



# THE FALCON FORUM



## ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER

Welcome back! The school year is off to a good start and we are looking forward to great things this year at Fivay. Please remember that school starts at 8:30 am. Students will be counted tardy if they are not in class at that time. Also, if your child drives to school, please remind them that FHS is not an open campus. This means that they may not leave campus for lunch or at any time without checking out through the office with a parent note.

Thank you for your help with these matters.

- Angie Stone, Principal

What a great way to start off a Monday morning .... with a beautiful double rainbow over the school!



## Congratulations Yearbook Team!

The Yearbook team led by Amber Mariano, Kylee Merwin and Michaella Vanek won **FIRST PLACE** in the Yearbook Theme Development Contest at the FSPA District 4 Workshop at USF. The premier Yearbook Contest there. We beat out 42 other schools and stunned a few of the powerhouse journalism schools over in Hillsborough who are used to winning this award every year (It felt good to rub it in their faces after). Our school should also be recognized for "Loudest Scream" when we were announced as first place winners (my ears are still ringing and we scared a few parents away). Congrats to the staff. Hopefully this is the beginning of a great year for the Journalism program.

Tom Kovack  
Yearbook/Newspaper Adviser



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 - Dec. 20 - Teddy Bear Drive
- 25 Talent Showcase 6:00-8:00 pm / Cafeteria
- 28 Report Cards
- 29 Cheerleading Fundraiser 4:00-9:00pm - Chili's  
9600 US Hwy. 19, Port Richey

### NOVEMBER

- 7 Fall Festival - 5:00-7:00pm
- 8 Senior Panoramic Photo - 12:00pm
- Homecoming Pep Rally - 2:05pm
- 9 Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 11:00pm / Cafeteria
- 11 Veteran's Day - **No School**
- 20 Progress Reports
- Great American Teach-In - 9:00-3:00pm
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break - **No School**  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

### DECEMBER

- 2-20 EOC Retakes
- 6 & 7 FHS Play 6:00-8:00pm / Cafeteria
- 12 Band Winter Concert
- 23 - 31 Winter Break **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

### JANUARY

- 1- 5 Winter Break
- 6 Teacher Planning Day - **No School for Students**
- 13 Report Cards
- 20 Martin Luther King Day - **No School**



- Tons of FUN!!**
- GRILL OUT**
- ★
- CONTESTS**
- ★
- ENTERTAINMENT**
- ★
- GAMES**
- ★
- PRIZES**



**AROUND THE WORLD**  
**2013 HOMECOMING**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**  
**TICKETS SALES WILL BE BEFORE**  
**AND AFTER SCHOOL STARTING**  
**OCTOBER 14TH IN DR. BENJAMIN'S**  
**ROOM 04-232**




# HOMECOMING 2013

## Read This BEFORE Shopping for Homecoming!

### *Homecoming Dance 2013*

**Saturday, November 9th**

7:00 - 11:00pm in Cafeteria

**TICKETS ON SALE:**

**10/14 - 10/25 \$15.00**

**10/28 - 11/01 \$19.00**

**11/04 - 11/07 \$22.00**

**11/08 \$25.00**

**\*\*NO tickets will be sold at the dance\*\***

**DRESS CODE:** *Semi-Formal*

**BOYS:**

Collared Dress Shirt, Belt, **NO** Jeans and **NO** Flip-Flops

**GIRLS:**

Dresses or Dressy Pantsuits. Dress **MUST** come to **KNEE**, (if above knee, **must** wear leggings the entire evening). Dresses must meet the school dress code in terms of length, and must cover the midriff area (**NO** belly buttons showing). Cleavage must be within school dress code (**No lower than armpits**). **No** "bubble" dresses will be allowed.

**These rules apply to the dance and to halftime court presentation.**

Back of the dress **cannot** be lower than **mid-back**.

Strapless & Spaghetti straps are **allowed**.

**NO Flip-Flops**

**DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**

Any student who is not dressed appropriately will be asked to go home and change. Girls may put on leggings **UNDER** their dress in order to meet dress code. If the leggings are removed after entering the dance, the girl may be asked to leave the dance.

**No refunds will be issued for dance tickets.**

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Fivay Parents and Students,

Please be aware of the attendance policy found in your school planners/student code of conduct on pages 10-11 of the planner.

**Possible consequences for excessive absences:** parking privileges revoked, driver license could be suspended, ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, withdrawal for non-attendance. Your success is dependent on being in school in class.

As a summary, please note the following:

1. All absences are considered unexcused until a note is turned into student services.
2. **Notes must be turned in within the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of returning to school; any notes turned in after will not be excused.**
3. Your note must include your first and last name, student number, the dates absent and the reason for your absence.
4. If you know ahead of time that you will be out for 3 or more days, you must fill out a request to be absent form in Student Services so that it can be approved by administration and your teachers.

Some examples of **acceptable reasons** to be absent or tardy:

- Illness of student
- Major illness of family member of student
- Death in the family
- Religious holiday
- Doctor Appointment

Some examples of **inexcusable reasons** to be absent or tardy:

- Alarm did not go off
- Overslept
- Forgot homework
- Drove friend somewhere
- Car Trouble

**If you are arriving late/tardy to school or leaving early only by parent permission, you must sign in or sign out in the front office.** All students arriving late or checking out early **must do so through the front office.**

Thank you for your consideration as it will help keep your student successful in the classroom.

## CAREER SPECIALIST NEWS

In September, Mrs. Gartland met with seniors and distributed a Senior Checklist, reviewed SAT and ACT dates, discussed the college application process and scholarships. Seniors may subscribe to Mrs. Gartland's Remind 101 texts to be notified about college visits, SAT and ACT deadlines, and other important information. To be added to Mrs. Gartland's Class of 2014 Remind 101, text @mrsgartl to 754-600-4789 or email [mrsgartl@mail.remind101.com](mailto:mrsgartl@mail.remind101.com). Standard text messaging rates will apply.

Mrs. Gartland met with juniors in the Career Resource Center and reviewed her web page: [fhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance](http://fhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance) with students so they could see how to register for the ACT or SAT, look up scholarship information and search for post-secondary schools. Students were given time to research schools of their choice using FLVC.org (Florida Virtual Campus). To be added to Mrs. Gartland's Class of 2015 Remind 101, text @mrsagartl to 754-600-4789 or email [mrsagartl@mail.remind101.com](mailto:mrsagartl@mail.remind101.com). Standard text messaging rates will apply.

The ASVAB will be offered on Friday, November 1. Interested juniors and seniors may sign up in Student Services by October 28.



## MATH HONORS SOCIETY COMES TO FIVAY!

Mu Alpha Theta is a math honors society. The purpose is to promote scholarship in, and enjoyment and understanding of, mathematics among high school students. Mu Alpha Theta will meet before school Tuesday at 7:50 am once a month in room 3-222. Students who have taken classes beyond Algebra 2 (e.g., Probability and Statistics, Advanced Topics in Math, Pre-Calculus, Calculus or dual enrollment at Pasco-Hernando Community College) and who also have at least a 3.0 grade point average in their math classes from Algebra I may apply. The fee is \$10 if the criteria have been met.

Students will compete against other schools by working on math problems at the meetings. Each member of this chapter of will be entitled to wear Mu Alpha Theta honor cords at graduation.

An anonymous donor generously donated the start-up fee for this chapter to begin.

See Mr. Davis in room 3-222 or Ms. Pytel in room 4-116 for an application.

# Advanced Placement

## AP NEWSFLASH

On behalf of the AP teachers at Fivay, welcome to another exciting school year! We would also like to welcome the parents of our AP students. This is quite an endeavor for you and your students, but we wanted to pass along some good news. Fivay was one of six schools in the district to have their AP scores increase and we had a 56% increase in students taking AP exams – the highest in Pasco County! There is a lot of enthusiasm for AP at Fivay and we do not want you to miss out on the opportunities these classes can provide. Watch this space in the future for more about AP classes or e-mail Scott Nissen at [snissen@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:snissen@pasco.k12.fl.us). We look forward to helping your students succeed in these difficult classes and become young scholars.

### AP World History

In Mr. Nissen's AP World History class we've examined historical developments from hunter-gathering communities, to the first complex societies, all the way to the fall of Rome and the start of the Silk Road. That covers 8,500 years of human history! We've taken two exams, which have resulted in scores which would equate to passing or nearly passing the official AP exam for most of the students. We're off to a great start and we're all excited to keep moving at our break-neck pace.

### AP Literature

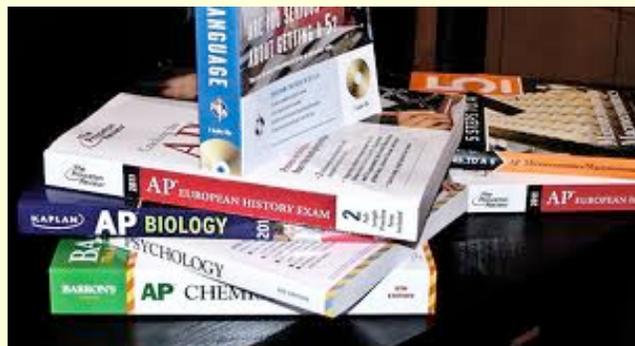
AP Literature students created PowerPoint presentations for the book How to Read Literature Like a Professor. They are finishing Heart of Darkness and will be reading Macbeth and Hamlet 2nd quarter.

Mr. Nissen's World History classes use the Remind 101 system to help students remember when homework assignments are due and what to study for quizzes and tests. This is a FREE service that many students really enjoy and keeps everyone's phone number private. This system is not just for students - parents are also encouraged to sign up to get these reminders to help their students stay on track. If you would like to sign up, find the code associated with your student's level of World History below and text that code to (561) 402-7046.

- AP - @d0e0a
- Honors - @00ef
- Regular - @66a1e

If you have any questions or concerns, visit the Remind 101 FAQ at:

<http://help.remind101.com/kb>.





### SPORTS WRAP-UP CENTER



**GIRLS SOCCER - Pre Season Classic** - Breast Cancer Awareness, Tuesday, Oct. 22 vs Wiregrass, 7pm; Wednesday, Oct 23 vs LeCanto, 7pm. The girls open up the season at Hudson on Monday, Oct. 28, JV at 6, Varsity at 7:30. On Nov. 5 as part of Spirit week for Homecoming the Girl's soccer team will have a 3v3 tournament right after school until----. Teams should register to play and pay \$30 to Coach Rizzieri or a girl's soccer player. Registrations are going on now!

### OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach **OUT-OF-FIELD** while completing course work/testing: **Shawn Durand - ESE K-12 and ASD Endorsement; John Martin - ASD Endorsement; Jacilyn Justus - Reading Endorsement; and Amanda Nissen - Mathematics 6-12.**

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement:

**Not Highly Qualified:** Jacilyn Justus - Reading Endorsement; John Martin - Elementary Education K-6; Amanda Nissen - Mathematics 6-12

### STUDENT PARKING

Students parking at Fivay High School are required to display their valid parking permit in the lower left hand side of the windshield. Students who park on campus without the required permit may be booted at a fifteen-dollar expense to the owner. Also, students who are off-campus during the day for PHCC, OJT, or FLVS need to display an off-campus permit and park in the lot at the front of the school.

# Flu Season Has Arrived October - May



## What is the Flu?

Influenza, or “the flu,” is a highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory tract (nose, throat and lungs). The flu is often confused with the common cold, but flu symptoms tend to develop quickly (usually 1 to 4 days after a person is exposed to the flu virus) and are usually more severe than the typical sneezing and congestion associated with a cold.

### **Influenza is often accompanied with:**

- Fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are also common symptoms in children.

## GOOD HEALTH HABITS

1. **Avoid Contact:** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick:** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. **Clean your hands:** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth:** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits:** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

**FALCON CREED**

*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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