

# BENGAL BULLETIN

FUQUAY VARINA HIGH SCHOOL



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## *From the Desk of Principal McFarland:*



### **Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year!**

We continue to grow and that is wonderful for both our school and local community. Student enrollment this year has climbed over 2040 students and we are excited about the continued expansion. An increasing student population along with increasing test scores signals that we are moving in the right direction. Fuquay-Varina High School remains committed to providing the best educational experience for all of our students. Success is the

only option - even when we grow beyond building capacity. With our students, parents, community and faculty all working together, we know that our students will continue to perform at the highest level in both curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Recently, Fuquay-Varina High School was recognized by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as a School of Distinction. Our Graduation rate has increased over eight points in the past five years. The End-Of-Course composite score has increased over fifteen points during the last five years. More and more students are finding success. We continue to add and build programs that will support all of our students with their learning. Many of our students are taking on-line courses working toward an early high school graduation while others are enrolled in college credit classes offered on our campus or at local colleges.

Returning for the 2011-2012 school year will be our Tuesday Late Arrival Program. Late Arrival provides the opportunity for FVHS to provide teachers with integral collaborative planning time necessary to identify, examine, and effectively address student needs. FVHS teachers will meet in curriculum-based teams to plan student-focused programs and develop a supportive, engaging, and rigorous curriculum. For those students arriving prior to the Tuesday 8:15 start time, FVHS will provide supervised academic activities such as: open media center (to allow research, access to computers for class assignments/projects, and self-monitored study time), and study hall. In addition there will be six early release days on various Friday afternoons throughout the year. Students will be released 2.5 hours early to allow teachers to participate in school-based professional development.

As always, I am so thankful for the hard-working parents of our PTSA who dedicate countless hours to supporting our teachers and staff. I also would like to thank the members of our various booster clubs who labor long and hard to provide invaluable assistance to our extra-curricular programs. I strongly encourage all parents to join and support these worth-while groups. Working together with our faculty and staff, we can meet the challenges that we are facing and continue to provide excellent opportunities for all of our students. Have a great 2011-2012 school year.

*Edward S. McFarland*  
Principal

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This is the first 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:

- December 2011 – January 2012 issue (Deadline for submitting information is November 15)
- 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)

## Fundraising Opportunities



### Belk Charity Days Sale Saturday, November 5, 2011

**6:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

This is a great way to save some major dough and help to raise funds for FVHS Classroom Technology Projects. Belk's four-hour, in-store shopping event provides a chance for customers to support worthwhile charities and take advantage of special discounts on purchases made during the event.

#### Here's how it works:

Purchase a ticket for \$5 from a PTSA member. Ticket holders will get merchandise discounts of an extra 20 percent on purchases throughout the store, including special savings on rarely discounted brands.

**Customers with their Charity Days ticket will also receive \$5 off their first purchase of \$5 or more at the event.**

Our PTSA will sell the Charity Sale tickets in advance of the event and all proceeds from each \$5 ticket sold will be retained by the PTSA to support the school technology drive.

"On the morning of the event, the first 100 customers in each store will receive free Belk gift cards ranging in value from \$5 to \$100, and a chance to win one of three \$1,000 Belk gift cards being awarded company-wide. In addition, all participating charities and schools will be automatically registered to win one of three \$1,000 donations from Belk in a company-wide drawing."

**100% of the tickets sold will go towards the FVHS Classroom Technology Projects -**  
Thanks in advance from our students, staff and teachers at FVHS!!



**Date:** Saturday October 29th, 2011 (rain or shine)

**Time:** 7:30am Register | 8:30am Start Time

**Address:** Strafe Gaming Lounge, 101 South Main St., Suite 220 Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

**Registration:** Visit the website at <http://www.strafezombierun.com/>

**Cost:** \$20 if registration postmarked by Oct. 12; \$25 after Oct. 12.

The Strafe Zombie Run is a fundraising 5k walk/run that will benefit the **Fuquay-Varina High School Technology in the Classroom initiative**. The events will begin at 7:30am out front of Strafe Gaming Lounge on Academy Street in downtown Fuquay-Varina. Participants may choose their role by registering on-line as Survivors or Walkers (Participants interested in running or walking the course only), Zombie Slayers (Participants interested in running the course and playing the game) or Zombies (Participants interested in dressing as zombies and playing the game). Clearly marked zombie-safe zones will be located along the route so slayers, survivors and walkers can reload without the potential of a zombie attack. Several Zombie hunters will be located along the route to ward off zombies and direct and assist slayers, survivors and walkers. Obvious and hidden health boosters will be located along the route, so the fastest and keenest survivors are winners. There's something for all ages and participant levels.

#### THE RACE

The race portion of the Strafe Zombie Run is a traditional 5k race with a twist. Survivors and walkers will have a chance to run or walk a scenic 3-mile route at the speed of their choice but what would a zombie event be without zombies? The course will be infested with zombies and zombie hunters for effect, but finishing the race is the only goal of survivors and walkers.

#### THE GAME

This is where the Strafe Zombie Run event gets interesting. After the runners pass through the zombie infested course the game begins. The game is on the same 3-mile route as the race but this time the zombies aren't just for effect, they're out to get your health. The goals of the game are to finish the 3-mile race as fast as possible while keeping your health flags and finding health boosters along the way.

#### VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Volunteers are needed to help with the race. Let's have a big volunteer turn out to support our school. Visit the website to sign up to help.

#### THE FUN

If you're not into running from zombies then check out our wee zombie zone for inflatable fun, costume contests, raffles and more.

**Support this fundraiser by participating in the race, the game, volunteering to help or becoming a corporate sponsor.**

# CULTURAL ARTS

The FVHS PTSA, as well as the United Arts Council of Wake County, is pleased to announce that Gregg Gelb's Jazz Quartet will be the first performance of the year in our Cultural Arts program. Gregg and his quartet will perform on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

Gregg and his Jazz Quartet will perform a chronological history of jazz called JAZZ LIVES! This will be a fun, informative, and energetic program featuring the music of such jazz greats as Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, John Coltrane as well as original music by Gregg. Narration interspersed between the music will include historical notes about the music and the musicians of the time, as well as the techniques and unique characteristics of jazz. The different eras of jazz are EARLY JAZZ (1920's), SWING (1930's-40's), BEBOP (1945-55), and MODERN JAZZ (1955-present).



# PSAT

The PSAT will be given here at FVHS on Wednesday, Oct 12th, beginning at 7:30 sharp. All 10th graders who have completed Algebra I are automatically registered and paid for by the county. Anyone else who would like to take this test can do so if they registered in student services. Payment is \$14 (cash, money order or certified check only). 9TH and 11th grade students who registered to take the PSAT should bring \$14 to their testing location on Oct. 12. Calculators will not be provided so please make arrangements to bring your own. There are no make-ups for this test.



## Chorus News

**Congratulations!** Over eleven hundred students from across the state auditioned the weekend of Sept. 24 for 176 spots in the North Carolina Honors Chorus. The following students were selected from Fuquay-Varina High School: Brian Davis, Sydney Gibson, Hezekiah Jones, Drew Questell, Cameron Reaves, Andrew Tormenti. Congratulations students!

## NEWS FROM YOUR FVHS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Kick-Off of Fall Sports is here! Please come out and support your Bengals! The FVHS Athletic Boosters have some exciting fundraising events scheduled this year along with great Membership deals and new Sprit Wear options.

- **October 17** – **Booster Golf Tournament** (Hole Sponsors and Teams needed) registration available at Home Football games or at:

[http://fvhs.wcpss.net/athletics/booster\\_club/athletic\\_boostersindex.php](http://fvhs.wcpss.net/athletics/booster_club/athletic_boostersindex.php)



- **April 21** – **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K** – start training now! Great Raffles-all participants eligible. Team and Club participation welcome.



- **Memberships** – Pass to regular season Home Tri-9 events all sports, all year. Fantastic deal! Forms available at:

[http://fvhs.wcpss.net/athletics/booster\\_club/athletic\\_boostersindex.php](http://fvhs.wcpss.net/athletics/booster_club/athletic_boostersindex.php)

- **Spirit Wear** – Be a Bengal, Dress like a Bengal ( see display outside cafeteria and come by table at football games)

### THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The FV Bengals App is now available on the Apple App Store. It is a free download which can be found by searching on FV Bengals. The App will provide access to all of Fuquay's sports schedules, rosters, and team links. Additionally, if you or someone you know are interested in advertising within the App to support Fuquay-Varina athletics, please send an email with your contact details to [fvbengalsapp@gmail.com](mailto:fvbengalsapp@gmail.com).



Congratulations to Deb Clarke who won the "Female Coach of the Year" from NCAAE. (North Carolina Association for Athletic Educators). This award will be presented at the NCAAPERD (North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) state convention in Winston Salem November 18th.  
This is quite an honor!

# Homecoming 2011

## Spirit Week, October 3 - 7

Spirit Week will be full of fun dress-up days:

- Monday, October 3 - **Twin Day**
- Tuesday, October 4 - **Pajama Day**
- Wednesday, October 5 - **Blast from the Past Day**
- Thursday, October 6 - **Disney Day**
- Friday, October 7 - **Bengal Pride Day**



Students are encouraged to dress up but to remember that they must still be within dress code rules.



## Friday, October 7

**7:30 PM - FVHS vs. Athens Drive**

### **FOOTBALL GAME**

Come early for tailgating, shop at the Bengal Boutique, get a good seat to cheer along with the cheerleaders and the ORANGE CRUSH section, and see who is crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Fuquay-Varina High School will crown the Homecoming Queen and King at halftime of the game against Athens Drive. Students will select both a homecoming King and Queen during 2<sup>nd</sup> period on Tuesday, Oct. 4.



## Join the FVHS PTSA

Membership forms are available on the FVHS website <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>. All PTSA members receive the FVHS PTSA News via email every day. Also consider making an Above and Beyond contribution. All fundraising will go to purchase technology for the classrooms.

## Dates to Remember



### October

October 3 - 7	Spirit Week
October 6	National Honor Society Inductions
October 7	Early Release
	Homecoming
October 12	PSAT
October 15	Festival of Bands
October 25	Choral Concert
October 28	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 29	Strafe Zombie Run
October 31	Teacher Workday



### November

November 3	Powderpuff Football
November 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards
November 5	Belk Charity Day
November 8	Band Concert
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 14	Blood Drive
November 16	College Application Day
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday

## Looking Ahead

December 1	Gregg Gelb Jazz Band
December 22-January 2	Winter Break
January 13	Early Release
January 16	Holiday
January 20	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
January 23	Teacher Workday
January 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Report Cards