PowerPoint presentations, reading assignments, or daily assessments that align with the academic expectations.

For instance, if your child has an English class, chances are he/she will receive a score from 1 to 4 on the academic expectations associated with reading actively and critically, and with writing using Standard English for a variety of purposes and audiences. The parent simply needs to look at the associated rubric to understand what a numerical score

from 1 to 4 represents. It is also expected that all courses will support the school wide academic expectations with assessments when it is feasible to do so.

As part of our pilot process, the school will regularly report student progress on achieving the academic expectations once this year (at the end of the school year). Parents and students will receive a report on each student's individual achievement. Next year, the academic expectations will be reported at a minimum of three times per year. Please review the attached rubrics at the end of this newsletter associated with each academic expectation.

Directed Study

Directed study is a part of most students' schedule. All students are required to take 6.5 credits per school year. The remaining three periods per each seven day cycle will be directed study classes. Students may utilize the library, study for upcoming exams, finish homework, work on group projects, receive extra help from a teacher or meet with their guidance counselor. These are some of the available opportunities for each student. Although students do not receive a grade, it is expected that students come prepared during this time. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, our goal is to create a relaxed, yet focused environment for all students. As we begin the second semester, our teachers have been reminded as to the administration's expectations for students during directed studies. Please remind your child to use this time wisely and productively.

School Emergencies

During a School Council meeting and also at the principal's coffee hour, discussions revolved around school emergencies and the use of Connect Ed. As part of the school's safety plan, students are placed in certain situations to learn how to effectively deal with different emergencies. Fire drills, bus evacuations, lock downs and "stay in place" procedures are conducted yearly. Scenarios

are changed to have students practice procedures with different situations. Therefore, there is often a police / fire presence at the high school. If a parent is concerned with police / fire being present on school campus, the following protocol will be in place. If you are not contacted by the school or superintendent's office, one may conclude that a drill is in progress.

For years schools have conducted fire drills and bus evacuations without notifying parents. Due to changing world events, more security and protocols are in place to provide as much school security as possible. Unfortunately, sometimes practicing a lockdown or drug sweep of the building may produce more anxiety than the much practiced fire drill. In the event of a real emergency, parents will be immediately provided with pertinent information and timely updates. Also, we have worked diligently to have every student provide the school with updated parental information. Therefore, any changes in cell phone or home phone numbers should be reported to the main office as soon as possible 508-543-1616 or 1617.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. There will be two sessions, with the incoming eighth grade students and their parents meeting from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and then all returning high school students and their parents will meet from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each session will provide parents and students with an overview of the curriculum, followed by small group meetings with the appropriate guidance counselor.

Enrichment Program

Beginning on Monday, February 9th and running through Friday, May 1st, utilizing a 632 Grant provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, FHS will offer extra help for students. The program will provide tutorial services from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday. The ten week program is designed to use a student's directed study periods and after school time to support as many students as possible.

The nineteen hours of mathematics and English tutoring per week will allow identified students to receive help as needed, until the scheduled MCAS testing. Again we encourage students to utilize the

available help. Also, any student wishing to receive extra assistance may utilize this service. Simply check with your guidance counselor.



FOXBOROUGH IS ATTEMPTING TO "GO GREEN".

Program of Studies Booklet

In an attempt to reduce the expense and the amount of paper used in photocopying the 100 page Program of Studies Booklet-we have put it on line.

Click on the "Program of Studies "on the left side of the FHS main page.

While you are there be sure to sign up for the "FHS Email list" so that you will get updates from the principal via email. If you wish to have a hard copy of the Program of Studies booklet, we have copies available in the main office or guidance office of the high school.

Jeff

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Winter Recess

Vacation Break - February 16 -20, 2009
School resumes on Monday, February 23rd.
Have a wonderful, safe school vacation!!

National Honor Society

Ms. Caitlin Annicelli and Ms. Kelly Shaughnessy



Congratulations to the following students that were recently accepted into the National Honor Society.

The Induction Ceremony took place on
Thursday, February 5, 2009

Brian Almeida	Chris Kelm
Sarah Appleby	Jenna Krysko
Carolyn Augusta	Elizabeth Lally
Michaela Bero	Taryn Laubenstein
Lauren Blakeley	Paige Lorenz
Maggie Brown	Meghan Lowey
Dominique Cammarata	Ben MacDonald
Leanne Carey	McKenzie Mann
Emma Carroll	Taylor Martinelli
Jennifer Chalmers	Carley Martyniak
Kerri Cunningham	Lindsay McGeary
Brittany DiTullio	Brian McGillicuddy
Caitlin Dorr	Abigail Morrissey
Connor Echols-Jones	Fatima Mufti
Caroline Eva	Dillon Myers
Doug Franchitto	Katelyn Olsson
Rachel Fuller	April Pascucci
Danielle Gaudet	Susan Pelick
Kelly Hannon	Jossana Rasla
Laura Herlihy	Nisha Shah
Kristen Hoffman	Samantha Smith
Alan Humphrey	Megan Steeves
Erin Johnson	Nidhi Vora
Gina Kackloudis	Janelle Walsh
James Keenan	

The Foxborough Chapter of the National Honor Society is more than just an honor roll. The Honor Society establishes rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria for selection form the

foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

Scholarship: Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character

Service: This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

Leadership: Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Citizenship: The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom, justice, and democracy, and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

We encourage every student who qualifies to apply for membership. It is a great service society and provides many present and future opportunities for students.

.....Ms. Annicelli and Ms. Shaughnessy

School Council Meetings are Open!



School 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. Visit the FHS web site for contact information for school council members and to review minutes of our meetings. Remember we can only represent your issues if you tell us what you think! Upcoming meetings: Feb. 12th, March 12th, April 16th, and May 14th. (3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the 1st floor media center).

News from the Science Department
Mr. Paul Charpentier- Dept. Head



FHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BIOTECH EXPERIMENTS AS PART OF MASSBIOED'S BIOTECH PROGRAM



FHS student David Santos is shown in this picture using a micropipette to introduce a gene into bacteria.

As briefly mentioned in the previous edition of the *Foxworthy*, Foxborough High School was selected last spring to be one of 49 Massachusetts public high schools to become new members of the BioTeach program. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation, BioTeach seeks to introduce the teaching of biotechnology to the curricula of every public high school in the commonwealth. To date, 162 schools are members of the BioTeach program.

BioTeach provides funding for the purchase of biotechnology equipment, teacher training during the summer at local colleges, and onsite support from Boston University's CityLab. On December 10-12, the MobileLab bus was scheduled to visit FHS to kick off the BioTeach program. Unfortunately, due to mechanical problems, the MobileLab was not available. The program went off as scheduled; however, using the equipment FHS was able to purchase using BioTeach grants, along with the help of Britta Bookagen, a Boston University CityLab educator.

In August, FHS science teachers Mr. Paul Charpentier, Ms. Elizabeth Keohane, Mr. Darrin James, and Ms. Suzan Lins spent three days at Framingham State College receiving biotechnology training. Teachers performed three biotechnology experiments that could be brought back to high school classrooms. The teachers felt strongly that training was a vital component of this program. Performing these experiments beforehand, with colleagues from many other high schools, was invaluable.

Students from the Biology I classes of Ms. Keohane, Ms. Lins, and Mr. James performed an experiment entitled "*Mystery of the Crooked Cell*", which involved performing gel electrophoresis in order to diagnose sickle cell anemia in an imaginary individual by analyzing hemoglobin protein. Mr. Jeremy Champlin's AP Biology students, with Mr. Charpentier's assistance, performed an experiment whereby a gene was inserted into the DNA of a bacterium using a plasmid, and then observed how the newly inserted gene changed the color of the bacterial colonies produced. This technology demonstrated how the manufacturing power of bacteria may be harnessed to produce such substances as insulin, for example. A third experiment may be added to the curriculum in the future, using electrophoresis to analyze DNA fragments in a forensics simulation.

Both students and teachers alike were energized by this exciting new program. Biotechnology represents one of the fastest growing sectors of the state's economy. Governor Patrick has often spoken of making Massachusetts an epicenter for growth in this industry. BioTeach has provided FHS with the funding to purchase materials that would be otherwise difficult to obtain, given the current economy, along with teacher training and long-term support. Biotechnology is here to stay at Foxborough High School.

Mr. Paul Charpentier- Dept. Head of Science



Ski Club News - Advisor- Mr. Scott Ferbert



The FHS ski club is planning a trip to Okemo Mountain in Vermont for Saturday February 7th. The cost is \$85.00 and includes both transportation and a lift ticket. We are also planning on running more trips after February vacation. The Ski Club meets every Monday in room 231. All interested students are invited to attend. See Mr. Ferbert for more info.



News from the Library / Media Center

By....Ms. Kathleen Porter-Media Center Director

What are students reading? What titles have you added? When's the Vendor Fair?

What are FHS students reading? Find out online or in the library. Students are picking up and checking out titles from new displays of new titles, popular titles, new additions on government, and series by various authors. One way to find out what students are reading is to log in to iBistro with our public school log-in: username (barcode) *foxboro-hipub*, password *pub*. The front page has a "more items" link under What Others Are Reading which will show hottest titles for the last month. Under "Library Info" on the same home page we've listed "New This Year". This is a list, with details, of about 250 distinct titles cataloged this year, with multiple copies so that students can borrow books for class work or summer reading.



The 2009 FHS LMC Vendor Fair will be held at the Media Center on Tuesday, February 24th from 7:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All faculty members will have access to vendors representing a wide variety of providers for DVDs, online databases, books or periodicals.

If you have any question or comment please email, telephone, add to our wiki or stop by.

*Ms. Kathleen Porter - (508) 543-1616 x180
porter@foxborough.k12.ma.us*



UNITED NATIONS

The Model U.N. Club participated in a Model UN at St. John's Prep in Danvers on Saturday, January 31st. Among the many global issues discussed and debated was the global food crisis, global climate change,

nuclear arms security, international product safety standards and the Afghani government power structure. This is the second model UN the club has participated in this school year, the first taking place at Worcester Academy. The Model UN meets most Monday's afterschool in room 231 and all interested students are invited to join. See Mr. Ferbert for more information.



DEBATE TEAM NEWS

The FHS Debate team, a member of the **Eastern Massachusetts Debate League**, will be hosting two rounds of debates on Wednesday February 11th. The first round starts at 4:00 p.m. and the second round starts at approximately 5:30 p.m. Any student or parent who would like to learn more about debate is invited to observe. For more information contact Mr. Ferbert at ferberts@foxborough.k12.ma.us.



"Spring 09 Sports Night" Craig Najarian Athletic Director

Foxborough High School will host a spring sports night the last week in **of April**. At this time, the date **is not confirmed**. Student / athletes will be notified in school of the date. You may also check our website for additional information. The night will present an opportunity for administrators, coaches, and parents to discuss the school and coach's



policies and expectations for student behavior and participation in the sports programs at FHS.

Spring sports include: Baseball, Softball, Track, Tennis and Lacrosse. Contact the AD's office with any further questions at 508-543-1616 x 140.



NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Scholastic Art Award Winners - 2009

by: Jerry Roy – Art Department Head



The Art Department is proud to inform you that this year Foxborough High School art students won a total of eighteen individual art awards at this year's Scholastic Art Awards contest



sponsored statewide by the Boston Globe. One of our students received a very special recognition, capturing one of only four Art Portfolio Gold Key awards presented statewide.

The Art Department would like to recognize and congratulate: Kayla Bridges- Honorable Mention award (Graphic Design), Katie Deangelo- Silver Key award (Stone Carving), Rebecca Guy - Gold Key and Honorable Mention award (Printmaking and Functional Pottery), Jenna Guy- Honorable Mention award (Computer Art), Brittany Hickey- Silver Key award (Graphic Design), Anya Jacobs- 3 Silver Key awards and 1 Honorable Mention award (Painting and Drawing), Sarah Khalifa- Honorable Mention award (Graphic Design), Jenna Krysko- Gold Key award (Sculpture), Nicole Maloney- Honorable Mention award (Graphic Design), Sarah McMahon- Honorable Mention award (Computer Art), Eddie Noonan- Silver Key award (Computer Art), Paul Osborne- Honorable Mention award (Computer Art), and Amanda Sosnowski- Silver Key award (Sculpture).



We are also extremely pleased to announce that Anya Jacobs has won a prestigious Gold Key Art Portfolio Award at this year's competition. Anya is one of only four students statewide to be recognized at this level. Again, congratulations to all the award-winning students for their hard work and dedication to the arts.

All Gold and Silver Key Award Winning works and Award Winning Art Portfolios will be on exhibit at the State Transportation Building, John Hancock Hall, in Boston through the month of February. The Gold Key award winning works will go on to New York City in the spring to compete on the national level.



ATTENTION CLASS OF 2009

Your cap and gown payment is due.
Please see Mrs. Sneyd in the main office if you have any questions.



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CLASS OF 2009**

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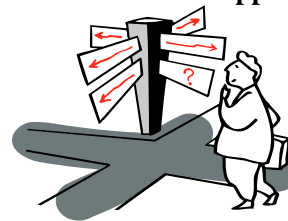
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Make checks payable to: FHS – Cap & Gown 2009

Hey Seniors! Made plans for after graduation?

Come to the guidance office to explore all the possibilities.
See Mr. O'Neil for an appointment.



Patriot huddles with FHS

Article from Foxboro Reporter
Published: Thursday, January 29, 2009



HELPING HANDS -- Jarvis Green, defensive end for the New England Patriots, commends the efforts of Seana Peterson, center, Blair Read, and other National Honor Society members who are planning to travel to his hometown of Donaldsonville, La. during February vacation to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. School board members thanked the students and Green, who plans to work with the teens. (Photo by Frank Mortimer)

New England Patriots defensive end Jarvis Green will have a post-season, even as his team sits out the Super Bowl.

He will continue his fight for something bigger, though far less sparkling, than the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

On Monday night, Green joined members of the Foxboro High School National Honor Society for a pre-game huddle about the work mission they are about to embark on in Louisiana to help families still battered by the catastrophe called Katrina.

Green will be guiding 10 NHS members during a Feb. 15-20 trip to his hometown of Donaldsonville, LA, a town ravaged by flooding from Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and still rebuilding today.

Seated with NHS community service coordinators Seana Peterson and Blair Read, Green gave the School Committee some first person testimony on the needs of the Gulf Coast region and his own town, on the banks of the Mississippi River. Peterson said the NHS's goal is to "establish a lasting cycle of community service" in the area.

School board members praised the work Green is doing for people in need through his Jarvis Green Foundation (www.jarvisgreen.com) and commended the NHS's ongoing fundraising efforts and the planned work mission.

"High fives to the National Honor Society and to (principal) Jeff Theodoss, who's been pushing service," board member Kate Kominsky said.

School superintendent Chris Martes, who has visited some of the hardest-hit sections of Louisiana, said the recovery will go on for many years. He said the work trip and the NHS fund drive, which was aided by local businesswoman Mrs. Patti Martin, who was also present, will put a Foxborough stamp on some of the homes people will, in time, return to.

Board member Larry Harrington, whose church group volunteers on the Gulf Coast, said the Foxboro students' reward will be the memories they will form.

"You are a tribute to the New England Patriots and to your community and family," Harrington told Green, who will be seeing to the students' lodging, meals and safety.

The initiative by Green and the NHS drew a Channel 4 camera crew and sportscaster to Monday's school board meeting.



Thank you from the National Honor Society



The Foxborough National Honor society would like to thank everyone who attended their recent fundraiser on January 19th at Tastings Wine Bar and Bistro at Patriot's Place. The event was a huge success. Also, thank you to everyone who has mailed in contributions. Your donations, as well as the financial support given by Patriot Jarvis Green and his foundation, have been a huge help.

As many of you know, ten of the senior National Honor Society members will be traveling to Donaldsonville, Louisiana over February vacation to help with Hurricane Katrina relief work. They will be assisting several local families in the rebuilding of their homes. Hurricane Katrina had a devastating effect on the Gulf Coast, one that is not yet solved. The actions of these ten students will help repair the community of Donaldsonville.

Thank you again for your support. Please look to future Foxworthy reports for a post-trip update! If you would like to make a donation to the NHS and the causes they support, you may mail a check, made out to the Foxborough National Honor Society, or a Walmart gift card to:

**Foxborough National Honor Society
c/o Ms. Caitlin Annicelli and Ms. Kelly
Shaughnessy,
120 South Street, Foxborough, MA, 02035**

For more information regarding the Jarvis Green Foundation, visit: www.jarvisgreen.com



Guidance News

From Department Head – Ms. Laureen White

2009 MCAS TESTING DATES

March 2	ELA Retest	Long Composition
March 3	ELA Retest	Sessions 1 & 2
March 4	ELA Retest	Session 3
March 5	Math Retest	Session 1
March 6	Math Retest	Session 2
March 31	ELA Grade 10	Long Composition
April 1	ELA Grade 10	Sessions 1 & 2
April 2	ELA Grade 10	Session 3
April 7	ELA Make-up	Long Composition
May 19	Math Grade 10	Session 1
May 20	Math Grade 10	Session 2
May 21 **	US History Gr. 11	Sessions 1 & 2
May 21	US History Gr. 11	Sessions 1 & 2
June 4	Biology Grades 9,10,11 Chemistry Grade 10	Session 1
June 5	Biology Grades. 9,10,11 Chemistry Gr. 10	Session 2

** Tentative Date

GUIDANCE PRESENTATION

Norfolk District Attorney's Community Outreach Unit came to Foxborough High School last month to speak with several of our students in the Communications class regarding Media Violence. This was an interactive presentation designed to investigate whether or not there is a direct correlation between young people who watch and/or participate in media violence and those who commit violent or anti-social crimes. The presentation utilized fun and insightful interactive activities that allowed full class participation, statistics and research, You Tube clips, all in an effort to help each individual student better understand the possible effects of Media Violence.

ACT Exam

Foxborough High School is planning on hosting the ACT exam this April.

Exam Date: April 4, 2009
Registration Deadline: February 27, 2009
 Visit www.act.org for more information

SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

February 9th

Guidance staff will be going into the 11th grade English classes to discuss the programs of studies and the scheduling process.

Also on February 9th – Monday

Homeroom will pass out Recommendation/request Verification Sheets to all students in grade 9-11. This sheet needs to be completed by student/parent and teacher by February 13th.

February 11th - Program of Studies Night

Presentation by Principal Jeff Theodoss from 6:30p.m. -8:30p.m. in the High School auditorium. Guidance will meet with parents and students in designated classrooms to meet parents and discuss individual questions and concerns.

February 23th through March 6th

The guidance staff will be calling down to guidance every student in grade 9-11 to schedule the student into the computer.

March 16th

Run class requests with student's first choices.

Guidance Office - 508-543-1620

Ms. Laureen White – Dept. Head
 Ms. Erin Healy-Botelho - Counselor
 Mr. Mark Cedorchuk- Counselor
 Mr. Andy Servideo- Counselor
 Mr. Joe O'Neil – College Admission Advisor

The Drama Club Presents:

Annie

Performance Dates:

Friday, March 20th – 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 21st – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, March 22nd – 7:00 p.m.

Please visit the Drama Club website or contact Ms. Wasilewski at:
wasilewskis@foxborough.k12.ma.us

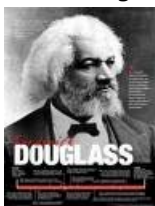
"The sun will come out tomorrow..."

Foxborough Students Attend Lecture at Massachusetts Historical Society



By Social Studies Teacher, Mrs. Marla Lonergan

On a snowy February 3rd evening, six Foxborough juniors attended a lecture at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, accompanied by their history teacher, Mrs. Marla Lonergan. The title of the lecture was "*Giants -The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln*," and was given by Harvard Literature Professor John Stauffer. Students attending the lecture were: Ashley Conger, Chris Kelm, Paige Lorenz, MacKenzie Mann, Brian McGillicuddy, and Nisha Shah. Before the lecture, students viewed artifacts from the Lincoln and Douglass era, including plaster casts of Lincoln's face and hands, a Gettysburg Address medal, and a photograph of Lincoln giving his Second Inaugural Address in 1864.



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FEBRUARY 2009

Feb. 9th	School Committee – 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 10th	Coffee with the Principal - 10:00 a.m. Report Cards Distributed
Feb. 11th	Program of Studies Night - 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 12th	School Council – 3:00 p.m. 8th Grade Concert at FHS - 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14th	Happy Valentine's Day
Feb. 16th	Holiday – No School Spanish Exchange Students Leave
Feb. 16-20	February Vacation
Feb. 23rd	School Committee – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 24th	Romeo & Juliet - 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 26th	Talent Show- Student Council – 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 2009

March 2nd	MCAS - ELA Retests
March 3rd	MCAS - ELA Retests
March 4th	MCAS - ELA Retests
March 5th	MCAS - Math Retests
March 6th	MCAS - Math Retests
March 9th	School Committee Meeting -7:00 p.m.
March 13th	Staff / Students Basketball Game @ FHS
March 14th	SAT's (Not at FHS)
March 19th	College Admissions Night - 7:00 p.m.
March 20th	Drama Production - Annie
March 21st	Drama Production - Annie
March 22nd	Drama Production - Annie
March 23rd	School Committee - 7:00 p.m.
March 24th	Band - O - Rama - 7:00 p.m.
March 26th	Massachusetts All-State Festival - FMA
March 27th	Massachusetts All-State Festival - FMA
March 28th	Massachusetts All-State Festival - FMA
March 28th	Semi-Formal Dance- Cafeteria-7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
March 31st	MCAS - Long Composition Testing (ELA)

(* Note: These meeting dates may change. Please call the high school or check our web page to confirm if a meeting has been cancelled.)

Foxboro Jazz Ensemble Plays it Cool amid the Heat of History

Published: Thursday, January 22, 2009

Foxboro Reporter – Story by: Story by Frank Mortimer

Note: This article has been condensed. For the full article, please refer to the Jan. 22nd edition of the Foxboro Reporter.



The Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble, led by music director Stephen C. Massey, performs Duke Ellington's "Perdido" during the "Celebration of America" concert Monday night at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. At left, jazz legend Dave Brubeck, 88, shares the piano with FHS student Schuyler Milender. (Photo by Andres Navedo)

Eric Kenseth, a drummer in the Foxboro High School Jazz Ensemble who is preparing for a career as professional musician, reached one peak musical moment.

As the Foxboro senior sees it, the performance by 23 Foxboro school musicians at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Monday, on the eve of the presidential inauguration, just sparkled. It sparkled because the young musicians were taught to ignore the glitter, and treat the event like any other home or away musical experience.

"During the sound check, Mr. Massey said 'Just listen, you don't have to overblow,'" Kenseth said, referring to Foxboro music director Stephen C. Massey. "He'd say that if we were playing at our high school -- just listen." This was no auditorium gig in the land of blue and gold, however. The FHS Jazz Ensemble had been invited to celebrate Barack Obama's inauguration and Martin Luther King Jr. Day by renowned trumpeter and composer Wynton Marsalis.

Marsalis is artistic director at Jazz at Lincoln Center, which co-sponsored the "Celebration of America" concert in Washington, D.C. About 1,000 people made up the invitation-only audience, as the Foxboro ensemble performed a Duke Ellington piece, "Perdido."

During the performance, FHS senior Schuyler Milender found herself trading turns at the piano with composer Dave Brubeck, at 88 a legend in the music world. Joining the ensemble on stage were young professional saxophonists Francesco Cafiso and Grace Kelly.

The Foxboro group started the trip on Sunday, Jan. 18th and returned Tuesday, Jan. 20th, but only after spending a couple of hours near the Washington Monument, breathing in the atmosphere of a million eyewitnesses to history.

"I think it was really important for us to be there on Inauguration Day, seeing these crowds of people of all different backgrounds and ethnicity, especially after playing that concert," Milender said. "Our experience that day kind of mirrored what had Wynton's message been the night before. He was trying to show that jazz musicians of different ages and backgrounds can come together and play jazz, just like at the inaugural all these people can come together and celebrate a new time for the country."

Unable to see much beside the crowds and nervous about getting split up, the Foxboro group got back on their bus and made their way to a Chili's restaurant, where they watched the inaugural on television before heading home.

Chaperoning the trip were Mr. Massey, his wife Barbara Massey, music teacher George Murphy and another adult.

Paquito D'Rivera, a noted jazz clarinetist who was born in Cuba, stopped by and took a solo during the jam session. Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a member of the Rockefeller Foundation, the other co-sponsor, came in and just listened.

With no seats available in the audience, the Foxboro ensemble, after playing, watched the rest of the show on a screen in another room in the Kennedy Center. When the group returned to the Westin Hotel in Alexandria, VA after the concert, Massey offered a word of praise. "I think you're going to remember that performance," Kenseth recalled the teacher saying. "I think we swung pretty hard."

Foxboro's band earned the invitation as the most frequent finalist, over the past 15 years, in the center's Essentially Ellington Competition and Festival in New York. The ensemble is set to record a series of Ellington pieces to be anonymously submitted for the next Essentially Ellington competition.

Other members of the Foxboro ensemble who took the historic trip were: Seniors Maria Navedo, Codi McNeff, Griffin Vacheron, Julia DiCanzio, Corey Field, Seana Peterson, Marissa Lattanzio and Joe Walsh; juniors Sophie Kass, Rachel Fuller, Chris Kelm, Matt Muirhead, Christian Lyman, Allana Connell, Jeremy Thayer, Rob Mortenson and Ian Ayers; sophomores Brendan Thomas and Tyler Appel; freshmen Cooper Vacheron and Connor Schultze.

Visit the FPS Music Department website for upcoming performances!

All Night Senior Party – 2009



Sun., June 7th, 2009 - 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

The All-Night Senior Party Committee is looking for the following items. These items **will be returned after the event.**

Large Basket -Height of 40 gallon barrel (but wider)

Small patio table w/umbrellas & chairs

Sturdy free-standing flagpole stand

10' or 12' carpet tubes

6 - 7 easels

Plastic kiddie's pool

Pass to Rhode Island Recycling Center

(to borrow for the day)

Model airplane - 6 feet or larger

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We are still in need of volunteers in many committees including, decorating, fund raising, food, etc. Please join us in coordinating this wonderful event.

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The next two meetings in preparation for the All Night Party 2009 - will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the PAVE kitchen (across from guidance) on Thursday, February 12th, Thursday, March 12th.

The Decorating Committee will meet on Monday, February 9th, Monday, February 23rd, and Monday, March 9th. These meetings will take place in room 134 (Art room).



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

Attention Senior Parents Help your senior "REMEMBER WHEN"



We are starting to collect pictures for a 'Remember When' Wall for the seniors to enjoy during their Senior All Night Party on the evening of graduation (June 7th).

Photo Guidelines "Remember When" Wall:

- Wallet sized through 4" X 6" prints preferred
- Pictures taken in Foxboro please, at home, friend's houses, sports fields, school, etc.
- Cute, candid, silly individual and group pictures are great, especially those taken pre-school through middle school and those including other graduating seniors.
- Printed pictures only. We cannot accept digital images.
- Pictures **will not** be returned by mail. Your student is welcome to pick up any pictures that you submit at the end of the event (5 AM on June 8th). If your picture is very special to you, please submit a reprint, not the original.

Space is limited but we would love to represent all graduating seniors. If you send more than one picture, available space will determine how many are used.

We already have several school individual and group class pictures as well as others that had been submitted for their 8th grade promotion celebration. We need to have all new submissions by May 20th to start working on wall layout, etc.

Submission Process "Remember When" Wall

- **FHS Office** - Drop pictures off the "Remember When" bin in the main office
- **By Mail** – Mail pictures to: Janet Fisher, 24 Cannon Forge Drive, Foxboro, MA 02035
- **Photo submission deadline – 5/20/09**

Any questions, feel free to contact us:
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