

BENGAL BULLETIN

FUQUAY VARINA HIGH SCHOOL



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From the Desk of Principal McFarland:

Service Project at Fuquay-Varina High School



"Hard-working"; "respectful of others and their environment"; "serious about community service"; "well-behaved"; "cooperative"; "fun"; and a "true pleasure to be around"... were just a few of the compliments I received about our students who have been working on a school-community based project with Wake Enterprises, Inc. in Fuquay-Varina.

Wake Enterprises provides adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to achieve their highest level of independence through vocational training and by partnering

with neighborhood businesses. Wake Enterprises was looking to create a nature trail at the Fuquay-Varina facility to be used as part of their horticulture training program. This past summer Aaron Olive, a senior at FVHS, contacted me about working on this project with Wake Enterprises and involving other students and service oriented clubs from our school.

I was excited about the opportunity to work on a community project that would involve many clubs and students from our school. After a recent Saturday workday the Executive Director, Walter Weeks, said he could not have been more impressed by our students and the teacher who led them. Each student listened to instructions and followed them closely. The students worked together to accomplish much more in a half-day of hard work than he had anticipated. Aaron Olive and Mr. Senzig, who have worked from the beginning on this project, set the tone for the day. They made it obvious to everyone that this was a worthy project and they were serious about seeing it completed. All of the students followed suit and seemed to have fun laughing and talking while constantly working. Later this Spring, students from our Career and Technical Education department will add their expertise building benches, clearing trails, and adding plantings to the outdoor park.

I want to recognize our wonderful clubs and all the students who have participated in the clearing and construction of this outdoor training facility. They have been AWESOME! We have terrific students in our Fuquay-Varina High School family and I am thankful for all of them and their many contributions to our school and the community.

Finally, please note that our school has completed the on-line registration of students for next school year. Throughout the month of February course selections and teacher recommendations were entered into SPAN, our web based registration program. During March students were able to log in and make their individual course selections. Please go to our school website under Student Services to answer all your registration questions. In addition, the Spring Semester is full of student activities like awards ceremonies, Prom festivities, and graduation. Remember to check our school website daily to keep informed about the most recent news and updates from Fuquay-Varina High School. Have a great Spring Semester!

Edward S. McFarland
Principal

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This is the last issue of the Bengal Bulletin for the 2009-10 school year. The newsletter is available online at the FVHS website <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>



FVHS PTSA News

A Message from our PTSA President...

It is hard to believe that April has arrived. It seems like just yesterday that the students were arriving on campus kicking off this 2009-2010 school year. Your PTSA has been hard at work behind the scenes at FVHS on your behalf ensuring that our goal to provide every student with the best education possible is realized. Our membership has been supportive through the many changes. **THANK YOU!**

This year your PTSA has funded classroom enhancements, student scholarships, Teacher Grants, enriching the student body learning environment, and a Senior Scholarship to be awarded in May. **Your funds support FVHS in many areas!**

Our final quarter is loaded with so many activities! Visit the **FVHS Website** <http://fvhs.wcpss.net> for up to date postings and a wealth of information about FVHS programs.

Mark your calendars! The FVHS PTSA will hold the first ever **Bengal ROCK-N-SHOP** on **April 10th**, from **11 AM to 3 PM**. Admission (\$5) will provide you the chance to shop with many local vendors and hear the sounds of local bands, many featuring students from our school. For an additional \$5, you may purchase a raffle ticket for the chance to win **\$500**. The best part is you get the chance to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the lives of **FVHS Students and Faculty!** This event is open to the community at large so please invite your friends, families, and neighbors to attend. Please check the school website and The Independent (Fuquay Varina's Newspaper) for more details. We can't wait to see you!

Quite often, it seems the only comments you hear about high schools are they do not desire parent involvement. In my 6 years as a parent of FVHS students, I have found the exact opposite to be the case. I encourage you to get involved at any level that you feel appropriate and in whatever manner best suits your ability and life-style. As always we value your input. Our monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month in the Media Center. Please join us! Membership gives you a voice at FVHS! That being said, with the many different activities and time demands on each of you, it is unfair to expect you to commit to another night monthly meeting. We, as a group, promote and support participation in the other fine programs and Booster organizations and do not want you as a parent to be forced to choose between groups to support and make time commitments to. At our monthly meetings, we determine the best way to implement requests we have received from faculty and parents. We do encourage and request your attendance at any meeting but I can assure you that just by making one of the Executive Board members aware of your concern or need will result in discussion and action by your PTSA.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to make a true commitment to your student and their education. It is never too late to get involved! **THANK YOU** all for your support this year! It has been my honor and privilege to serve our FVHS Community these past 6 years and as your President this last year and a half!

On behalf of the FVHS PTSA Board,

Joy Daubenspeck (thedaubenspecks@earthlink.net)(H#557-6209)

FVHS PTSA President

Bengal Rock - N- Shop

Featured local bands:

Drew Questell and The Express

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Saturday, April 10, 2010
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fuquay-Varina High School Gym
Admission only \$5.00

\$500 Cash Raffle

***Grand Prize Raffle Tickets \$5.00
(and other \$5.00 & \$1.00 Raffles)***

***Signed Football Helmet! Redskins Tickets!
Weekend at the Beach! Day Fishing Trip!
Family Athletic Pass!***

FOOD

You do not have to be present to win!

FUN

SHOP with over 25 popular vendors!

Visit our website: www.fvhsptsa.bbnow.org for more info or to make a donation online!

Outstanding Educators

Congratulations to Mrs. Carole Barber

for being named a semi-finalist in Wake County's Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011!

Congratulations to Mr. Randy Senzig

for being named Wake County's Environmental Educator of the Year!

Congratulations to Ms. Julie McGee

for bring named as a semifinalist for the Diane Kent Parker First Year Teacher Award!
She is one of 15 semifinalist chosen from a group of 159 nominees.

Music News FVHS MUSIC NEWS

THREE FVHS STUDENTS EARN SEATS IN ALL-STATE BANDS:

Congratulations to the following students for earning seats in the prestigious North Carolina All-State Honors Band:

Samantha Barnes, 10th Chair flute, 11th-12th grade band

Tarah Cartee, 13th chair clarinet, 11th-12th grade band

Michael McNeill, 9th chair trombone, 9th-10th grade band

Each student earned this honor following a rigorous audition process that pitted them against band students from across the state. Their performance places them among the top 15% of students statewide. They will rehearse for 3 days on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus with nationally-recognized conductors before presenting a concert in Memorial Hall on May 2nd.

FVHS BANDS TO RECEIVE ADJUDICATION AT DISTRICT FESTIVAL

The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble performed at the North Carolina Bandmasters' Central District Music Performance Assessment (MPA) in March. MPA, held this year at Holly Springs High School, is sometimes called the "Band EOG" as each group performs repertoire from a select list and receives critique on their performance and sight-reading ability from a panel of four experienced music educators. Our students were judged on the beauty of their tone, and the quality of technique, intonation, balance and musical sensitivity.

The Wind Ensemble performed at 7:25 PM on Wednesday, March 24th and the Symphonic Band performed at 10:40 AM on Thursday, March 25th.

FVHS BAND MEMBERS TRAVEL TO CHICAGO

42 members of the FVHS bands traveled to Chicago at the end of March for a four-day cultural tour. The band students received instrument masterclasses from graduate students at the renowned Northwestern University School of Music and attended performances by the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Blue Man Group. They also had the opportunity to savor deep-dish pizza, visit the Art Institute of Chicago and see the architectural and historical splendor of the Windy City.

Congratulations to the Chamber Choir

for achieving wonderful scores at the North Carolina Regional Solo and Ensemble Adjudication, held this past Saturday. The following awards were received:

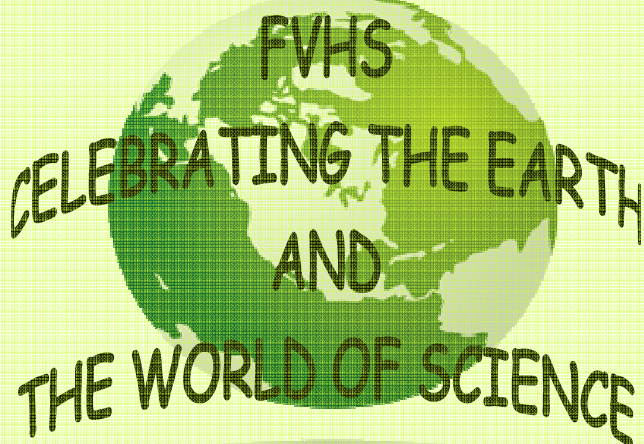
Chamber Ensemble – Superior
Chamber Women's Ensemble – Superior
Chamber Men's Ensemble – Superior
Mixed Ensemble – Excellent.

The following soloists received Superior ratings:

Dana Boccaccio
Landon Digh
Ashley Gurule
Deanna Heinze
Amanda Higgins
Kaleigh Mock

Congratulations to all for their hard work and accomplishments.





FVHS
CELEBRATING THE EARTH
AND
THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

PLACE: FVHS NORTH BUILDING

DATE: APRIL 22, 2010, THURSDAY

TIME: 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

STUDENTS, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND STAFF
 ARE INVITED FOR AN EVENING OF SCIENCE
 IN THE REAL WORLD

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

- OUR STUDENTS WILL BE PRESENTING AND OR DEMONSTRATING SKILLS THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED.
- OTHERS WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR RESEARCH PROJECTS.
- SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND AREA COLLEGES WILL HAVE DISPLAYS AND PRESENTATIONS.
- LOCAL COMPANIES WILL SHARE NEW SCIENCE TECHNOLOGIES
- THE NEW GREEN ECONOMY
- OUR OWN SCIENCE FACULTY WILL MAKE PRESENTATIONS.
- DOCUMENTARIES WILL BE SHOWN.



**9th, 10th, 11th
 Grade Exam
 Schedule
 June 2010**

FRIDAY, MAY 28 (Regular Schedule)
 1st Period Exam Review

MONDAY, MAY 31 (Memorial Day - Holiday)
 School Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 (Early Release)
 7:25a – 10:25a **1st Period Exam**
 10:25a – 10:40a Class Change/Snack
 10:40a – 11:40a 2nd Period Class
 (Exam Review)
 11:50a Buses Depart

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 (Early Release)
 7:25a – 10:25a **2nd Period Exam**
 10:25a – 10:40a Class Change/Snack
 10:40a – 11:40a 3rd Period Class (Exam Review)
 11:50a Buses Depart

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 (Early Release)
 7:25a – 10:25a **3rd Period Exam**
 10:25a – 10:40a Class Change/Snack
 10:40a – 11:40a 4th Period Class
 (Exam Review)
 11:50a Buses Depart

FRIDAY, JUNE 4 (Early Release)
 7:25a – 10:25a **4th Period Exam**
 10:35a Buses Depart

JUNE 7-10 (Make-up Days)
 As now required by state law – all students who score a level 2 must retake their exam before the end of the school year.

FVHS Clubs and Classes Work Together to Help the Community

The **Key Club** is participating with **Mr. Bowden's class, Mr. Starr's class** and the **National Honor Society** to help build a nature trail at Wake Enterprises on Airpark Road. The project is ongoing from March to May. The Key Club and the NHS have cleared and mulched the looped walking trails. Mr. Starr's classes will build the park benches to place on the trail; while Mr. Bowden's classes will plant various species of plants to provide sensory experiences for the workers and clients at Wake Enterprises. The **Environmental Club** is providing bird houses and feeders. It is an important part of a student's education to apply the theories of the classroom with hands on experiences in the community. These activities can help provide each of us with a sense of place, rooted in the land and in the community of our fellow humans.



Key Club

Key Club will hold its membership enrollment during April with Induction of new members and officers on May 6 at 7pm in the school auditorium. Teachers will be making recommendations of students based on citizenship qualities and leadership potential

Key Club will have a booth at the PTSA Fundraiser to give out information about our Yard Sale on April 17 to help fund The Kenyan Feed the Infant Program in Mukindu, Kenya. We need yard sale items donated to help raise money to buy food for the infants of this drought area where people can no longer grow enough protein to nourish their babies.

Key Club will participate in the Relay for Life Event in Holly Springs on May 1. This event will honor cancer survivors and help raise monies to find cures. Our club will be sponsoring an Alex's Lemonade stand during this time to also raise monies to find ways to help children win against cancers.

Student Council

Prom King and Queen nominations will be taken during Advisory on Friday, April 9 from Junior and Senior advisory classes. Prom King and Queen voting will be done during Advisory on Wednesday, April 28.

Any student interested in running for Student Council may pick up an application after Monday, April 19. Students applying will be asked to complete the application (which includes teacher recommendations, grade requirements, and disciplinary clearance) by Wednesday, May 12. Student Council elections for the 2010-2011 school year will be held during Advisory on Wednesday, May 19



Senior Speaker

Any senior interested in being the Senior Speaker at graduation can pick up information from Mrs. Barber on Monday, March 15. Senior Speaker packets are due to Mrs. Barber on Friday, April 23 and Auditions will be held after school on Tuesday, April 27.

Senior News

April 14 - Cap and Gowns delivered (Get the camera ready!)

May 7 - Senior Information Sheets Due

May 13 - Final Senior Delivery from Jostens - Cap/Gown, etc.

May 20 - 5:00 Honor Graduate Reception
6:30 Senior Night

May 21 - Senior Field Day

Senior Exam Schedule

June 2010

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 (Regular Schedule)
VOCATS Exams

THURSDAY, MAY 27 (Regular Schedule)
Take Non End of Course Exams During Class

FRIDAY, MAY 28
7:25a-10:33a **EOC Social Studies Exams**
(US History, Civics and Economics)
10:33a-11:19a Lunch
11:19a-2:28p **EOC Science Exams**
(Biology, Physical Science)

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
7:25a - 10:25a **EOC Math Exams**
(Algebra I/II, Geometry)
12:00p-3:00p **Social Studies/Science Retakes**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
7:25a - 10:25a **Exam Retakes for Seniors**
12:00p - 3:00p **Exam Retakes for Seniors**

Graduation 2010

Graduation 2010 is being held at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Graduation Practice is Thursday, June 3rd, at 1:30 PM.

Commencement is Wednesday, June 9th, at 8 AM.

Congratulations, Seniors!!



Dates to Remember



April

April 7		Cultural Arts – Mike Wiley
April 8	7:00pm	National Tech Honor Society Inductions
April 10	11:00am	PTSA Bengal Rock & Shop
April 15		Blood Drive
April 15 – 18		Fiddler on the Roof musical & Art Show
April 21		Early Release
April 22		Career Day
	6:00pm	Science Night
April 27	6:30	International Honor Society Inductions
April 27		Chorus Concert
April 29	7:30pm	Band Concert



May

May 3 – 14		AP Exams
May 8	8:00pm	Prom
May 17		Tri-M Inductions
May 18		FFA Wake County Awards Ceremony
May 19		Student Council elections
May 20		Senior Night
May 21		Senior Field Day
May 25	6:00pm	Chorus Concert
May 26 – 28		Senior exams
May 28 – June 4		Underclassmen exams
May 31		Holiday



June

June 3	1:30pm	Graduation rehearsal
June 9	8:00am	Graduation
June 10		Last day of school

Looking Ahead

Have a fun and safe summer!

