



# THE FALCON FORUM



## ADMINISTRATIVE'S CORNER

*Congratulations to the students that made first quarter Honor Roll. The Checkered Flag winner for October was the Senior Class! The November winner will be announced on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Please encourage your child to study for semester exams. The exams will be given on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish you and your family a happy and safe Holiday!*

*- Angie Stone, Principal*



## VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE



*The Management of McDonald's has asked that we inform our student body that hanging out in the parking areas before, during, and after school, is unsafe and could be considered loitering.*

*McDonald's is requesting that you speak to your student(s) and ask them to please refrain from congregating, skateboarding or horse playing on their property. Students have almost been hit in the parking areas and other customers are complaining about student behavior.*

*While they appreciate your business, McDonald's is prepared to trespass those students who continue to cause problems. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.*



## ATTENTION SENIORS!!



**Seniors:** The Pasco Education Foundation scholarship application will open December 1 and close January 14, 2013. The application is online at [www.pascoeducationfoundation.org](http://www.pascoeducationfoundation.org) The application for Florida Bright Futures opens December 1 and is online at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org). Students must apply by the end of senior year; they must also file a FAFSA application to receive funding from Bright Futures. Applications are online at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CAREER RESOURCE CENTER



Financial Aid Night will be January 22, 2013 at 6:00pm at River Ridge High School's Center for the Arts. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend as there will be representatives to discuss the financial aid process.



## CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATING SENIORS:

There is still time to order your cap and gown. Please visit:

[www.herffjonesstpete.com](http://www.herffjonesstpete.com)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DECEMBER

- 1-13 Toys for Tots Drive
- 1 & 15 Girls Soccer Car Wash Fundraiser - 8:30am-1:00pm  
@ 7-11 on Hudson Ave. and Little Rd.
- 18 Adult Ed Ends
- 19 End of Course Make Ups End
- 19-20 Semester Exams
- 21 Teddy Bear Drive Ends
- 21 End of 1st Semester
- 24-31 **Winter Break - No School**

### HAPPY NEW 2013!!

### JANUARY

- 1-4 **Winter Break Continues - No School**
- 7 Teacher Planning Day - **No School for Students**
- 8 **Students Return**
- 14 Report Cards
- 14 Football Banquet - Cafeteria 6:00pm
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **No School**



### END

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### COURSE MAKE UPS:

### ALG. I, GEO & BIOLOGY

### WILL TAKE PLACE:

Wed., Nov. 28th through  
Wed., Dec. 19th



### SEASON'S READINGS BOOK SWAP

Bring in a new or gently used book  
to the Media Center on Dec. 12th, 13th, or  
14th and receive a ticket that can be  
redeemed for a new-to-you book!

### SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

#### DECEMBER 19

#### DECEMBER 20

7:30-9:00

1st

2nd

9:05-10:35

3rd

4th

10:40-11:10 (A) LUNCH

4th Study Hall/Announcements

11:15-11:45 (B) LUNCH

4th Study Hall/Announcements

11:50-12:20 (C) LUNCH

4th Study Hall/Announcements

12:25-1:55

5th

6th

#### DECEMBER 21

#### MAKE-UP DAY

ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!

**Fivay High School's 2012 - Toys For Tots Drive****November 27<sup>th</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please bring in a new unwrapped toy to your 1<sup>st</sup> period class and help out needy kids. The 1<sup>st</sup> period that collects the most toys will receive 4 dozen donuts compliments of National Honor Society. National Honor Society members will collect the toys from classrooms on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.



Please find below the link to the latest "Just for Parents" newsletter produced by the Florida Department of Education. This month's issue focuses on Bullying Prevention. Please share as you feel appropriate!

[http://parents.fldoe.org/pdf/JustForParents\\_Oct2012.pdf](http://parents.fldoe.org/pdf/JustForParents_Oct2012.pdf)

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS**

**FREE** Math Tutoring is available in the Media every Monday - Thursday 2:00 till 2:30pm by NHS (National Honor Society).

**CONGRATULATIONS!!****ANTHONY DAVIS - TEACHER OF THE YEAR****AND****KATHLEEN RAIMO - SRP OF THE YEAR**

## SPORTS WRAP-UP CENTER



Congratulations to **Briannah Nemetz** who has been voted as the **Tampa Bay Times HomeTeam Hot Shot of the Week** for her athleticism in Volleyball. **Briannah** was also named female **October Athlete of the Month** for Fivay. Way to go **Briannah**....we're all very proud of you!!

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 Congratulations to the following Falcons:

- **Zach Daniels** for being named male **October Athlete of the Month**
- **Girls Volleyball** for being in the **Elite 8**
- **Girls Golf** for winning **Districts** and **Regional Runner-Up**
- **Boys Golf** for **District Runner-Up**
- **Nick Piro** for **Going to States**
- **Girls Golf Team** for **Going to States**

Great job Falcons.....we're all so very proud of you!! Keep up the amazing work.....Go Falcons!

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 Falcon Wrestling Club Meets in the Gym every Monday and Wednesday at 4:30pm

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 Girls Soccer is having a Car Wash Fundraiser, Sat. Dec. 1st & 15th 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at 7-11 at Hudson Ave. and Little Rd.

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 Congratulations to our Cheerleaders who came in 4th place for Best of Pasco. Way to Go Girls....Good luck at Regionals on Dec. 7th and 8th!

Spring Break Trip to: Berlin, Prague, German Concentration Camps, Krakow, and Budapest:

This is an educational trip for students and/or parents. It is not directly associated with Fivay HS or Pasco County but is open to students of any high school. Please contact Mr. Borruso ([bborruso@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:bborruso@pasco.k12.fl.us)) or Ms. Owen ([owen@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:owen@pasco.k12.fl.us)) as soon as possible if interested or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Trip link: [http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?](http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=BO-1315451&utm_source=RecCenter&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=SharedLink)

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## CAFETERIA NEWS



The Cafeteria will be having a monthly drawing and give a FREE MP3 player to the student who buys the most slushes in a one month period. Contest will last seven months. First winner will be announced December 4th.





## WHAT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS WISH PARENTS ASKED AT CONFERENCES

By [Kelsey Sheehy](#)

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Parent-teacher conferences give parents some much-needed face time with their teen's teacher, but many parents don't take advantage of the opportunity. "Parents need to be just as involved in teacher conferences, if not more, at the high school level as they are during the elementary years," says Rebecca Thiegs, a language arts teacher at [Red Lion Area Senior High School](#) in [Pennsylvania](#). "The sad reality is showing us that it's the opposite in many public schools."

As [high school](#) students inch closer and closer to [college](#), parents can help ensure their student is on the right path by participating in teacher conferences. If a student is headed in the wrong direction, teachers can use the time to advise parents on how to help their teen change course.

While showing up at [parent-teacher conferences](#) is an important first step, asking the right questions will help both parties have a productive meeting. Here are some questions teachers say they wish parents would ask:

**1. Is my student giving his or her best effort?** Conferences are typically a time for teachers to walk parents through their student's grades, progress, and areas for growth. But grades don't always tell the full story. A bright teen could pull off acceptable grades with minimal effort, but teachers can often tell if a student is phoning it in. If this is the case, parents and teachers can work together to help the student work up to their potential.

**2. What could my teen do that he or she is not already doing?** Almost every student has room for improvement, and in an increasingly competitive college admissions landscape, each grade or activity could count. Whether it's taking advantage of internship or extra credit opportunities, filling out [college applications](#), or simply turning assignments in on time, teachers can tell parents what their student needs to do to take his or her academic performance to the next level.

**3. What can I do to make your job easier?** Parents and teachers should be on the same team—the student's team. By investing time at home to ensure homework is done and teaching the teen to take ownership of his or her schoolwork, parents can help teachers do their job more effectively, says Kirk Mango, a health and physical education teacher at Downers Grove South High School in [Illinois](#). "Place the responsibility for 'doing well,' and turning in work on time right on the person who has the most control over making that happen—the student themselves," Mango said via E-mail.

**4. How are you doing?** Teaching can be a thankless task. Many teachers are managing dozens of students on a daily basis, and take on responsibilities that extend far beyond classroom instruction. "I'm a teacher, a psychologist, a security guard, a babysitter, a bank, a chef, and countless other jobs it's not like I'm doing it all for one child; no, I'm doing it for 70," says Vin Testa, a math teacher at [Roosevelt High School](#) in Washington, D.C.

While the conference is about your student, Testa and several other teachers put this question near the top of their wish list.

"I want parents to realize what we're doing and how we're doing through it all, so that we can work together to provide the best education for their children," Testa says.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

"Too Sick for School?"



Many children become ill during the school year. A child who is sick needs rest, plenty of fluids, and "tender loving care."

### **HERE ARE SOME "HELPFUL" HINTS:**

A child who has a fever with a temperature greater than 100 degrees (orally), has been vomiting, or has diarrhea **should stay home for 24 hours AFTER the symptoms are gone** without the aid of fever reducing medications.

Consider a medical evaluation for the following symptoms: fever that lasts 3 or more days, drainage from the ear, cough that continues for several days, repeated episodes of diarrhea or vomiting, rash, itchy eyes with clear or cloudy drainage, sore throat with or without fever, "cold" symptoms that last more than one week.

Children of all ages need 8-10 hours of sleep at night and good nutrition including adequate fluid intake (milk, juice, water).

### **IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM**

As each of you know, the employees and students of Florida Virtual School consider integrity and honesty to be at the core of academic achievement. Unfortunately, while the overwhelming majority of students believe in these principles, there are those that will try to achieve through cheating of illegal means. To further deter conduct that undermines the honest academic of our students, this past Florida legislative session amended Section 1002.321, Florida Statutes relating to digital learning.

The new Florida Law (1002.321) now makes it a crime for any person who knowingly and willfully takes an online course or examination on behalf of another person for compensation. This is now a misdemeanor punishable by jail and fines.

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*I AM PROUD TO BE A FALCON!*

*I am...*

**F** - Focused on Academics  
**A** - Always Respectful of Others  
**L** - Leading by Example  
**C** - Committed to Excellence  
**O** - On Time and On Task  
**N** - Never Defeated

*Once a Falcon . . . Always a Falcon*

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