

# FALCON FACTS



## 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 7:30 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

### **FCAT NEWS**

FCAT RETAKES WILL TAKE PLACE:

Mon., Oct. 8th through Fri., Oct. 19th

# Career Specialist's Corner by Andrea Gartland

All of the seniors have come in to the Career Resource Center through their Economics or American Government classes to review a senior checklist, review the college application process, learn about scholarship opportunities and take a tour of the new Florida Virtual Campus web site which has replaced FACTS.org.

Please visit the Career Resource Center web page <a href="http://fhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance">http://fhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance</a> for links to scholarship search sites, Fivay High School Scholarship Bulletins, links to ACT and SAT and other valuable information.

We have had visits from Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University and will have St. Leo University and USF St. Pete in to talk with students in early October. PHCC will be visiting Fivay during lunches soon.

### A WORD FROM YOUR COUNSELORS

The Guidance Department at Fivay High School would like to welcome you to the 2012-2013 school year and we hope that your semester is off to a great start. Fivay's Guidance Counselors are: Mr. West (Freshman), Ms. Tefft (Sophomores), Mr. Vickery (Juniors), and Mr. Eliason (Seniors). Be sure to check out the new guidance and career resource websites!

### FIVAY STOMPS OUT BULLYING

Come join us for a Bullying presentation during half-time at our next home JV Football game, Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Our students will be explaining the definition of Bullying, and presenting Bullying skits for the audience. We hope to see you all there!

#### PARKING LOT SAFETY

There have been continuous safety issues within the front parking lot of our school that need to be addressed and corrected. When dropping off your children for school in the morning, please drop them off in the right lane ONLY. There have been many instances where a student is let off in the left lane and almost gets hit by the oncoming car in the right lane. **Please be sure to drop your student off in the right lane only.** The left lane is to be used for school employees and visitors only to get into the parking area. We need to ensure the safety of our students and need your cooperation to achieve that. Thank you for your help with this matter.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

	OCTOBER
6	Falcon Friends Fundraiser - Car Wash 7:00-11:00am
7	Senior Superlatives Due
8-19	FCAT Retakes
15-26	Grad Bash Sales
19	End of 1st Quarter
22	Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students
29	Report Cards
29	Homecoming Week - Hat Band Sales \$1.00 Fundraiser
	Monday: Wacky Tacky Day
	Tuesday: Sports Team Day - Fall Festival 5:00-7:00pm
	Games 7:00-8:30pm
	Wednesday: Famous Hollywood Couples/Duets -
	Hall Decorating Contest
	Thursday: Class Spirit Day
	Friday: School Spirit Day - Pep Rally
31	Halloween
NOVEMBER	
2	Homecoming Game vs Ridgewood 7:30pm
3	Girls Soccer Fundraiser - Yard Sale
	8:00am - 1:00pm
3	Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 11:00pm in Gym
5-16	Grad Bash Sales

Homecoming Dance 2012

#### Saturday, November 3rd

7:00 - II:00pm in Gym

#### **TICKETS ON SALE:**

**10/15 - 10/28** \$15.00 **10/29 - 11/02** \$20.00

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

**DRESS CODE:** Semí-Formal

#### **BOYS:**

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

#### **GIRLS:**

Dress **MUST** come to **KNEE**, (if above knee, **must** wear leggings the entire evening).

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

Strapless & Spaghetti straps **allowed**. Cleavage must be within school dress code (**No lower than armpits**).

**NO** Flip-Flops

DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

## **SPORTS WRAP-UP CENTER**

Congratulations to our very own Senior golfer **Jake Schoonover** who won the voting for the **Tampa Bay Times** week two **Home Team Male Hot Shot of the Week**. Jake shot a 39 to help Fivay beat Wesley Chapel, then shot a 31 (5 shots under Par) on Wednesday at Meadow Oaks Golf Course to help the Falcons defeat Zephyrhills and Hudson by 13 strokes. WTG Jake!

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

Girls Soccer is holding a Community Yard Sale Fundraiser on Nov. 3 from 8am-1pm. Vendors needed, \$20.00 a space or \$30.00 for two. Contact Coach Rizzieri, 727-246-4000. It will be held in the front parking lot of Fivay HS.

#### **FALCON FRIENDS**

Falcon Friends is hosting a fundraising event on Saturday, October 6th from 10-1pm we will be having a car wash at the 7-11 on Hudson Avenue and Little Road.



#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Math Tutoring will be held in the Media Monday - Thursday 2:00 till 2:30pm by NHS (National Honor Society).



#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Fivay Parents and Students,

Please be aware of the attendance policy found in your school planners/student code of conduct located on page 10-11 in your 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, for it to 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
- Doctors Appointment

Some Examples of inexcusable reasons to be absent or tardy:

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

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.

## **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/inservice 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; Samina Gillani - Chemistry 6-12; Jessica Hontz - ASD Endorsement; Michael Lero - ASD Endorsement; and Patty Linard - ASD Endorsement.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Victoria Herna; Ana Medders; Ellen Owen and Regina Arcides.

#### PENNY FOR PASCO

Penny for Pasco is the one cent sales tax that the voters of Pasco approved in 2004, 45% of which goes directly to support the capital needs of our school system. The remaining portion is split between the county and local cities. The school system has received over \$139 million in Penny for Pasco proceeds which have been used on the construction of new schools and the renovation of older schools. These funds were vital in helping the District ease massive overcrowding in our schools. The current penny sales tax will expire in 2014, unless renewed by the voters of Pasco County this November. The Penny issue will likely be the last item on the November ballot. This is not a new tax, but rather an extension of the current sales tax. If approved, the Penny for Pasco sales tax will generate \$226 million that will be used to provide much needed repair and renovations to aging schools. It will also be used improve energy efficiency in schools and to retro-fit and equip older schools built before 1975 with the technology students need to succeed in the 21st century. By law, none of these funds can be used for administration or operating costs. To learn more about Penny for Pasco projects and how it will be used to help our community, please visit <a href="https://www.pasco.kl2.fl.us">www.pasco.kl2.fl.us</a>.

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- **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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