



“The Foxworthy”

Winter 2014



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*From the Principal
Mrs. Diana Myers-Pachla*

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Our 2014 school and district report cards are now available from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The updated school and district report cards, which also include a two-page overview, are attached under the parent section on each school's web site and the district web site. To access and view the overview and full multi-page versions of the district and school report cards, please go directly to: <http://www.foxborough.k12.ma.us>.

If you are unable to access the digital version and would like to request a hard copy, please contact the school office at 508-543-1616.



New Attendance Policies Effective Semester II January 26, 2015

Learning needs to be valued as an ongoing process that requires the daily interaction of students with their teachers and peers. Absence from class affects this learning process. While a student may make up the paperwork missed, the student can rarely duplicate the learning experiences lost by that day's absence.

Absence from class for any reason is academically detrimental to students. Since education is a cooperative effort and students gain knowledge from their interactive discussion with one another, their absences also hinder the class. ***[This paragraph represents current language. All information to follow this paragraph represents proposed clarification and changes to FHS attendance procedures.]***

Should a parent choose to keep a student out of school for reasons other than illness or unique circumstances, teachers may choose not to prepare lessons prior to the student's departure but rather give the missed work to the student after their return. If student needs assistance after returning, as always, teachers are available after school for extra help (not

individual tutoring). It will be the responsibility of the student and the parent to identify work that may be missed. While teachers will provide the normal range of assistance, it is the student's responsibility for making up that work.

Student's Responsibilities

It is each student's responsibility to be aware of his/her attendance status in class, to make responsible decisions about attending all classes on a regular basis, and to miss no more than five (5) classes during a quarter. The student should monitor his/her own attendance and speak with his/her teachers if he/she has any questions about attendance records. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and make-up class work missed due to absences. Class cuts will count as two unexcused absences.

Excused Absences

The following absences are considered excused and do not count towards the maximum five (5) allowed absences, however some absences require documentation that must be provided within five school days and missed work must be made up. Work missed due to absence must be made up within a time frame equal to the student's absence(s). Examples include:

- Religious Holidays
- Mandatory court visits - Court documents is required.
- Testing (Special education, etc.)
- Field Trips/School-sponsored-events
- Extended illness (4 or more consecutive) - Doctor/Nurse practitioner note is required.
- Family funeral/emergencies - Parent note required
- Health professional visits - Doctor/Nurse practitioner note is required.

Consequences of Exceeding the Absence Limit

If a student exceeds five unexcused absences in a term, the student will receive an N grade in that particular course. An “N” reflects an academic grade of 59% due to a lack of attendance. Students who receive an “N” for any term, (except term 4), will be given the opportunity to replace the “N” with his/her earned grade. The policy and procedures are detailed below.

Semester Courses

A student with six (6) or more unexcused absences in the first quarter of a semester course (half year) will receive an **"N"** for a grade. As a result, the original grade earned (60% or higher) is replaced with a 59%. The comment of **"Failure due to attendance"** will be noted on the student's report card. Grades earned below 59% will not be replaced with an **"N"** but will be recorded according to what the student has earned.

Grade Buyback

A student who earns an **"N"** in the first quarter can pass a semester course if he/she meets the attendance expectations in the following quarter and has no discipline concerns. If the student meets the discipline and attendance expectations in the following quarter, his/her grade of **"N"** (59) will be replaced by the original grade earned by the student. Both earned grades are then calculated to determine a final grade. If a student does not meet the attendance expectation in the second quarter, the grade of **"N"** (59) is not replaced and is used to determine a final grade for the course.

Full-year Courses

A student with six (6) unexcused absences in a single quarter of year-long course will receive an **"N"** for a grade. As a result, the original grade earned (60% or higher) is replaced with a 59%. The comment of **"Failure due to attendance"** will be noted on the student's report card. Grades earned below 59% will not be replaced with an **"N"** but will be recorded according to what the student has earned.

Grade Buyback

A student who earns an **"N"** for a single quarter in a year-long course can pass for the quarter if he/she meets the discipline and attendance expectations in the following quarter. The N is then replaced by the original grade earned by the student and used when calculating the final grade for the course.

Seniors

Seniors who have five (5) or more undocumented excused/unexcused absences during term four (4) in a given subject will receive a 59% for that quarter even if the their earned grade is 60% or higher. The comment **"Failure due to attendance"** will be noted on the report card.

On behalf of the administration and staff at Foxborough High School, I would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Ms. Diana Myers-Pachla



News from Mr. McCabe's Business Class



On November 14, 2014, six seniors from Mr. McCabe's Accounting I and Accounting II classes attended the MSCPA's "Is Accounting for Me" Student Conference at Bentley University. Students heard from a panel of CPA's from a variety of businesses as to what their typical day is like, how they got into the field and what advice would they give current high school students who may be interested in the field of accounting. They also got the opportunity to experience a hand on accounting activity in one of the many computer labs on the Bentley campus. The day ended with another panel session which included current college students talking about their experience of what it is like to be an accounting major. This was followed by a networking lunch with professional CPA's, Bentley professors and college students. In Attendance were Trevon Lavaud, Morgan Ames, Mary Beth Sweeney, Nick Luciano, Frank Napoli and Dan Brickell.



E-mail -List Server -Signups



If you are interested in receiving more up-to-date information please sign up on our school's e-mail list server. Go to the main page, click on Foxborough High School and on the left side under the heading **"More Information"** you will find a link entitled FHS e-mail list. Follow the directions and once you have signed up you will be able to receive timely school information on dates such as upcoming SAT's, school events, or information that may not be available on the most recent version of the Foxworthy. Don't miss out on school updates and exciting events that are happening at the school!

Winter Break Schedule - No School

December 24, 2014 – January 2, 2015
School resumes on January 5, 2015

Guidance News

Department Head...Ms. Laureen White

Foxborough High School would like to recognize a group of students that achieved a perfect score on standardized testing. This accomplishment is an outstanding achievement and honor to be among a short list of students throughout the state and country.

On the SAT tests:

Taha Baig achieved a perfect score of 800 on the Math 2 SAT subject test.

Varun Nambikrishnan achieved a perfect score of 800 on the Writing portion of the SAT test.

Devan Tierney achieved a perfect score of 800 on the Chemistry subject test.

On the State MCAS test:

Taha Baig achieved a perfect score of 280 on the MCAS Math test.

Carolynn Will achieved a perfect score of 280 on the MCAS Math test

Alexandra Nelson achieved a perfect score of 280 on the MCAS Biology test.

Sean Smally achieved a perfect score of 280 on the MCAS Biology test.

Foxborough High School and the Foxborough community would like to congratulate these students for a truly outstanding achievement.



STUDENTS WHO MET REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE 2015 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The principal, Ms. Diana Myers-Pachla would like to congratulate the following students who met the requirement to enter the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. The scholastically talented seniors are: **Daniel Brickell, Micah Gygi, Thomas Herlihy, Hannah Hicks, Varun Nambikrishnan, Grace O'Connell and Erika Snow.**

With a Selection Index score of 201 or above, each of these students is among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million program entrants. Of these 50,000 students, about 16,000 will be named national Merit Program Semifinalists, representing the top scorers in each state, and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. Foxborough High School is proud to announce that **Varun Nambikrishnan** is a Semifinalist. Semifinalist will be the only students who will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for about 8,300 National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2015.

"The young men and women named have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."



COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Hopefully done!!!

SEPTEMBER

- Create a list of 4-8 colleges.
- Create a master list or calendar with application fees and deadlines, test dates, and your school's application processing deadlines.
- Meet with your counselor, and download college applications and financial aid forms.
- Plan visits to these colleges.
- Talk to your counselor to see if you are eligible to receive fee waivers for applications and tests.
- Register for a college entrance exam, such as the ACT and SAT.

OCTOBER

- Finalize your college choices.
- Prepare early decision, early action, or rolling admission applications.
- Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE if it is required by any of your selected colleges.
- Register for any tests that are required or recommended by the colleges on your list; ACT, SAT or SAT Subject Tests.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

NOVEMBER

- Be sure not to miss early decision application deadlines, many of which are in November.
- Complete your application essays. Be sure to proofread them for mistakes.
- Follow your school's procedure or ask your counselor and have transcripts sent to the colleges.
- Give your counselor the proper forms at least two weeks before colleges require them.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

Need to be working on!

DECEMBER

- Go to www.pin.ed.gov and get PINs for the FAFSA for both yourself and your parents.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- Submit your FAFSA.
- Encourage your parents or guardians to file income tax returns early. Some colleges want copies of your family's returns before finalizing financial aid offers.
- Take any necessary tests and have your score reports sent to colleges.

MARCH & APRIL

- Stay active in school. If you are wait-listed, the college will want to know what you have accomplished since you applied.
- Expect to receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- If you haven't visited the college you've decided to attend, do so before accepting.
- Tell your counselor which college you'll be attending.
- If you have questions about housing, talk to your counselor or call the college.
- Prepare for any Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams you plan to take.

MAY & JUNE

- Inform all colleges to which you applied of your admission and financial aid decisions by May 1.
- Send a deposit to only one college.
- Work with your counselor to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- Ask your high school to send your final transcript to your chosen college.
- Take AP Exams that may earn you advanced placement, college credit, or both.

**JOHN AND ABIGAIL ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP**

Foxborough High School is proud to announce that sixty-two of our seniors have qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship based on their performance on the spring 2013 grade 10 MCAS tests. These students scored in the advanced category in either Mathematics or the English Language Arts section of the grade 10 tests and scored in the Proficient or Advanced category on the second subject (Mathematics or English Language Arts). These students combined MCAS score on these assessments have ranked them in the top 25% at Foxborough Public School. The purpose of the Adams Scholarship are to reward and inspire student achievement, help attract more high-performing students to Massachusetts public higher education, and provide families of college-bound students with financial assistance.

The Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for four years of undergraduate education at the University of Massachusetts, the seven state colleges, or fifteen community colleges. Students who receive this Scholarship must complete their college studies in four years or less and maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The waiver does not cover fees, books, or other expenses.

Congratulations to the following Foxborough High School seniors who have qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship this year:

Britny Andersen, Ana Bachrach, Lauren Basler, Olivia Behenna, Ariana Bernard, Hunter Bissonnette, Brian Bortolotti, Emily Boudreau, Daniel Brickell, Balazs Busznyak, Jenna Cherry, Joseph Civitarese, William Clark, Bailey Collins, Craig Decker, Brian Devellis, Carolyn Dorr, Christine Dundon, Patrick Elias, Megan Ennis, Youssef Fahmy, Joseph Frank, Galley, Micaela Maura Geoghegan, Auston George, Meredith Gilreath-Chaisson, Derek Gilreath-Chaisson, Micah Gygi, Thomas Herlihy, Hannah Hicks, Jacob Holdcraft, Erin Hussey, Matthew Klaver, Nicholas Luciano, Harrison Madden, Christopher Marshall, Emily Maynard, Robert McCormack, Morgan Milender, Varun Nambikrishnan, Frank Napoli, Ashley Nistendirk, Siobhain Nolan, Grace O'Connell, Timothy O'Toole, Shivam Patel, Jenna Pelick, Erin Putnam, Kevin Raggiani, Thomas Rogers, Alexandra Schwartz, Cameron Seeley, Kayla Sepe, Nicholas Shilcusk, Molly Slyman, Erika Snow, Megan Spinney, Matthew Stamatov, Robbin Storrer, Devan Tierney, Carolina Velasquez and Weston Young

**FHS All Night Graduation Party**

The All Night Graduation Party is held each year on graduation night for all of Foxborough's graduating seniors. As always, we need lots of parents and especially younger parents to join our ranks and to keep the party going.

If you would like to help or just to find out more, please come to our January 12th meeting in the FHS Media Center. If you need any further information, please contact Ms. Laurie Bubencik at 543-0528 or email her at fhsangp@gmail.com.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

..... Mrs. Sheri (Turcotte) Polseno

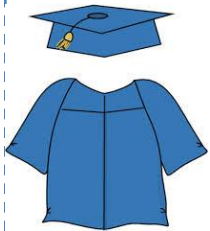


Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Art Department is running a new course this year, Digital Photography. Throughout the last month I've notice that many of our students did not have access to digital cameras for homework assignments. Presently we only have a few digital cameras for the students to use at the school. Ideally I would love to have 22 working digital cameras, so each student could be assigned a camera to use and take home for the semester. As of now the students are using their phones to take their reference photos, but the quality of the photos are suffering. If you have a digital camera that you are no longer using I would be happy to take it off your hands and use it in my classroom. If you are able to donate, please drop the camera off in the main office at FHS. I truly appreciate all of your help, and am excited to expand and grow our course for all the aspiring young photographers.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

Mrs. Sheri Polseno
Foxborough High School Art Department



*All seniors were given information
for his/her cap and gowns.
Payment is due on January 16, 2015.*

*Cap & Gown / Photograph
Due: January 16, 2015*

Student's Name: _____

Cap and Gown \$ 25.00

Graduation Picture: _____ Yes _____ No \$ 8.00
(Optional)

Total: \$ 25.00 (cap and gown only)
\$ 33.00 (cap and gown and picture)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Foxborough High School
In comments please write: Cap & Gown 2015
Please return to Mrs. Sneyd in the main office. Thank you

February Vacation - 2015

Trip to London- Proposed Itinerary

Friday, Feb 13

- Depart for London- overnight flight (BOS – LHR)

Saturday, Feb 14

- Arrive in London
- Take a walking tour of London (Trafalgar Square, Leicester Square, The Strand)
- Hotel check-in / Dinner / Orientation

Sunday, Feb 15

- Guided tour of London
 - Big Ben and Parliament
 - Piccadilly Circus
 - St Paul's Cathedral
 - Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace
- Take a guided tour of Windsor Castle
 - St. George's Chapel / State Apartments
- Attend a theatre performance in the West End

Monday, Feb 16

- Possible excursion to Stonehenge/Bath
- Shakespeare walking tour
- Escorted shopping/sightseeing (Harrods, Oxford St., Covent Garden, Charing Cross, etc.)

Tuesday, Feb 17

- Visit the Tower of London
- Thames River cruise to Greenwich / Visit the Royal Observatory

Wednesday, Feb 18

- Possible excursion to Oxford College/Stratford / Birthplace of Shakespeare

Thursday, Feb 19

- Depart for home (LHR – BOS)

Accommodations:

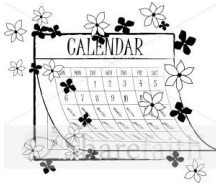
- Currently TBD
- Previous hotel accommodations have included:
 - Quality Hotel Wembley
 - Premier Inn Wembley
 - Huttons Hotel Victoria
 - The Britannia International Hotel

FHS Students:

Anthony Beretta	Stephen Donaghey
Joseph Cannata	James Donoghue
Danielle Conlon	Katherine Keller
Jordan Cummings	Ana Noriega-Cota
Olivia Davis	Lauren Sampson
Rachel Dindy	Nicholas Sugrue

Scheduled Chaperones:

- Shannon Wasilewski
- Denise McNamara



Mark your calendar.....

Dec. 9	Athletics Sports Night – 7PM
Dec. 10	Concert – Australian Students from the Hale School – 7PM
Dec. 11	Small Group Guidance Meeting - 6:30 PM Holiday Concert – 7PM
Dec. 15	School Committee – 7PM
Dec. 16	Coffee with the Principal – 9AM
Dec. 17	Holiday Concert – Blocks II and III
Dec. 19	Hall Decorating at FHS
Dec. 24 - Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Resumes
Jan. 7	Senior Scholarship Assembly – 1:15PM Spanish / French / ASL National Honors Society Induction – 7PM
Jan. 9	Warrior Huddle Senior Project Consent Letter Due
Jan. 10 -11	S.E. Senior Festival
Jan. 19	No School - Holiday
Jan. 20	Mid-Terms begin – Full day of school
Jan. 21 - 23	Mid-Terms – Early dismissal at 11:00 AM Term II Ends Concert – 7PM
Jan. 26	Term II Starts – (Semester II)
Jan. 27	NAEP Testing
Jan. 29	MCAS Biology Bootcamp 12PM-3PM Winterfest Concert – 7PM
Jan. 30	Professional Development Day – No School Student Council – Winter Dance – 7PM
Please Note: This schedule may change. Please check our website for an up-to-date listing of events at www.foxborough.k12.ma.us	

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Please remember to contact the attendance line if your student is going to be absent or tardy. This will prevent a phone call home.

The attendance line phone number is 508-543-1626.

Thank you,

AP History students donate Teddy Bears to Foxboro Fire and Police Officers

Story published in the Foxboro Reporter – December 4, 2014



Members of the Foxboro High School AP U.S. History class show some the Teddy bears they purchased to be given by police and firefighters to children in distress.

Wishing to help children in need, junior AP US History students at Foxboro High School recently decided to raise money to purchase teddy bears.

To coincide with President Teddy Roosevelt's birthday, the classes set up donation tables in the school cafeteria, raising a total of about \$315, with almost 60 contributors.

The classes plan to buy as many teddy bears as possible with the proceeds, which will then be donated to the Foxboro Fire Department and the Foxboro Police Department.

The stuffed animals will be given out to children in distress, and will be an invaluable way for these children to find comfort in a difficult time.

