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## Principal's Press

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the halfway point of the school year. With the holidays upon us, we at Fairfield High School wish you and your family joy and peace!

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments and our blessings! Please help us celebrate a few of our students, groups, and organizations that went above and beyond this first half of the school year.

- Congratulations to the Fairfield High School Marching Band! They performed at OMEA State Finals and earned a Superior rating (the highest possible) from EVERY JUDGE in EVERY CATEGORY!
- Congratulations to the FHS Drama Department for their performance in the One Act Festival.
- Congratulations to Kennedy Ostendorf, on being named Volleyball GMC Player of the Year!
- Congratulations to Nihar Patel for being nominated to the CADCA National Mental Health Awareness Committee.
   Nihar will get the opportunity to head to Washington D.C.
   with a handful of high school students to speak to Congress about mental health awareness.
- Congratulations to the 31 students that were inducted into the National Honors Society.
  - Hilda Appiah, Esther Owusu Banahene, Hannah Bays, Allison Bryant, Rithy Chhay, Metachi Ezeanyika, Marc Dylan Falcon, Mia Hamilton, Aubrey Hussel, Ella Guidugli, Alex Jacobs, Laila Jarrett, Allison Kane, Kyndle Ledbetter, Natalie Lusk, Hannah Malamisuro, Makenna Martin, Connor McCollum, Luke Minnick, Jack Roger "Blake" Noe, Carson Pennington, Dylan Peters, Kiara Radler, Lilly Scheidt, Jeffrey Sharpshair, Jeffrey Skinner, Precious Sulola, Brandon Valenzuela, Uche Uwaezuoke, Mariah Williams, and Jayla Williams

• This fall we recognized six students for being named College

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The Mission of Fairfield High School, working in collaboration with the home and community, is to instill in all students the desire and skills for academic, character, and social development. This is provided in a safe and nurturing environment that is respectful of each student's learning style, potential, and cultural diversity in order to cultivate responsible and productive citizens for the future.

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Board National Recognition awardees. Program Portia Owusu-Ansah, Hadi Dabdoub, Marc Dylan Falcon, Shannon McDaniel, Kaeley Ohmit, and Rylan Palmer have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, First-Generation College Student, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

- We have recognized two students for being named National Merit Commended Scholars. Carson Gagen and Dharma Patel have tested in the top 2.1 % of approximately 1.6 million students who participated in the 2023 PSAT.
- We are excited to recognize two FHS Seniors who scored in the top 1% of the 1.7 million students who took the 2023 PSAT to be National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. These students are Hadi Dabdoub and Garrett Von Gostomski.

We have so much as a school, district, and community to be proud of!

Thank you and Take Care! Ryan Bellamy



Scholarship opportunities will continue to be made available to seniors through the rest of the school year. Seniors are reminded to consistently check their SchooLinks account for the latest scholarship offerings. Scholarship opportunities are posted in SchooLinks as they are received and can be found under the "Financing ---> Scholarship Matching" tab.

If a senior has been offered a scholarship to any college or university, please bring a hard copy of the award letter(s) to their school counselor, even if the student chooses to not attend that college or university. We will recognize students for their award(s) in the FHS Graduation Program.

\*Only hard copies of award letters will be accepted; emailed copies will not be accepted. If you need help printing your award letter – please see your school counselor\*



## FHS FAFSA DAY

FHS will be hosting a FREE FAFSA Day – open to all seniors and their families. FAFSA Day will be on January 22nd from 8a – 1p and 2p – 6pm. FAFSA experts will be available to help students and families complete the FAFSA application. Anyone who plans to attend a University or Career/Tech/Trade school are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA application. We hope to see you here for this FREE opportunity!

\*Students AND parents/guardians need to have their FSA ID created in order to attend FAFSA Day. The FSA ID can be obtained by creating your accounts on the FAFSA website. An FSA ID can take between 1-3 days to be created. Please do this well before FAFSA Day to ensure you have it in hand for the event\*

#### SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES DUE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025 Requirements for Senior Pictures:

- Quality: High resolution photos- at least 300 dpi
  - Pose: Headshot photo or waist up- No full body images or selfies!
  - If you are unable to get a picture, your fall picture day photo will be used.
    \*Pictures are subject to be cropped to fit the layout of the yearbook page.
- Pictures are subject to be cropped to t
- Format: Digital jpeg file
- Email Subject Line:
  - Student last name, Student first name 2025 Senior Portrait
- Email sent to:
  - Doris Williams at fhs4memories@gmail.com
  - (\*A confirmation email will be sent within 5 business days.)







## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 2024 - 2025

Welcome to Fairfield High School conference scheduling. FHS uses the online scheduling service PTCFast in order to streamline the process for parents/ guardians. Please see detailed instructions below and to the right for how to register and schedule conferences.

All conferences at FHS are appointment only and held in 15-minute increments with each teacher individually. Please be considerate of the teachers and staffs time; if you feel the need for additional time outside of the standard appointment, please contact your student's teacher or guidance counselor directly to see what arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

2024 – 2025 FHS Conference Dates				
	Day	Date	Time	
Thursday		02/13/25	3:30pm – 7pm	
Sign-up dates for 2/13/25 Begins: Monday 1/13/25 8am Ends: Monday 2/10/25 3pm				

- If you would like to schedule a conference for a date outside of what is listed, please contact the teacher directly.
- Sign-up dates are per conference and subject to change; all dates are specific and time sensitive. Any updates will be available through the website & parent emails. To sign up for FHS parent emails:

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#### PTCFast Scheduling Instructions:

1. https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/ Fairfield\_High\_School

\*\* use this URL only or scan the QR code \*\*



- 2. Select the first teacher that you would like to schedule a conference with. **SUBMIT**
- 3. You will be prompted to enter your student's information and your email address. [SUBMIT]
- 4. You will receive an email with a link to pick the actual conference time. After selecting the time, you may choose to schedule with another teacher and/or select another student. REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES
- 5. After you have scheduled all of your conferences: CONFIRM SELECTIONS AND EXIT
- DO\_NOI sign up with multiple teachers for the same time slot – CONFERENCES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED.
- Appointment requests for the guidance department or administration CAN\_NOI be scheduled through PTCFast; you must contact that office directly.

## 2025-2026 SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year will start at the beginning of February for our current Sophomores and Juniors. Below are important pieces of information to remember for this process:

- Students will meet individually with their School Counselor to go over course selections for next school year.
   Counselors will also review credits and diploma seals.
- The last day to make changes to a student's 2025-2026 schedule is the last day of this school year: May 22, 2025.
  - Changes will not be made after this date.
  - Students should meet with their counselor to make changes.
- To find information on our course offerings for the 2025-2026 school year, the Program of Studies is available with descriptions and requirements for each of our courses. The Program of Studies is available on our website at: https://sites.google. com/fairfieldcityschools.com/ programofstudies/home

## TECH HUB

Parents and students! Looking for some help with your 1:1 technology? Check out the Tech Hub. Tutorials and helps at your fingertips 24/7!

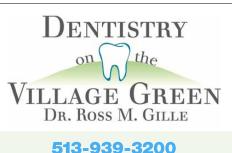
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## 2024 - 2025 PARKING PASSES

Parking Permits for the 24-25 school year are available for purchase using Payschools (www.payschoolscentral.com). **ALL** students driving to FHS (including by not limited to PSEO/CCP students, Flex and CBIP) are **REQUIRED** to purchase a yearly parking permit.

Parking Permit Applications are available for completion through Final Forms (www.fairfield-oh.finalforms.com). Only complete this form for the **STUDENT DRIVING** – please do not complete for siblings riding in the same vehicle and/or if carpooling with another student – if the sibling and/or other student will be driving to school at any time in a separate vehicle, please complete the Parking Application individually for that student. Please make sure that **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION** has also been uploaded into your student's file folder in Final Forms. Parking Permits will not be processed if information/documentation is missing.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Student's Driver's License
- 2. Auto Insurance for vehicle being driven
- 3. Current Vehicle Registration

Students will receive a pass to come to the office when their parking hang tag is ready for pick up.

Any student found parked or parking in a reserved area, outside of the student parking area, or parking without a Permit will automatically have the parking fee (\$55) assessed to their student account and are subject to discipline action, and/or having the car tagged/towed at the owner's expense.

Students called out for early dismissal will be verified as a registered student driver before being released; students identified by the parent/guardian as a driver but do not have a parking permit will have the \$55 parking fee assessed to their student account. Parking fees are a non-waivable school expense.



## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 12TH GRADE (SENIOR YEAR)

The Ohio Department of Health has added meningococcal immunizations to the list of required immunizations for school attendance. Pursuant to sections 3313.67, 3313.671 and 3701.133 of the Ohio Revised Code (1) – students entering the twelfth grade (12th) are REQUIRED to have a meningococcal immunization on or after their sixteenth (16th) birthday. If your student had a meningococcal vaccination prior to their 16th birthday, another dose is required.

Meningococcal	Grade 12
	Two doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W and Y) vaccine. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first does was given on or after the 16th birthday, only one dose is required.

Please check your student's immunization records or with their healthcare provider to find out if the necessary immunization has been obtained. If your student has received the required vaccination, please make sure that the documentation is received by the school nurse by either (a) submitting a copy directly to the school nurse or (b) faxing a copy to the school nurse at 513-942-3288. \*\* Please note, it is the parent/guardian responsibility to ensure that the vaccination has been obtained and proper documentation has been received by the school nurse. FHS staff are not authorized to request this information from medical providers. \*\*

**STUDENTS WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE 12TH GRADE.** "...During and after the school year beginning in 2016, no pupil who is the age or older that the age at which immunization against meningococcal disease is recommended by the state department of health shall be permitted to remain in a school subject to the state board of education's minimum standards for more than fourteen (14) days unless the pupil presents written evidence satisfactory to the person in charge of admission that the pupil has been immunized by a department of health-approved method of immunization or is in the process of being immunized against meningococcal disease." (2).

If you do not have a current physician or health care provider, the following resources may be able to help. Please contact the providers directly for additional information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

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- 1. https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/immunization/media/directors-journal-school-requirements
- 2. https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.671





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#### MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the following FHS students who participated in the Southwest Region Orchestra Festival on November 23/24. The orchestra of nearly 80 selected members was lead Dr. Jackson Leung from Wright State University. Program highlights included the Glinka Overture to Ruslan and Ludmilla and the Walker, Lyric for Strings. Congratulations to (STRINGS) Kallea Willingham, Kyndle Ledbetter, Kaden Theile, Ada Seppala, Kasinda Willingham. (WINDS) Lucas Elmore and Nathan Barkley (Butler Tech)

#### BAND

Congratulations to all those who auditioned for OMEA District XIII Honor Bands!

We are proud of the MANY holiday performances the students gave in December! We are looking forward to performing for all the 5th graders in Fairfield on December 19th and encouraging them to choose music as an elective next year. We also enjoyed performing for our families and



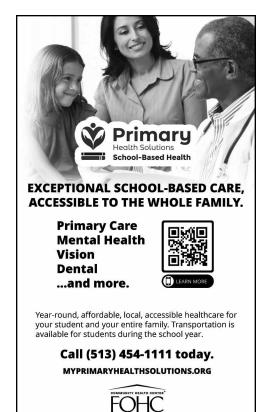
friends in the at our holiday concerts, at the Fairfield Child Development Center, and at Creekside and Crossroads Middle Schools.

The students are eagerly preparing for are looking forward to Solo and Ensemble Festival and Large Group Band Contest.

#### **CHOIR**

The show choirs have been hard at work preparing for competition season and the Choraliers and Pure Elegance will present their competition shows at First Look on January 24th and 25th along with Rhythm Express! The Fairfield show choirs will compete this year at Loveland on February 8th, Medina on February 15th, Ross on February 22nd, South Dearborn on March 1st, and at Marysville on March 9th. They will conclude their competition season by hosting the Crystal Classic on March 15th! Be on the lookout for information on tickets for First Look and visit the Fairfield choirs website at www.fairfieldchoirs.com for a full calendar of performances!









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## THEATRE NEWS

Once again, congratulations to Carson Alexander, Emily Leugers, Abby Martz, Shannon McDaniel and Aaralyn Schulte. The job they did directing their peers and showcasing their talents this past November 9, 2024 at the Student Directed One-Act Festival was remarkable. What a way to get our season started!

Thank you to all those who came out to our winter play / musical auditions. Although the release of the musical cast is not currently available, we need to congratulations our cast of **Radium Girls** (see cast list below). Each of you did very well at your audition and should be proud of your work. We are super excited to see your production. With

that, we welcome Chelsey Cavender, director of **Radium Girls**, to the FHS Drama team – so great to work with you.

**Please note an important calendar change.** Due to a scheduling conflict, the winter play, *Radium Girls*, show dates will now be Wednesday February 5th thru Friday February 7 at 7:00 pm at the Fairfield Freshman School Auditorium. Again, show dates for *Radium Girls* are Wednesday February 5, 2025, Thursday February 6, 2025 and Friday February 7, 2025.

Technical theatre, as always, will continue to create sets, props, lighting and sound throughout the entire semester. Yes, our first focus is on **Radium Girls**, but we will be preparing for the musical and end of the year celebrations from now until April. Tech meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:00 - All are welcome!

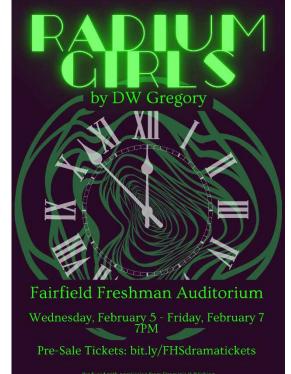
#### **RADIUM GIRLS**

- Written by D.W. Gregory
- Directed by Chelsey Cavender
- Stage Manager Madilyn Rose

#### Cast:

- Grace Fryer: Amy Massie
- Kathryn Schaub: Aaralyn Schulte
- Irene Rudolph: Isabel Rhodus
- Mrs. Alma MacNeil: Alyssa Swaisgood
- Arthur Roeder: Carson Alexander
- Edward Markley: Gunnar Marshall
- Dr. Von Sochocky: Lucas Cardoso
- Tom Kreider: Jayden Thomas
- Mrs. Diane Roeder: Shannon McDaniel
- Harriet Roeder: Kynnedy Eiland

- Mrs. Anna Fryer: Emily Leugers
- Miss Wiley: Teddy Stephens
- Raymond Berry: Aiden Dieffenderfer
- Dr. Cecil Drinker: Tommy Boivin
- Dr. Harrison Martland: Jazper Lidel
- Dr. Marie Curie: Emma Jackson
- Reporter: Charlie Gladish-Effler
- Sob Sister: Liliana Printz
- Society Woman: Jocelyn Moore



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 20, 2024	End of 1st Semester/End of 2nd Quarter
December 23, 2024	Conference Exchange Day (No school)
December 24, 2024	Winter Break Begins (No school)
January 6, 2025	Inservice Day #4 (No Students)
January 7, 2025	School Resumes After Winter Break
January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
February 13, 2025	Parent Conferences
February 17, 2025	Presidents' Day – No School
February 25, 2025	ACT Test
March 12, 2025	End of 3rd Quarter Grades K-12
March 31 – April 4, 2025	Spring Break – No School
April 7, 2025	School Resumes after Spring Break
April 12, 2025	Prom!
April 18, 2025	Spring Weekend – No School
May 16, 2025	Last Day for Seniors
May 21, 2025	Last Day for all students PK-11
May 24, 2025	Graduation, Cintas Center, Xavier Univ. 9:00 am

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