

# BENGAL BULLETIN

FUQUAY VARINA HIGH SCHOOL



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## *From the Desk of Principal McFarland:*



### **Choice Assignment Plan Facts**

Wake County is currently working on the deployment of a new student assignment plan. The plan provides families access to quality schools based on achievement, proximity, stability and choice.

#### **Key Points to remember:**

- If a family is happy with the school they are in, they can stay and keep their current transportation. There will be no mandatory reassignments.
- Families who have a child moving from elementary to middle or middle to high can stay within the newly approved feeder pattern of their child's existing school.
- Each school will be part of a defined feeder pattern that will provide students with a predictable, stable path through 12th grade.
- The magnet program will not change. All current magnet schools and programs will continue.

### **Who Participates?**

- All families with rising kindergarteners
- All families new to the school system
- Existing families who want a change in school assignment
- Families who have a child moving from elementary to middle or middle to high that would like to choose a different school from their list rather than stay within the newly approved feeder pattern of their child's school.

### **The Choice Student Assignment Process:**

- Families will be provided a choice list based on their address that will have at least five of their most proximate elementary schools - including a minimum of two traditional options and two year-round options - and their associated middle and high schools.
- Families who participate in the choice process will rank the schools from their choice list.
- During the choice process, families will see their list of school choices, aligned feeder patterns, distance of each school from their home, number of seats available by grade level, and the number of seats requested by others.
- If there are more applicants for a school than there are seats, then selection priorities will be used with the highest priorities being given to incoming siblings of current WCPSS students and proximity.

### **Fuquay-Varina High School:**

- A Parent Meeting for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students is scheduled on January 12, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the FVHS Auditorium. This will be an informational meeting for parents and students interested in attending Fuquay-Varina High School during the 2012-2013 school-year.
- Our Annual Spring Open House is scheduled on February 7, 2012 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Parents and students are asked to pick up an agenda, map, and student schedule in the gym lobby and then go directly to your student's first period class. We will follow the agenda attending each student's classes for approximately 10 minutes. This gives parents the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and to receive information about the scheduled courses.
- We invite all parents to give us a call at the school (557-2511) or make an appointment with a Student Services counselor if you have additional questions or concerns.
- Please visit the Fuquay-Varina High School website (<http://fvhs.wcpss.net/>) for more student assignment and school information.

*Edward S. McFarland*  
*Principal*

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To stay informed about FVHS news, visit the official school website at <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>.

This is the second issue of the Bengal Bulletin for the 2011-12 school year. The newsletter is available on-line at the FVHS website <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>.

### **Upcoming issues of the Bengal Bulletin:**

- February – March 2012 issue (Deadline for submitting information is January 15)
- April – June 2012 issue (Deadline for submitting information is March 15)

Submit information via email to Clara Stiers at [clara.stiers@live.com](mailto:clara.stiers@live.com)

## New State Testing

The new North Carolina testing program (*PLAN*, *WorkKeys*, and the *ACT Plus Writing*) will all be administered this year. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to participate in the designated assessments as explained below. There is no cost to the students or to the school system for the administration of these assessments. The *PLAN*, *WorkKeys* and *ACT Plus Writing* are all assessments that are developed and provided by ACT, Inc. in Iowa City, IA.

**The PLAN** is a curriculum based achievement test in English, Math, Reading, and Science, that measures college and career readiness, serves as a midpoint assessment, and is also a predictor for the *ACT*. The *PLAN*, which is administered to all students in Grade 10, will be given on December 14, 2011.

**WorkKeys** is a test to help assess student job skills. *WorkKeys* will be administered to students in Grade 12 who are enrolled in a level II Career and Technical Education (CTE) course. The online assessment will be administered in February, 2012.

**The ACT Plus Writing** assessment will be administered to all students in Grade 11 on March 6, 2012 with a makeup day on March 20, 2012. The *ACT* includes the same elements as the *PLAN*, plus a writing component.

Students testing with accommodations, including LEP students, who have an up-to-date IEP or 504 Plan, will receive a letter from the school regarding the accommodation request process for the *ACT Plus Writing*. This letter must be signed and returned to the school for appropriate submission to the *ACT*.

The NC Department of Public Instruction approved the implementation of the *ACT* in preparation for the state's new accountability model to provide additional diagnostic tools for students and their teachers. This year, the *ACT* assessments results can be used by students for college admissions purposes.

For additional information regarding the *ACT* assessments, please feel free to go to <http://www.act.org/>. Questions can also be answered by contacting Fuquay-Varina High School, the WCPSS Testing Office at 856-3788 for the *PLAN* and *ACT* assessments, or the WCPSS CTE Office at 431-7446 for the *WorkKeys*.

## PTSA Fundraiser Results

*The FVHS PTSA participated in two fundraiser events this Fall. The Strafe Gaming Lounge sponsored the first annual Zombie Run on October 29 with the proceeds going to our school. Although the weather was cold and rainy the event was well attended and a good time was had by all. Paxton Galvanek, Strafe Gaming Lounge owner, presented Lisa Ricci, FVHS PTSA president, with a check for \$1750 following this event. We also participated in the Belk Charity Day event on Nov. 5. We raised \$395 through the sale of tickets for this event. All fundraising money was given to the school to purchase new technology for the classrooms.*

## Financial Aid Program

The Financial Aid program is designed to be a one-on-one program for students and their parents who need financial help to attend college. The FVHS Financial Aid Advisor, Mrs. Tori Sharpe, is familiar with the financial aid system and the difficulties of filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Mrs. Sharpe is located in Student Services on Wednesdays. Appointments may be made by emailing her at [vsharpe@wcpss.net](mailto:vsharpe@wcpss.net) or by signing up in the schedule notebook located in Student Services. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about financial aid that is available to you and why every student going to college should submit a FAFSA.

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The Marching Bengals wrapped up an outstanding competition season with another strong performance at Cary Band Day on October 29th. The Marching Bengals earned **1st Place Overall in Class 2A** with their highest score of the season.

They also earned the following caption awards:

- 1st Place Music Performance
- 1st Place Visual Performance
- 1st Place General Effect
- 3rd Place Percussion
- 1st Place Drum Major



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Special recognition goes to **Drum Major Ian McKenzie** for earning 1st Place Drum Major in his class three times and for winning Drum Major of the Day at the Panther Creek Invitational and the Sanderson Expo.

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This caps an exceptional season for the Marching Bengals, who earned a total of 18 caption and class awards. Eleven of those 18 awards were 1st place trophies. The Marching Bengals won the 2A class at the Panther Creek Invitational, Wakefield Heart of Carolina Invitational and Cary Band Day and earned the 1A and 2A Grand Champion Trophy at the Wakefield competition.

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## FVHS YEARBOOK

Purchase your copy of the  
**FUQUAY-VARINA HIGH SCHOOL  
2011-12 YEARBOOK!**

### 3 EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

Visit the FVHS Yearbook website  
<http://fvhsyearbook.weebly.com> for more information.

- 1) Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) to pay by credit card and use order number 180.
- 2) Call toll free to 1-866-287-3096 to pay by credit card and use order number 180.
- 3) Make a check out to: Herff Jones Yearbooks (Not Fuquay-Varina High)
  - List the student's name and order number 180 on your check.
  - Checks should be delivered to Mariam Al-Yousuf at the school.

\* Personalized nameplates, dust covers and autograph supplements are also available for purchase if ordered online.

### Senior Ads for the FVHS 2011-12 Yearbook

Senior Ads are now for sale! Information and order forms are now available on the Yearbook website linked to the FVHS home page under the Students Section <http://fvhsyearbook.weebly.com/> and hard copies will be in the front office.

## Fuquay-Varina High School Exam Schedule - January 2012

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**  
(Regular Schedule)  
1st Period Exam Review

- All exams must be taken by Monday, January 30. Any student missing an exam must have the permission of their grade-level assistant principal to make up the exam.
- On early release days (Jan. 13, 17, 18), buses will depart at 11:50 am. On January 19, buses will depart campus at 10:35 am. All students remaining on campus after that time must be taking an exam under the supervision of a teacher.
- Once students leave campus on an early release day, they may not return without a parent/guardian.
- Students should not be on other school campuses during exam days.
- After each exam there will be 15 minute break/class change – students are asked to bring a snack if they wish to eat during this time.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13** (Early Release)  
7:25am – 10:25am 1st Period Exam  
10:25am – 10:40am Class Change/Snack  
10:40am – 11:40am 2nd Period Class  
(Exam Review)  
11:50am Buses Depart

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**  
(School Closed – Holiday)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**  
(Early Release)  
7:25am – 10:25am 2nd Period Exam  
10:25am – 10:40am Class Change/Snack  
10:40am – 11:40am 3rd Period Class  
(Exam Review)  
11:50am Buses Depart

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**  
(Early Release)  
7:25am – 10:25am 3rd Period Exam  
10:25am – 10:40am Class Change/Snack  
10:40am – 11:40am 4th Period Class  
(Exam Review)  
11:50am Buses Depart

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**  
(Early Release)  
7:25am – 10:25am 4th Period Exam  
10:35am Buses Depart

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**  
(Make-up Day)  
7:25am – 10:25am EOC Retest #1  
Afternoon - Other retests and make-up exams as needed

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**  
(Teacher Workday)

## Class Notes

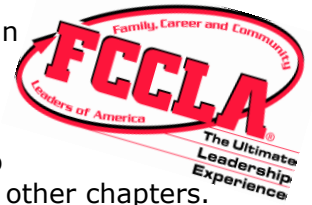
**Foods I** students are getting ready to take a field trip to P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Raleigh to learn about cultural dining styles, types of meal service, and meal time etiquette. They have done many labs including a taco ring, biscuits and muffins, casseroles, fruit salsa with tortilla strips, pasta salad with veggies, and omelettes!

**Foods II** Honors students have conducted many experiments to study the chemical and physical aspects of food. Some of these include making pizzas to test the stretchability of cheese, making biscuits to determine what scientifically makes the most pleasing flavor and texture, making fudge to test the crystallization properties of sugar, and making lollipops to explore stages of candy making. They also made homemade marshmallows to learn about denaturing proteins! They took a field trip to N.C. State to see the Food Science department and got to try the school's howling cow milk and ice cream.

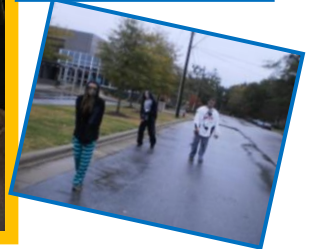
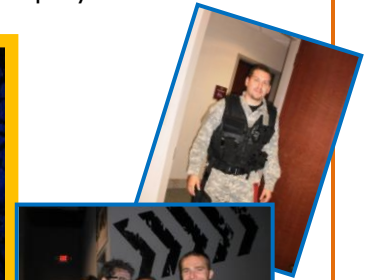
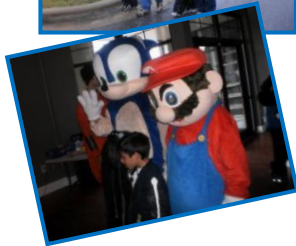
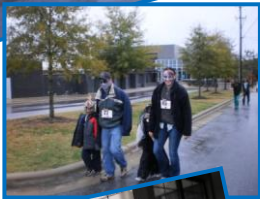


# Clubs and Organizations

**FCCLA** is a club that our school has had for a while, but this year it has really taken off! It stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Students have the chance to compete in state and national competitions through co-curricular projects taken on in teams or as individuals. This is a student-led organization where the students make the important decisions and lead the meetings themselves. You can follow us on Twitter (FVHS\_FCCLA) or add us on Facebook if you are a member! Students are currently designing and voting on t-shirt ideas for a club t-shirt, and club membership is over 50 students strong! President Rachel Krizanek, Vice President Jasmine Knapp, and VP of Community Service Emily Gillikin went to training on October 15th to present at a December meeting at Meredith College to other chapters.



In the predawn hours on a cold and rainy day, strange and creepy creatures were roaming the streets of downtown Fuquay-Varina. Contrary to first impressions however, all was well in Fuquay-Varina...



Our **FBLA** Chapter participated in the Strafe Gaming Lounge's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Zombie Run in downtown Fuquay-Varina. Owner Paxton Galvanek, himself a past president of his FBLA chapter, wanted to organize a fun event to raise money to buy technology for Fuquay-Varina High School. As a club designed to learn about business, it seemed like a perfect opportunity to partner with a local business. We had six members volunteer as course officials and zombies. Our zombie volunteers chased race participants to grab their health flags and generally terrorize them along the course. The rest of us were scattered around the race course to help keep the human and zombies safe. Despite the cold and rain, we had a fun time while helping a local business raise money for our school. Thanks to Strafe's Gaming Lounge and to our FBLA members who participated: Olivia, Macey, Samantha, Sean, Reese and Jasmine for their time and efforts.

## NEWS FROM YOUR ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club is looking for Board Officers and  
Committee Chairs.

Please contact current board member at:  
[http://fvhs.wcpss.net/Current\\_forms\\_documents/athletic\\_boosters/Board\\_Members\\_11-12.pdf](http://fvhs.wcpss.net/Current_forms_documents/athletic_boosters/Board_Members_11-12.pdf)

Look for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Bengal  
Booster 5K" in early spring.



Congrats!

Congratulations to our own Coach Jeff Pagel for being named the 2011 Tri-9 Conference Coach of the Year. In his first year, Pagel took a team that had a reputation of finishing at the bottom of the conference and turned them into a winning program that made the state playoffs for the first time in four years. Congratulations, Coach Pagel!!!

FVHSABC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in main office conference room, entry through main office. Come join us and support our athletics program.

Go Bengals!

### Financial Aid Workshop

Fuquay-Varina High School will be hosting a Financial Aid Workshop on Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm. It will be held in the Auditorium with a representative from North Carolina State University. Parents of Juniors and Seniors are urged to attend!

## Dates to Remember



### *December*

December 7	7:00	Financial Aid Workshop
December 14		PLAN Test
December 15	7:00	Chorus Concert
December 16	2:30	Key Club Christmas Party
December 22 – 30		Winter Break



### *January*

January 2		Winter Break
January 9	6:30	Fresh. & Soph. Parent Night
January 10	5:00	Band Concert
January 12	6:00	Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Parent Meeting
January 13		Exam (1 <sup>st</sup> period)
January 16		Holiday
January 17		Exam (2 <sup>nd</sup> period)
January 18		Exam (3 <sup>rd</sup> period)
January 19		Exam (4 <sup>th</sup> period)
January 20		2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter ends
January 23		Teacher Workday
January 24		2 <sup>nd</sup> semester begins
January 27		1 <sup>st</sup> semester report cards

## *Looking Ahead*

February 7	Open House
February 17	Early Release
February 20	Teacher Workday
February 21	Teacher Workday
February 25	Winter Formal