

# BENGAL BULLETIN

FUQUAY VARINA HIGH SCHOOL



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## *From the Desk of Principal McFarland:*



### **Welcome Back**

Welcome to the second semester of our 2009-2010 school year. Classes began on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Students have 10 days to request changes to their schedule. **Schedule changes will only occur for the following reasons.**

- A senior student needs a course for graduation.
- A student needs to add a required course.
- A student does not meet the prerequisites for a scheduled course or exceeds the prerequisites for a scheduled course.
- A student passed the course previously.
- A student has previously failed a course under the scheduled teacher.

**If you have a schedule change request that falls within the above guidelines please go to your SPAN account to request the change before February 9<sup>th</sup>.** Please keep in mind that NO requests for teacher changes and/or lunch period changes will be granted. If your schedule has one of the errors listed above, please submit a schedule change request online.

### **Fall Achievement Scores Show Continued Success**

Over the past four years our school has continually increased our achievement scores, closed the achievement gap, and increased our graduation rate. Scores from our January exams improved roughly 3-4 points over last year at the same time. We are on track to reach our 2010 goals listed below:

- Improve the graduation rate from 83% to 86% by June 2010
- Improve composite EOC score from 81% to 85% by June 2010
- Reduce the achievement gap from 23 pts to 20 pts by June 2010
- Reduce the number of freshmen earning grades of "F" in a class from 10.7% to 8% by June 2010

Our slow and steady progress during the past eight semesters has outpaced the average growth by other Wake County students and we are on track to reach our 2012 graduation goal of 90%.

In this new semester we will continue to provide a high quality education for our students. We expect all students to have a positive learning experience where success is their only option. We must all stay involved in the learning process. Remember to check our website regularly for parent and student events like tutoring sessions, athletics, and PTA happenings. If you have not signed up for a parent SPAN account please contact our Student Services department or go to our website and enroll. An active SPAN account allows parents to view their child's daily attendance, discipline records, and grades for each class.

We are proud of Fuquay-Varina High School and the many traditions that our student actively promote. Though 2009 was a great year for students, and our school, the Class of 2010 will make this spring even better! Our Bengal Pride will brightly shine in academic endeavors, on athletic teams, at the Winter Formal, during the Spring Gauntlet, and through numerous performing arts activities in the course of the spring semester.

*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 third issue of the Bengal Bulletin for the 2009-10 school year. The newsletter is available on line at the FVHS website <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>.

Upcoming issues of the Bengal Bulletin:

- April – June 2010 issue  
(Deadline for submitting information is March 15)



## FVHS PTSA News

### *A Message from our PTSA President...*

For most of us, January represents an annual reassessment of sorts. We set goals for the new year, reevaluate our priorities, and think through our intentions for the year ahead. Congratulations for completing the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of this school year! As we move into our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, students stay focused. Parents remain encouraging. To my fellow **SENIOR parents** and **students**, they are the ones with the biggest smiles which may be tears by June; I challenge students to finish your last semester of high school strong. This is not the time to slack off. Parents, cherish this time with your student. College or the work force will soon replace the time you enjoy with them now. For all of us there are only 4 months left in the 2009-2010 school year!

The next few months are packed with activities for everyone at FVHS. **SPRING OPEN HOUSE** is February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Please join us and meet your student's teachers. For students the **WINTER FORMAL** is February 28<sup>th</sup>. March 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual **CURRICULUM FAIR**. The Student Council sponsored event, **THE GAUNTLET**, is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars! The FVHS PTSA will hold its annual fundraiser **BENGAL ROCK-N-SHOP** on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **11 AM to 3 PM**. Admission will allow you to hear the sounds of **Rockin' Bands** and the chance to **Shop** with local vendors. Your PTSA will have a café open for you to enjoy lunch at reasonable prices. Tickets for our **\$500 cash raffle** will also be available for purchase at the event. 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 as the date approaches. We can't wait to see you!

We value your input. Our monthly meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in the Media Center. Please join us! Our final semester 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.

On behalf of the FVHS PTSA Board,

Joy Daubenspeck ([thedaubenspecks@earthlink.net](mailto:thedaubenspecks@earthlink.net))(H#557-6209)  
FVHS PTSA President

### *Spring Open House*

You are invited to the annual **Spring Open House** on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important event that allows parents the opportunity to walk through their student's daily schedule, meet the teachers, and briefly discuss classroom activities. You may pick up an agenda, map, and student schedule in the gym lobby on the night of the event.

### FAFSA Day

Saturday, February 13th from 9:00am until 12:00 noon at the State Employment

Credit Union. Get free help completing and submitting the federal financial aid form for college. See Ms. Phillips in Student Services for more information, or call SECU to schedule an appointment for February 13.



**FAFSA**  
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID  
*We Help Put America Through School*



# Rock - n - Shop

**FUQUAY-VARINA HIGH SCHOOL'S**  
**Annual FUNdraiser**

# \$500 Cash Raffle

Plus other \$1.00 and \$5.00 Raffles

*Bring the family!*  
*For more information*  
*visit our website:*  
[www.fvhsptsa.bbnw.org](http://www.fvhsptsa.bbnw.org)

*Rockin' BANDS!*

*Tantalizing SHOPPING!*

*Tempting FOODS*

*\$5.00 Admission*

*Grand Prize Raffle Tickets \$5.00*

*You do not have to be present to win!*

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**  
**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Fuquay-Varina High School Gym**

# FVHS Registration Timeline

It's time to register for classes for the 2010-11 school year. Listed below is the registration timeline.

February 4	Distribute Registration Pocket Guides, Registration Timeline, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Registration Schedule in 2 <sup>nd</sup> period classes
February 25	AP/Honors Class Information Night (see below)
February 8 - March 10	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> grade students in 2 <sup>nd</sup> period classes meet with counselors in cafeteria for consultation.
February 19	Course applications DUE (i.e. PEPI, Yearbook, Music Theory, etc.).
March 4	Curriculum Fair (rising 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ).
March 8	2 <sup>ND</sup> period - hand out usernames, passwords, and SPAN login information. Students enter course selections through SPAN at home or in school.
March 8-19	Freshman registration in Media Center
March 15-19	Online access and consultation with a counselor available to students during lunch and after school.
March 19	Deadline for all students to finalize course selections in SPAN

\*You can find the 10/11 Wake County Program Planning Guide at: [http://www.wcpss.net/curriculum-instruction/docs\\_downloads/planning-guides/2010-11hs\\_planning\\_guide.pdf](http://www.wcpss.net/curriculum-instruction/docs_downloads/planning-guides/2010-11hs_planning_guide.pdf)

## AP/Honors Class Information Night

Mark Your Calendars! The **AP/Honors Class Informational Night** is being held on February 25th at 6:30 PM. Sponsored by Student Services, this program is designed to answer everything you need to know about taking AP and/or Honors classes at FVHS! The evening will be filled with valuable information designed to answer such questions as "What is an AP or an Honors Course?" - "What's the difference between the two?" - "Does my child need these to enter college?" - "What are the core requirements for my child to take one of these courses?" - "When are exams given?" - "Will my child receive college credit? If so, how many?" ... plus, much, much more! It's never too early to start learning about these courses. All grade levels are welcome!!

## FVHS Band News

This past Saturday eight Fuquay-Varina High School band members earned seats in the prestigious Central All-District Bands following a rigorous audition process.

Competition was fierce, as over 900 students representing more than 50 high schools participate in the event.

Congratulations to the following band members for earning seats in these bands:

Erin Shumaker, 12th chair clarinet - grade 9-12  
Symphonic Band

Brandon Willis, 4th chair bass clarinet - grade 9-12  
Symphonic Band

Shannon Baksa, 6th chair trombone - grade 11-12 Wind  
Ensemble

Paul Kenney, 6th chair horn - grade 9-10 Wind Ensemble

Tarah Cartee, 4th chair clarinet - grade 11-12 Wind  
Ensemble

Emily Guy, 1st chair trombone - grade 11-12 Wind  
Ensemble

Michael McNeill, 3rd chair trombone - grade 9-10 Wind  
Ensemble

Samantha Barnes, 2nd chair flute - grade 11-12 Wind  
Ensemble

These students will rehearse under the baton of regionally and nationally-renowned conductors before presenting a concert at Sanderson High School at 7 PM on Saturday, February 6th.

Because of their high placement in their section, Sam Barnes, Tarah Cartee, Emily Guy and Michael McNeill have also earned the privilege of auditioning for the North Carolina All-State Honor Bands in March. This honor places these four students in the top third of the nearly 4000 students that audition for All-District bands statewide.



## Winter Formal

The FVHS Winter Formal will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 8:00 PM until 11:00 PM in the cafeteria. The cost is \$10 and the tickets will be sold during both lunches Wednesday, Feb. 17 through Friday, Feb. 19. No tickets will be sold at the door and students will be required to show their school ID for admission.

Any student who wishes to bring an outside guest must complete an outside guest form and return it to Mr. King by Wednesday, February 3. No middle school students will be admitted.

This dance is semi-formal and students are expected to dress accordingly. Students may not wear tennis shoes, athletic attire, jeans, t-shirts or other street wear. Young men are expected to wear slacks, collared shirts and ties – young ladies may wear dresses or dressy slacks. Questions about the winter formal should be addressed to Carole Barber, Student Council Advisor, at [cbarber@wcpss.net](mailto:cbarber@wcpss.net).

## The Gauntlet

The Gauntlet is a class competition with field day games in which all students may participate. Last year's Gauntlet raised \$1200, which was donated to the Autism Society of NC. This year's event will benefit the Fuquay-Varina Food Pantry and we will be conducting a class can drive as part of the competition. The date is Thursday, March 18 in the gym. Mark your calendar for this event - it will be well worth watching!



## Check it out!

Check out the new Student Accolades paw print on the FVHS website at <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>. It contains up-to-date acknowledgements of and congratulations to our outstanding students.

## NEWS FROM YOUR FVHS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Our FVHS Student Athletes have done a tremendous job representing FVHS this past season - please join us in congratulating the following student athletes for their outstanding accomplishments and accolades!

**Congratulations** to Junior **Cory Hunter** for being named the Tri-9 Conference Football Offensive Player of the Year!

**Congratulations** to Senior **Emily Baddour** for being named the Tri-9 Conference Cheerleader of the Year! The FVHS Fall Athletic Awards Night was held on December 14, 2009, and the following Student Athletes were honored.

Please join us in congratulating ....

### Varsity Football:



**MOST VALUABLE OFFENSIVE LINE** - Robert Rhodes  
**MOST VALUABLE DEFENSIVE LINE** - Shaun Underwood  
**MOST VALUABLE OFFENSIVE BACK** - Cory Hunter

**MOST VALUABLE DEFENSIVE BACK** - Justin Vaughan

**COACHES AWARD** - Nate Budde

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER** - Jordan Duncan

**GOLDEN HELMET** - Isaac Minor

**BILLY JACKSON MEMORIAL** - Soren Ferrell

### JV Football:

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Evan McNeil

### Men's Soccer:



**COACHES AWARD** - David Sizemore  
**MOST VALUABLE OFFENSIVE** - Hector Valentin  
**MOST VALUABLE DEFENSIVE** - Tanner Laughridge  
**IRON MAN AWARD** - Aaron Schiappa

### Men's JV Soccer:

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Jared Bender

### Varsity Volleyball:

**BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER** -

Raquelle Keeton

**COACHES AWARD** - Jenny Elms

**BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER** - Alexa Cannon

### JV Volleyball:

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Danielle Plante



### Women's Tennis:

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Nikki Peters

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER** - Sarah Biddix

**COACHES AWARD** - Anne Tucker

### Cross Country:

**MOST VALUABLE RUNNERS - MALE** - Ryan Catrine & Clay Jones

**MOST VALUABLE RUNNER - FEMALE** - Jenny Ascitutto

**MOST IMPROVED RUNNER - FEMALE** - Emily Czerman

**COACHES AWARDS - MALE/FEMALE** - Matthew Loeffler & Sharanya Shetty

### Ladies Golf:

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Callie Thrower

**COACHES AWARD** - Callan Andreacchi

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER** - Maggie Coates



The FVHS Athletic Booster Club is looking for dedicated parents to become involved for three-year terms beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. Elections will take place in May.

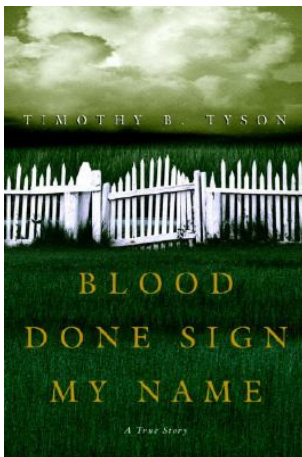
If you are interested, please join us at our monthly meetings, the second Monday of each month beginning at 7 PM in the front office administrative conference room. Any questions, please contact Mike Toune, FVHS Athletic Booster Club President, at [mtoune@nc.rr.com](mailto:mtoune@nc.rr.com). We hope to see you there!

# Cultural Arts Events

at FVHS sponsored by the PTSA

Our PTSA proudly hosted the “Gregg Gelb Swing Band” for two performances on the morning of November 18. Mr. Gelb is an outstanding local jazz musician and teacher (clarinet and saxophone) who performs solo, in a quartet or with his eight member swing band. The concerts at FVHS featured a history of jazz with renditions of jazz music from the different eras: Early jazz (1920’s), Swing (1930’s – 1940’s), BeBop (1945-1955) and Modern styles (1955-present.) Mr. Gelb and his band members demonstrated the important techniques and unique characteristics that define each of these jazz styles. They also performed a number of jazz pieces and provided a professional, memorable event for our students.

On April 7, we will host local thespian Mike Wiley for two performances of his stage adaptation of Tim Tyson’s North Carolina memoir, Blood Done Sign My Name. Mike is a versatile, lively, professional actor who performs original works that focus on pivotal moments in African-American history. The PTSA provides the major funding for Mike’s production. Additionally, “this performance is supported by a grant from the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Inc. Additional support is provided by funds from the North Carolina Arts Council with funding from the State of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.”



## Dates to Remember



### February

February 3		Early Release
February 8 – March 10		Registration Consultation
February 11	6:30pm	Spring Open House
February 13	9:00am	FAFSA Day (at SECU)
February 20	7:00pm	Winter Formal
February 25	7:00pm	AP Information Night



### March

March 2	7:00pm	Band Concert
March 4	7:00pm	Curriculum Fair
March 10		Early Release
March 15-19		On-line Registration
March 18		The Gauntlet
		Choral Concert
March 29 – April 2		Spring Break

## Looking Ahead

April 5		Teacher Workday
April 7		Cultural Arts event
<b>April 10</b>		<b>Bengal Rock-n-Shop</b>
April 15		Blood Drive
April 15 – 18		Spring Musical
April 21		Early Release
April 22		Career Fair
May 8		Prom
May 23		Band Concert
May 25		Choral Concert
May 31		Holiday
June 9	8:00 am	Graduation