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Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Ferris Public Office no later than three (3) days before the meeting or as soon as possible so arrangements for the modification can be made.

## P.T.G. Open House

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30pm

Slide Show / Orchestra Prelude, 6:00pm

Paul G. Brueggemeier Hall

(see page 16 for details)

*In the Cafeteria  
Pizza Feed 5:00 - 6:00pm*

**We'll see you there!**



## HOW FERRIS STACKS UP!

### Advanced Placement Results: Spring 2011

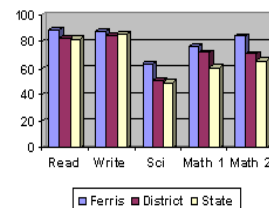
In Spring 2011, 196 Ferris students took one or more Advanced Placement tests. Of the 390 tests taken, 256 (65%) were scored at a level 3 or higher which earns that student college credit and advanced placement college courses.

- **30 AP Scholars** (Grades of 3 or better on three or more AP exams.)
- **10 AP Scholars w/ Honors** (Grades of 3 or better on four or more AP exams and an average of 3.25 on all AP exams taken.)
- **11 AP Scholars w/ Distinction** (Grades of 3 or better on five or more AP exams and an average of 3.5 on all AP exams taken.)

*Special note:* Taking the tests is voluntary (no one is told they must take or should not take the test).

### High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) 2011 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

% Meeting Standards:	Ferris	District	State
Reading:	89.3	82.8	82.3
Writing:	87.4	84.8	86.0
Science:	63.0	51.3	49.7



### End of Course Math Exams

Math 1 (Algebra)	76.1	71.7	60.8
Math 2 (Geometry)	84.1	71.2	66.3

- Ferris had the highest percentage of passing scores in the Spokane Public Schools in Reading, Science, and Math 2; and the 2nd highest in Math 1.
- Ferris tested 383 students; Lewis & Clark, 443; North Central, 277; Rogers, 350; Shadle Park, 385.

### Academic Focus

- Graduation requirement is 22 credits.
- Most seniors graduate with more than 22 credits.
- Many graduate with 25-30 credits and a few exceed 30.
- At Ferris over 90% of the seniors take a full schedule of classes (6 classes).
- Many students access as much of the program as possible, i.e., 3rd and 4th year Math and Science offerings, World Language offerings, Social Sciences (Sociology, Psychology), Professional-Technical programs and very strong elective programs (Music, Debate, Video & Audio Production, etc.)

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## Ferris High School Mission Statement

We are to affirm a supportive learning environment characterized by personalized instruction, student and staff accountability and high performance standards for all. Our purpose is to form a foundation for life-long learning, critical thinking, social responsibility, and a respect for diversity. This is the mission of Joel E Ferris High School.

### Ferris High School Values:

- A supportive environment which *appreciates diversity*, encourages *social responsibility*, and emphasizes *personalized learning*;
- Life-long learning;
- High performance standards that promote *rigor, relevance* and *relationships*;
- Student accountability, emphasizing a positive *work ethic*.

### Loss/Damage of Student Belongings

The School District continually strives to make our schools a safe place, both for students and their personal belongings. Unfortunately, incidents sometime occur which can result in damage or loss of personal property owned by or in the possession of students.

Accordingly, parents are reminded that the School District cannot be responsible for loss or damage to personal property brought to school by students. Thus, any personal belongings brought to school are at the student's own risk. If the value of an item is such that you cannot afford its loss, please make certain that your child does not bring the item to school.



*This is our annual notification that there is asbestos in our school. Please be assured that all the asbestos is either in a nonpublic area or is well encapsulated. It is the District's intent that all asbestos materials are kept in a safe, well-maintained condition through a program of Periodic Surveillance and ongoing maintenance activities. All of the asbestos records for Ferris High School are kept in the Asbestos Management Plan which is located in the Head Custodian's office.*

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## Honors/AP Offerings and Enrollment: 2011-12

No. Classes	Grade	No. Classes	Grade
6 Honors World History	(9)	1 AP Physics C	(11 & 12)
5 Honors English	(9)	1 AP Psychology	(11 & 12)
4 Honors Biology	(9)	4 AP English	(12)
5 Honors Geometry	(9)	1 AP Calculus AB	(12)
4 Honors Algebra 2	(9-10)	3 AP Calculus BC	(12)
5 Honors English	(10)	2 AP Biology	(12)
2 AP Chemistry	(10 - 12)	2 AP European History	(12)
5 Honors Integrated Math	(10)	3 AP Statistics	(11& 12)
2 Honors World History	(10)	2 AP 2nd Yr Organ Chem	(11& 12)
4 AP English	(11)	1 AP Studio Art	(11& 12)
4 AP American Studies	(11)	1 AP Digital Photography	(11& 12)
3 Honors Pre-Calculus	(11 & 12)	1 AP Computer Science	(11& 12)
2 AP Environm. Science	(11 & 12)		

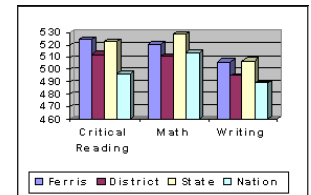
Other Advanced Placement opportunities include but are not limited to:

French, Japanese, German 5, 6, 7, 8 (AP test option) & Spanish 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (AP test option)

## SAT Averages (Reasoning Tests): 2010-2011

	Ferris	District	State	Nation (each out of a possible 800)
Critical Reading	525	513	523	497
Math	521	511	529	514
Writing	507	495	508	489

- SAT is diversifying significantly with many students opting for the SAT II tests which are content specific (often driven by college entrance requirements.)



## Scholarships, Grants and Acceptance to Higher Education

- For many years, each graduating class has amassed over \$2 million in scholarships and grants (not financial aid/loans). The class of 2011 received over \$3.4 million.
- Annually more than 80% of Ferris graduates go on to higher education.
- Annually students attend prestigious Ivy League schools, e.g., Harvard, Yale, Brown as well as Stanford, Cal Poly, Whitman, PLU, UPS, Seattle University, etc.
- Military academies: USAF, West Point, Annapolis, Coast Guard
- High level of acceptance to major land grant universities/colleges, e.g., University of Washington, Washington State University, University of Idaho, Univ. of Nebraska, etc.
- Beyond the institutions identified above, Ferris students pursue a variety of post high school institutions, e.g., Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University, community colleges, and professional-technical schools

## WIAA Academic State Championships through June 2011

### (Highest overall team grade point averages)

Since the 1988 inception of the program, at the AAAA (large school) level, **Ferris has received 53 State Academic Championships**. The GSL League, including 10 high schools, has received a total of 147.

## WIAA Scholastic Cup (New with the 2002-2003 school year)

This cup recognizes scholarship from the Academic State Championships (see above) as well as Sportsmanship. Ferris competes in the AAAA level comprised of 65 high schools. **Ferris has ranked in the "Top 3" eight of the past nine years.**

## Spokane Scholars Program

- Scholars are recognized in 6 areas: English, Science, Math, Social Studies, World Languages and Fine Arts. Six scholars from each of the 24 high schools are recognized
- In each subject area, a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place award is given (from 1993-96, only one award recipient in each area was chosen)
- Since 1993, Ferris students have received 33 of these awards.
- **In 2010, Ferris students placed 2nd in Social Studies and 4th in Math and Science.**
- **In 2011, a Ferris student placed 2nd in the Fine Arts category.**

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## A Word from the Principal

**Welcome Back!! Please join us for Open House on October 4<sup>th</sup> (more info on back cover)**



The opening to the school year at Joel E. Ferris High school has gone exceptionally well. Our *Link Crew* upper classmen have done a great job of welcoming our new freshmen and helping them transition to the new responsibilities and freedoms of high school life. Our Student Body Officers and Leadership Class organized fun, positive activities for our *Hello Week* celebration. *Hello Week* culminated with an awesome spirit convocation which included class competitions and great performances from our band, cheerleaders and dance team.

### **Increased Enrollment Opens New Classes**

The enrollment at Ferris this fall is about 60 students more than had been projected. Those additional students, along with very tight staffing in response to budget cuts, caused many of our classes to be unreasonably large. High enrollment is a good problem to have, but it's still a problem. Fortunately, the district office was able to grant our request for additional teaching staff to open up some classes and relieve the overcrowding.

### **We must develop students' confidence in their ability to learn**

So we are now settling in to the routine of classes, homework, essays, science labs, athletics, clubs, concerts, musicals and all the work and fun of the high school experience. The goal of the Spokane Public Schools and Ferris High School is that "all students graduate from high school well prepared for a variety of post-secondary pursuits in our democratic society." A key component in that preparation is developing students' confidence in their ability to learn and to contribute positively to their communities. The current fixation on test scores and standards risks missing other key components of the development of our students. At Ferris, we are working hard to develop not only the academic skills of our students, but also their character and confidence in their ability to achieve their goals in life.

### **Parent involvement vital to student learning**

Parents and family are vital to helping our students see the value in school and learning. As young people strive to succeed, they need to know **you think school is important**. When you ask your kids questions about classes and activities, they know you are interested. When you structure routines at home to provide time for study and to assure adequate rest, they know you believe they should be ready to learn. When you insist that your kids attend all their classes, leave their cell phones turned off, and dress appropriately for school, they know you expect them to be focused and engaged in the classroom.

### **All persons need learning beyond high school**

The value of a good education has never been higher for your family and our community. The fact is there are no family wage jobs for uneducated persons in our technology driven economy. In order to gain and hold a decent job, all persons need learning beyond high school. That includes trades like plumbers and electricians, civil service like police and firemen, and any number of blue collar manufacturing jobs.

All of our graduates need to be career AND college ready. When we say *college* and *career* we mean ready for a program leading to a post-secondary credential: BA, AA, high-skill technical certification, and/or trade apprenticeship. Ultimately, our goal is not to simply graduate students or improve our HSPE and SAT scores. Our goal is to graduate students who are truly **READY** to succeed in the complex world of adult learning and work.

Kevin Foster, Principal

## Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

**Wednesday, October 12**

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT is a standardized test that provides practice and feedback for students who will eventually take the SAT. Juniors taking the PSAT compete for scholarship money and gain access to various college and career planning tools.

Students will be tested in reading, writing and mathematics. The test is not designed to measure ability to recall specific facts. Rather, the PSAT evaluates ability to solve problems and think critically.

### **Why should students take the PSAT?**

1. The PSAT gives feedback on the skills needed to be successful in college.
2. The PSAT allows students to see how their performance compares with students applying to college.
3. For juniors, the PSAT automatically enters them into a competition for scholarship money.
4. For sophomores, the PSAT will be their first opportunity to take a standardized test. Through the process they will learn test taking strategies which will benefit them on future standardized tests.
5. The PSAT prepares students for the SAT. Students become familiar with the kinds of questions they will see on the SAT.
6. The PSAT allows students to receive information from colleges only if they check "yes" to Student Search Service.

For juniors, the PSAT costs \$15.00 with fee waivers available for qualifying students. Spokane Public Schools will pay registration costs for all sophomores.



## College/Scholarship Advisor

**Linda Vincent** 354-6029

I recently attended the annual Counselors Workshop and received the 2011-2012 updated college admission information for the public and private colleges, universities; SAT/ACT news; and financial aid information. The college and university web sites and applications on line are now updated for the school year. **Apply early! Seniors should apply to their schools by Thanksgiving.** Over 300 private colleges/universities now accept the Common Application. Go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) to apply.

### Scholarships

Scholarships will arrive throughout the school year. Seniors should have their resumes completed and updated, as most scholarship applications will require one. Scholarships will be advertised in the **Senior Announcements, Daily Bulletin**, and on the Scholarship Board in the College/Career Center.

### Mark Your Calendar

The fall **Senior Class Meeting** will be held on **Monday, October 10**. Seniors will receive information about their Senior All-Nighter and how to earn extra Saxon Bucks throughout the school year. The senior class officers will discuss the variety of senior activities. Most of the meeting will focus on graduation. Peter Bauernfeind, our wonderful Jostens representative, will hand out graduation packets for ordering cap/gown, Ferris' customized graduation announcements and other senior memorabilia.

### Other Important Dates:

May 5, 2012 **Senior Prom**  
Lincoln Center  
8:30 to 11:30 pm

June 10, 2011 **Graduation – 1:30 pm**  
Spokane Veterans Arena



### Cap/Gown Ordering Dates Thurs. & Fri., October 20 & 21

Jostens will be on campus to take seniors' personal orders. If seniors order extra memorabilia, (for example, a hoodie) they will receive the product when they place their order.



## SENIOR PORTRAITS

### DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

Pictures can be sent through our website, deposited in Mr. Cox's box in the Public Office or given to Mr. Cox in room E109A.

### Do not mail photos after September 22.

- **Online submission:**  
<http://www2.spokaneschools.org/staffpages/ferrisyearbook>

### Size Requirements:

- Image size: 750 X 900 pixels or 2.5 X 3 inches
- Senior photos have a maximum head size of 2" (from the top of the hair to the point of the chin).
- Finish requirements: Printed portraits should be printed on glossy paper. Use of textured or matted finished prints reduces the quality of the reproduced image.
- You may send them in digitally on a CD or online as a TIFF or JPEG at 300 resolution.

### Do not delay!

QUESTIONS: Contact Mr. Cox at 354-6169 or [Timdc@spokaneschools.org](mailto:Timdc@spokaneschools.org)



## MAP Testing for Spokane Public Schools 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) is an online testing program that measures individual student performance against 9<sup>th</sup> graders throughout our district and across the nation.

The testing format is unique. As students answer questions correctly (or incorrectly), subsequent questions become increasingly more difficult (or easier). MAP testing is appropriate for all learners. Testing results and student feedback are immediate. Teachers will use this information to identify areas of strength or to create focused instruction.

This year we are testing all 9<sup>th</sup> graders in Reading and Mathematics. We plan to test in the fall and again in the spring.



## The Saxons Closet

The **Saxons Closet** was started several years ago to help our students in need with clothing, personal hygiene items, and school supplies. The PTG has generously donated money, but the majority of our items come from the generosity of our parents and staff. If you are able to donate items, please bring them to the Student or Public Office. **If your student is in need of items**, please see or call Wendy Bromley at 354-6010 or email her at [WendyBr@spokaneschools.org](mailto:WendyBr@spokaneschools.org).



## Counselor Assignments by Student's Last Name

<b>A - Bi</b>	Lori Mitchell	354-6030	<a href="mailto:LoriMi@spokaneschools.org">LoriMi@spokaneschools.org</a>
<b>B1 - F</b>	Bush, Kyle	354-6028	<a href="mailto:KyleB@">KyleB@</a>
<b>G - L</b>	Hern, Stephanie	354-6131	<a href="mailto:StephanieHe@">StephanieHe@</a>
<b>M - R</b>	Welch, Christie	354-6014	<a href="mailto:ChristieW@">ChristieW@</a>
<b>S - Z</b>	Lobdell, Kristen	354-6031	<a href="mailto:KristenL@">KristenL@</a>
<b>Career, College &amp; Scholarship Advisor</b>			
	Vincent, Linda	354-6029	<a href="mailto:LindaV@">LindaV@</a>
<b>Guidance Secretary</b>			
	Schutz, Emily	354-6049	<a href="mailto:EmilySc@">EmilySc@</a>

**Students and parents wishing to meet with a guidance counselor should make an appointment through the guidance secretary, Emily Schutz.**

## Departmental News

### Art & Applied Technology

**Willie Johnson** 354-6070

This academic year, our department – Art and CTE – will focus on intervening in a timely and swift manner with any student whose grade is below a C at any grading period. This may include:

- conferencing with parents/guardians,
- contacting administrators, counselors and intervention specialists for additional assistance,
- setting up additional study time for students who are falling behind in class, along with
- any other intervention which we feel will assist your student to be successful in our classes.

We believe that all students are capable of learning and therefore we will do whatever we can to assist in that process. We also solicit your support with our interventions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's CTE or Art teacher.

Our department is also focusing our efforts on shaping our students to become independent learners. It has come to our attention that many students have become reliant on the teacher for the answer. While asking the teacher may indeed solve the problem, in the long run we believe that the students at Ferris High School would be better served if they learn how to utilize resources to discover the answer independent of the teacher. Therefore, we will focus more on demonstrating to the students how to utilize the resources available to them, as opposed to simply giving the answer.

Finally, the Computer Programming and Drafting department would like to extend a gracious thank you to all of the parents who put in such long hours to create last year's Ham on Regal – **Hollywood Hogwash**. Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase a laser cutter for our program which is valued at \$18,000.00. If you get a chance, stop by room E104 during the Ferris Open House to see the laser cutter in action.



**Building Student Success in Early Childhood Education: Tyler Tweedy**

**Building Student Confidence**

## Family & Consumer Science Education

**Nancy Crater** 354-6044

**What are we doing to prepare our students to be college & career ready?**

We know that all students should be capable of pursuing formal learning beyond high school and it is the goal of the FACSE department to offer our high school students opportunities that will enable them to achieve their educational potential. Our courses are designed to prepare students to participate successfully in formal learning beyond high school in a variety of settings. Specifically:

- ✓ Students in the *Foods & Nutrition* and *Culinary Arts/ProStart* classes are busy connecting academic achievement to real world success. This program is partnered with the National Restaurant Association to create the most comprehensive curriculum developed by industry and academic experts. These classes provide in-depth industry-driven learning experiences, including a blended coverage of culinary arts and management topics designed to build well-rounded skills for the workplace and formal education beyond high school.
  - ✓ *Fabric & Fashions*: From concept to consumer this course is a comprehensive and contemporary exploration of how the fashion business works, from the processes involved in producing raw materials, apparel, and accessories to the retail inner workings of the businesses that sell fashion merchandise to the public. The latest technology is used to capture student's attention for a variety of projects with real world applications.
  - ✓ *Early Childhood Education and Teaching Academy/ Careers in Education* are courses that help students learn about our educational system, theories of learning, and classroom management skills. Other components of these classes include: learning styles, assessments and career opportunities. Through this learning, students are then assigned an internship at a local elementary school and/or preschool.
- Through these Family and Consumer Sciences Education courses we are inspired to provide students the tools they need succeed in college, work, and life.



## Spokane National College Fair

**Tuesday, November 8**

### Spokane Convention Center

The National College Fair will be in Spokane at the Convention Center on Tuesday, November 8. There will be valuable information for all grade levels – 9 through 12 – for learning about their post-secondary options. Over 140 college & university representatives from all around the U.S., Canada, England, & Scotland will be available to answer all your questions and provide written literature about their school.

The Class of 2013 (current juniors) will have an opportunity to attend the College Fair. Ferris will bus up to 80 juniors. The time we leave and permission forms will be announced in the *Daily Bulletin* in mid-October.

There will be special workshop sessions for students and parents.

The day session runs from 9:00 am to noon. The evening session is 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Admission is **free**. This is a great opportunity for parents and students of all grade levels to begin or continue their post-secondary journey. For an updated listing of schools attending, visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org).



## Grade Reports

**Grade Reports will be mailed home on the following dates:**

Oct. 12	First Quarter Progress Reports
Nov. 14	First Quarter Report Cards
Dec. 14	Second Quarter Progress Reports
Feb. 8	First Semester Report Cards
Mar. 12	Third Quarter Progress Reports
Apr. 19	Third Quarter Report Cards
May 18	Fourth Quarter Progress Reports
June 21	Second Semester Report Cards



# YEARBOOK

## Senior Salutes

Dear Parents,

Please take a moment to remember the friends and memories that were part of your high school experience. High school is a significant time in life, and a yearbook keeps the friends, events, and memories alive for years after graduation. The Ferris *Exeter* is pleased to again offer the parents of graduating seniors a chance to place a special message to their seniors in the yearbook. These messages are called *Senior Salutes*, and they can be purchased in multiple sizes.

➤ **One-quarter Page Senior Salute:**

For \$50 you may purchase a quarter page space in the yearbook. The size is approx. 4" x 5" but there is no standard design. You may supply one or more pictures to accompany your personal message to your graduating senior. You may specify how you want the items arranged in the quarter page space, or we will design the *Senior Salute* for you if you so request. There is a 60 word limit.

➤ **One-eighth Page Senior Salute:**

For \$25 you may purchase a one-eighth page space in the yearbook. The standard design (4" x 2.5") is shown below **right**. In this space we will print your personal message to your graduating senior and a photo you supply to accompany the message. In the past most parents have supplied a grade school picture, but there is no official restriction on the photo you decide to use. There is a 30 word limit.

➤ Bigger sizes will be offered if available, upon request, at an extra cost of \$25 per 1/8 page.

If you are interested in purchasing a *Senior Salute*, we offer online submission. If possible, we prefer that you use our website. Otherwise, send your *Senior Salute* message and pictures to Mr. Cox in E109A. (Pictures will be returned inside your senior's yearbook.) Send checks to the Ferris Business Office. Questions? Contact Mr. Cox at 354-6169.

You can submit by going to the website – <http://www2.spokaneschools.org/staffpages/ferrisyearbook>

**The final deadline for Senior Salutes is Friday, December 16.**

## Fitness & Health

**Linda Bushinski**

**354-6058**

Welcome to a new school year! As the district moves towards K-12 Standards-based grading, the Ferris Fitness & Health Department continues to work together to move forward as well.

Power Standards have now been generated for Year One Fitness (Intro to Fitness), Year Two Fitness (Lifetime Fitness), and Health. Therefore, the teachers in our department will be working toward teaching to and assessing our students on these standards.

Look to Curriculum Connections on the district web site in the future, as those Power Standards will be posted soon. The page is currently in development.

We look forward to a great year and look forward to helping all of our students meet their goals in all of our classes!

## English / Language Arts

**Erik Powell**

**354-6089**

“What does effective writing look like?” “Why study old books?” “How does culture influence the way people view the world?” “What’s responsible for the fall of Oedipus: fate or free will?” Ferris students find themselves exploring such questions this fall in a range of Language Arts classes.

Ninth graders engage in literary analysis while working on a variety of texts, from classics such as *Romeo and Juliet* to contemporary film such as *Edward Scissorhands*. Tenth graders explore their world by writing in response to Langston Hughes, Alice Walker, and Dave Berry. They construct museum exhibits about their lives and prepare for the PSAT. Ninth and tenth graders both work extensively with SpringBoard, a curricular framework from The College Board. Tenth graders also prepare for the HSPE.

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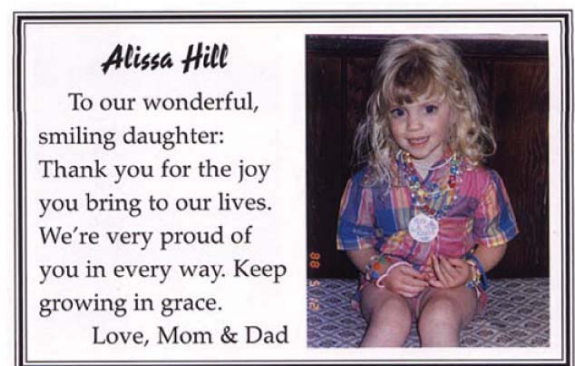
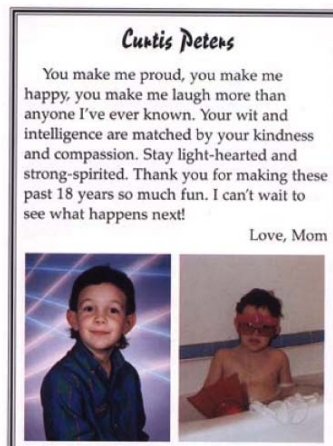
## BE INCLUDED IN THE YEARBOOK !

The yearbook staff is looking for pictures from you. Below are some topics that we would like to cover with your help. Please submit pictures **by November 30** to Mr. Cox in E109A, or on our website at

<http://www2.spokaneschools.org/staffpages/ferrisyearbook/>.

- *Summer Fun* pictures (summer 2011)
- Homecoming 2011 events/dance
- Senior Portraits (details on page 4) **due October 1**
- *Friends*, you & your friends
- *Job Photos*, students at their place of work
- *Out of School Activities* (skiing, horseback riding, etc.)
- *Special Talents* (dancing, skateboarding)
- *Sibs*; siblings who all attend Ferris
- *Cars*, students with their cars
- *Community Service*
- *Pictures of activities, clubs, organizations at Ferris*

We look forward to producing a beautiful yearbook your Saxon will love! Reserve your book for **\$45 in the business office on or before December 16.**



**Senior Salutes:** (not to scale) Left – Quarter page sample; Above – Eighth page)



## Ferris High School Library

Mrs. Pounds, Librarian  
ginny@spokaneschools.org  
354-6032

*Whenever you need an answer . . .  
From school or from home . . .*

### **YOUR MEDIA CENTER IS THERE!**

*The answers are accurate,  
from the trusted sources that your teachers want and expect you to use.*

YOUR MEDIA CENTER has plenty of online tools to help you make the grade. You can use these online search engines free, at any time, just like Google. It's easy to access and use – even if you wait until the night before your report is due!

- ✓ Find commentary, news, and opinion articles for reports and debate
- ✓ Locate author bios and literary criticism for literature assignments
- ✓ Watch science videos that show how things work
- ✓ Use interactive quizzes to build math skills
- ✓ Get high resolution pictures for PowerPoint and websites
- ✓ And much, much more!

### **Home Access to Library Catalog**

Destiny is a Web-based, school community-wide library browser which means it can be used from any Internet connected computer at school or at home. Go to the district's website, [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org), and then click on:

Students > Research > Follett Destiny > Ferris High School

As you enter **Destiny Quest**, you will be able to search for books by Title, Author, Keyword, Subject or Series. Students, staff, and parents can easily see:

- ✓ the most popular books in their library
- ✓ *Resource Lists* provided by their librarian or teacher
- ✓ new books recently added
- ✓ the library shelves without leaving their chair!

Visit the Library during Open House and see our new One Search capabilities. Search the Card Catalog, World Book, Databases and selected websites all through one tool!

### **Thank you, Ham on Regal!**

The Library (with help from Ham on Regal) has multiple copies of award nominated books for our Ferris students to read. The Evergreen Young Adult Book Award (<http://www.kcls.org/evergreen/nominees/index.cfm>) and the Young Reader's Choice Award (<http://pnla.org/yrca/2012nominees.html>) give students the opportunity to read new books recommended for young adults. Voting for their favorite book in the spring is a great way for students to honor the authors.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Senior Russell Pochis** is one of three SPS students among the approximately 16,000 nationwide semifinalists in the 57<sup>th</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program. More than 1.5 million juniors took the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The semifinalists represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors. Finalists must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. Winners for 2012 will be announced beginning in April.

### **Advanced Placement Exams**

The following students and recent graduates are recognized for their academic excellence on their college-level Advanced Placement exams.

#### **AP Scholar with Distinction**

*Students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams*

**Samuel Butler, Mackenzie Dandoy, Kirsten Harrison, Sarah Harrison, Jazlyn Jacobs, Gina Myers, Lee Organick, Joanna Redmon, Cara Reidy, Benjamin Vogel, Emily Von Essen, Joseph Wecker.**

#### **AP Scholar with Honor**

*Students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams*

**Sarah Andrews, Michael Armstrong, Ashley Barling, Tom Geranios, Minjung Kim, Duncan McNally, Daniel Vance, Steven Vilwock, Forest Wilson, Julia Wing.**

#### **AP Scholar**

*Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams*

**Amber Arbanas, Lucia Baldwin, Mara Baldwin, Matthew Bray, Nicola Brooks, Andrea Brudnicki, Iris Chavez, Sarah Cockey, Megan Davis, Lauren Earthman, Maria Everett, Sarah Gustafson, Mitchell Heid, Curtis Howe, Ella Kuuskvere, Bradley Lammers, Grant Livingston, Molly Lorenz, Rachel Millet, Michael Morgan, Jacob Newell, Michael Oien, Michelle Orsi, David Repsold, Tucker Richards, Rachel Schmidt, Joshauh Sharon, Olivia Swindler, Maria Tozzi, Calvin Wilkins.**

## Culminating Project

2011-12

**Susan Wolf** 354-6042

**susanwo@spokaneschools.org.**

All Ferris seniors must complete a culminating project to qualify for high school graduation.

### What are the components of the Culminating Project?

The CP consists of five parts:

- ✓ **Proposal Letter** – students outline their project in a formal letter
  - ✓ **Project** – a product or performance, a representation of learning
  - ✓ **Paper** – 3-5 page MLA format research paper with separate works cited page
  - ✓ **Portfolio** – all written documentation of the CP process including the proposal letter, research paper, and learning logs
  - ✓ **Presentation** – an oral 7-8 minute presentation with reflection to a panel of at least two staff members
- Many seniors have already written their proposal letter and are in the process of writing their research papers and logging in hours for their project.

\*\*Beginning this year the **Culminating Project will show up as a class in PowerSchool** and students will be able to track their progress throughout the year. They will receive grades for successful completion of the Proposal Letter, Research Paper and Final Presentation. As a result, students must attend to those critical deadlines in order to maintain their academic standing. **Failure to complete project tasks within the given timelines could result in academic ineligibility for participation in extra-curricular activities.**

### DUE DATES:

- ✓ **Proposal letters** – October 31, 2011
  - ✓ **Research Papers** – January 17, 2012
  - ✓ **Presentations** – by April 13, 2012
- Students who meet deadlines will also receive BONUS SAXON BUCKS for their Senior All-Nighter!

Additional information regarding the Culminating Project is available on the Ferris High School website under the Culminating Project link. Other questions or concerns can be answered by Susan Wolf.

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Juniors and Seniors move closer to post-secondary education by taking college-prep or Advanced Placement courses, registering for and taking entrance exams such as the SAT or ACT, and searching for scholarships. They study great works such as *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Hamlet*, and *Invisible Man* in order to consider the many ways that literature reflects real life.

Needless to say, the Language Arts teachers thoroughly enjoy working with Ferris students to help them improve as readers and writers. Ultimately, they work hard to develop the creative, analytical, and communication skills of their students. If you have any questions about classes, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Language Arts teacher.

## Music

### Band

**Ben Brueggemeier** 354-6034

2011-2012 is off to a fantastic start! With over 200 students in the band program, I am looking forward to a tremendous year. There are three events on the calendar that need to be mentioned.

### Fall Band Concert

Wednesday, Oct. 26 — 7:00pm

Brueggemeier Hall – Ferris Auditorium

The concert features: The Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Band, Advanced Percussion Ensemble and Drum Line. Don't miss it. It will be a great concert!

### 2011 Veteran's Tribute Concert

Sunday, November 6 — 7:00 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

The concert will pay tribute to those who serve to protect our way of life and pay special tribute to those who have served since the events of 9/11. We look forward to seeing you at the concert. All are invited, especially Veterans.

### Ferris Band Auction and Swing Dance

Saturday, December 10 — 7:00-10:00pm

Ferris Gym

This is a great opportunity to give to the Ferris Band Program and have a great time doing it! The silent auction begins at 7:00, the live auction at 7:45 and the dance at 9:00. The music is provided by the award-winning Ferris Jazz Orchestra. Don't miss this awesome event!

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS to the Ferris Jazz Orchestra.** The group was selected to perform at the Washington State Music Educators Convention in February of 2012. The ensemble was selected via audition and is the only high school jazz group selected to perform!

## Social Studies

**James Noble**

354-6149

The Social Studies Department ended the summer with the retirement of one of our beloved teachers. After teaching at Ferris for 13 years and serving a tour in Iraq, **Col. Darel Maxfield** has decided to retire from teaching. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him luck with all his new endeavors. New to the Department is **Mr. Scott Ward**, who taught American Studies and AP US history last year. This year he is teaching World History and American Studies. Mr. Ward is a graduate of Whitworth University and has been involved in a number of Ferris activities outside the classroom. We welcome him and look forward to his enthusiasm and knowledge he will share with his students.

As a department, we continue to refine our understanding and use of Standards Based Grading (SBG). This year all of the World History classes are using SBG as well as the Advanced Placement European History classes. American Studies classes are beginning to implement SBG instruction. We believe this will help aid students in their understanding of core standards and also reflect a more accurate picture of their learning.

## Science

**Chris Cochran**

354-6123

The new school year brings some changes to our science program and staff. In addition to their core science course, many students are also enrolled in *Principles of Biomedical Studies* as a science elective. This course allows students to earn credit in science as well as a career and technical education (CTE) credit while giving them an engaging experience that is rich in labs and technologies pertinent to current practices in the field. Teacher **Darci Hastings** participated in intensive summer coursework and training in preparation for administering the first of a four course sequence for students. Completing this course lays the groundwork for taking *Human Body Systems* next year.

We are happy to welcome a new member to our science staff, **Diane Cortner**. Diane comes to us from Salk middle school and is teaching 3 sections of Biology. She brings years of experience, expertise and enthusiasm in working with students.

Science teachers are working diligently to improve the achievement of all students in science as students and staff alike are faced with increasing demands around content and coursework. Some of our current collaborative work focuses on

- ✓ aligning curriculum and assessments to state and district standards,

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- ✓ making mastery of learning targets more accessible to students through formative assessment,
- ✓ preparing students for high levels of success on the state Biology end of course exam,
- ✓ improving the success of incoming freshman as they adjust to the rigors of high school and
- ✓ increasing participation in AP science exams (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science & Physics.)

We know that students who challenge themselves by enrolling in a demanding high school course sequence have a much higher probability of successfully completing a post secondary course of study. We offer a rich selection of courses to meet the needs and interests of students as they prepare for the next level of their education. Parental participation is encouraged as students complete their work this year and make choices around their future courses.

## World Languages

**Holly Kinney**

**354-6148**

Bienvenidos, bienvenue, willkommen, Nihongo no kurasu e Yookoso.

French and Spanish students are just back from an amazing bi-lingual excursion immersion to France and Spain. This has inspired several of the students in our department to enroll in multiple world languages in preparation to be global citizens of the world. Way to go!

## WL students expand their horizons

Registration for World Languages Day at the University of Washington is just around the corner. Teachers in the department will escort 80 students to the U of W campus in the spring for an awesome day of language classes on a variety of linguistic and cultural topics. Talk to your WL teacher for details.

This school year our German students will have the great opportunity to travel to Goeppingen, Germany, for three weeks in June/July 2012. Planning is already well underway. Student will live with their German host family and get to know German culture first hand. They will be taking part in classes at our partner school, go sightseeing in Goeppingen and surrounding areas, Stuttgart, Ulm, Munich etc., swim, canoe and boat in the Chiemsee in Bavaria and in the Iller near Ulm, hike to the Neuschwanstein castle and much more. Check out the great things we did two years ago at <http://www.goepplingengaptrip.blogspot.com>

## Improving student success

Our focus for the year will be improving student success in our first year world language classes. We will be following a National Boards model to identify each learner's needs, interests, strengths, and abilities. Our goal is to help each learner dramatically improve his/her linguistic skills and cultural knowledge. Learners will be very engaged in using the target language both inside and outside of the classroom. We hope to prepare our students for local and world travel, to communicate and work well with people of varying backgrounds, and to have an appreciation for diversity.

Lastly, we'd like to say good luck to **Madame Sherwood** who is pursuing her National Board Certification in World Languages following in the path of her World Language colleagues.

## PTG and the Ham on Regal Players Invite You

It's time again for the biggest fund-raising event of the year. This will be the 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Ham on Regal has been performing. Ham on Regal has provided funding to almost every program, club, activity and sport at Ferris High School. The preparations are well under way for this year's event. The script is written and the songs have been chosen. **All we need is you!**

For those not familiar with the Ham on Regal show, it is an original stage production that is written, directed, choreographed and performed by nearly 300 Ferris parents every spring. Since the beginning of Ferris High School, **this event has raised over \$1.3 million for student programs.**

There are a lot of ways to be involved in the show in addition to singing or dancing. We need set builders, ticket sellers, costume makers and many more. It's a great way to meet parents, channel your inner Fred Astaire or Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor, and most importantly raise money for the kids. There are many levels of time commitment and any way you are able to be involved is greatly appreciated.

### Tap Dance Tryouts:

The Tap dance tryouts are October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Dance Center on 57<sup>th</sup> and Perry.



Rehearsals begin the following week. If you are unable to be at the tryouts, please contact Deby Hanson, 448-5605, before the tryout date to make alternate arrangements.

All other rehearsals begin on Monday, January 2, 2012 in the Ferris Auditorium. This years show dates are March 7-10, 2012.

If you have any questions please contact us at [showchairs@hamonregal.org](mailto:showchairs@hamonregal.org).

We look forward to meeting you at rehearsals!

Donna and Bob Stout  
Denise and Jeff Davenny  
2012 Show Chairs



## FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES

### Paul G. Brueggemeier Hall (unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, October 6	5 - 6:45pm	Annual Pizza Feed Fundraiser — Cafeteria Featuring the Jazz Orchestra
Tuesday, October 18	7:00pm	Fall Orchestra Concert
Thursday, October 20	7:00pm	Fall Choir Concert
Wednesday, October 26	7:00pm	Fall Band Concert
Thursday, October 27	7:00pm	Thesperados
Sunday, November 6	7:00pm	Veteran's Tribute Concert (St. Mark's Lutheran Church)
Thurs - Saturday, Nov. 10-12	7:00pm	<b>Oliver</b> , all school musical
Thurs - Saturday, Nov. 17-19	7:00pm	<b>Oliver</b> , all school musical
Monday, November 7	9:50am	Annual Veterans' Convocation
Thursday, December 9	7:00pm	Thesperados
Saturday, December 10	7:00pm	Band Swing Dance & Auction – Ferris Gym
Thursday, December 15	7:00pm	Winter Music Concert (All music ensembles)
Tuesday, January 17	7:00pm	Vocal Jazz Solo Night



**Thursday–Saturday, Nov. 10–12**  
**Thursday–Saturday, Nov. 17–19**  
**7pm, Ferris Auditorium**  
**Tickets**  
**\$7 presale; \$9 at the door**

# THEATRE ARTS

Ferris Theatre Arts is in full swing!  
 Classes are full and brimming with talent!

**Thesperados**, our comedy improv troupe, has been rehearsing since the first day of school and held their first performance September 29. Returning **Thesperados** **Mara Baldwin, Liz Brouwer-Wade, Nick Eddy, CJ Harkins, Devon Schreiber, Collin Skipper** and **David Stout** welcome **Danielle Reinkens, Sergey Grankin, Christian Davenny, David Dionne, Ethan Reid, Nathan Seppi & Teague Starbuck** to the troupe.

Ferris Performing Arts has begun rehearsals for *Oliver!* featuring **Collin Skipper** as Fagin, 7<sup>th</sup> grader **AJ Skipper** as Oliver, **Alex Greer** as Nancy, and over 70 other actors from Ferris, Chase, Sacajawea, Adams, Hamblen, and Cataldo schools.

Performances are November 10-12 & 17-19 at 7pm. Tickets will be \$7 presale and \$9 at the door. Parents, guardians and family members are invited to help in all areas of production.

Please contact director Mary Cooper at [MaryCoo@SpokaneSchools.org](mailto:MaryCoo@SpokaneSchools.org) or 354-6076.



## Associated Student Body

**Jennifer Walther** 354-6092

We welcome all Saxons to another fun school year. Leadership class began planning for this year during our summer summit. We just finished Hello Week with food, music, and our spirit con. This year promises to be exciting with events such as our Coats 4 Kids drive running from Sept. 19 – October 16. Homecoming is around the corner with our game on Oct. 21 and the dance on Oct. 22. Rubber Chicken is set for February 8. Also, our annual Canned Food Drive will be November 21 through December 9, so watch for our officers “Freezin’ for a Reason” out on the corner. Our third annual Talent Show will be January 12 with proceeds going to help Mary Goodwin. She has battled a serious lung disease and just recently had a lung transplant. We hope help the Goodwins defer some of the medical costs. Plan to join us either as a participant or an audience member.

Our ASB officers for the 2011-2012 school year are:

- President – **Ben Goodwin**
- Vice President – **Nathan Seppi**
- Secretary – **Molly Rubens**
- Treasurer – **Jessica Khosravi**
- Historian – **Lexi Schwartz**
- Sgt. At Arms – **Gunnar Seefeld**

They attended Leadership camp this summer and are ready to lead Ferris in a great year of spirit, philanthropy, and fun.

## Cheerleading

**Emily Schutz** 354-6049

Welcome back to school! The cheerleaders have been busy all summer, getting into the gym at 6:45 am to learn cheers, dance routines, tumbling and stunting. The team did very well at EWU’s summer cheer camp, earning the title of “Superior Squad” and also was voted by the whole camp to receive the prestigious “Leadership Award”. In addition, **Jen Power, Katherine Allen** and **Jordan Soderquist** made the esteemed UCA All American Team. Leading the squad this year, in her third year, will be captain, **Jen Power**.

The cheerleaders are so happy to be back in action cheering at football, volleyball, cross country and soccer this fall. We’re looking forward to our trip to Seattle on October 15 to perform in the University of Washington Football Halftime Show – it should be one of the highlights of our year! The girls were also out in the community volunteering on September 25 where they helped at the Juvenile Diabetes Walk.

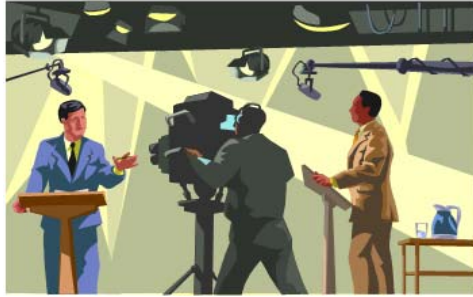
The girls are truly proud to be Ferris Saxons and proud to represent our fantastic Ferris community.

**GO SAXONS!**



*Cheerleaders get the crowd excited at the first football game!*





## FACE OFF AT FERRIS (ROUND 2)

The Leadership class is pleased to announce our second annual debate.

### FACE OFF AT FERRIS

Mayoral candidates *Mary Verner & David Condon*  
 School Board contenders *Sally Fullmer & Deana Brower*

**Monday, October 17**

**Ferris Auditorium**

**6pm**

*Please join us for this exciting evening where you will learn more about each candidate. We will have a straw poll at the end to determine our champions for the evening. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Walther at 354-6092 or email at [jennifer@spokaneschools.org](mailto:jennifer@spokaneschools.org).*



### High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)

Parents, mark your calendars now for these very important dates. The 2012 state mandated High School Proficiency Exam testing dates will be:

March 13-14 Writing  
 March 15 Reading

**Save the dates. Attendance on these days is very important!**



### News You Can Use!

**Parents, stay informed by checking our website ([www.ferrishs.org](http://www.ferrishs.org)) frequently.**

- The *Daily Bulletin*
- *Senior Announcements*
- GSL Sports Schedule
- Yearbook Deadlines
- Saxon Spirit Wear
- PowerSchool Parent Access
- The *Saxon Herald*
- School Calendar
- ... and much more!

### Need a cup o' Joe?

Saxon Grounds will be open 5:15-6:45 in B108 for those who need a pick-me-up prior to **Open House**.  
**Reminder:** No food or drink inside the auditorium.



### Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Remember, a new application must be turned in each school year and meal applications from the previous school year are good until Tuesday, October 18.

Our on line meal application is the fastest way to process an application and the link below will take you directly to it. Families can save up to \$760 per student each year if they qualify.

Web Meal Application: <http://www.spokaneschools.org/parents> Look for the meal application in the Parent Toolbox. Please contact the Nutrition Services office at 354-7270 for more information.



### Please help us help your student!

***Please remember to notify the school whenever a change is made to student and/or parent information (address, phone, parent contact information, etc). Written notification is required. Request forms are available in the Student Office.***



### Parent Advisory Committee

The Ferris PAC meets on the fourth Monday of the month. In addition to agenda items, this is an open forum to meet with the principal to discuss issues and contribute to the improvement of our school. If you would like to join the email reminder list, please email [Paulari@spokaneschools.org](mailto:Paulari@spokaneschools.org)

## Ferris Welcomes New Staff

Every year brings changes in the form of new and exciting members of our staff.

**Kristina Claghorn**, who comes from Rogers High School, is our new ELD (English Learning Development) teacher.

**Mandy Manning** has joined the Ferris family as teacher in our ELD Newcomer's Center. She comes to us from Lewis & Clark High School.

Congratulations to **Victorya Rouse** as she moves from 20 years in Ferris' ELD classrooms to become the SPS District Coordinator for the ELD program.

The math department welcomes the return **Gary Gillespie**. Mr. Gillespie also serves the district as a facilitator in Instructional Technology.

Also new to the math department is **Grady Emmerson** who comes to Ferris after many years at North Central High School.

Our special education department welcomes the return of **Ron Waller** as well as **Ron Evans**, who taught most recently at Bancroft School. The department is also happy to have **Cathy Hart-Kelly** and **Susan Chandler** as instructional assistants.

Please refer to the Social Studies and Science department articles for more new teachers.

We know your students will benefit from having these experienced educators in the classroom. Be sure to come to Open House and meet them for yourself.



## PowerSchool Parent Access!

Spokane Public School's online student information system provides parents and students with real-time access to your student's schedule, attendance, and grades. PowerSchool is Internet based so you are able to login from any place you have Internet access. If your student is moving up from a SPS middle school, your user name and password remains the same. If you have do not have a password, contact [LorisS@spokaneschools.org](mailto:LorisS@spokaneschools.org).



Hello Ferris Family!

Fall is a beautiful season to enjoy the changing colors and the cooler nights. It is also the favorite season of thieves. School is back in and the bad guys know that sometimes students, staff and parents can be preoccupied with busy schedules and can be forgetful at times. Thieves like easy targets and lately it has been vehicles. Here are a few tips to help ensure that you won't be one of their victims:

- Take all valuables out of your vehicle when it is not occupied.
- Unplug phone chargers, MP3 cords and any other cords that may lead one to believe there is something valuable attached to the other end.
- Even if you have an empty backpack or other type of bag in your car, remove it. The bad guy doesn't know it's empty.
- Take the face plate off of your stereo when you leave your car if you are able.
- Place any mail or any other papers with your name, address or personal information in a safe place. Do not leave it on your dash or on your seat for everyone to see.
- Lock your doors and roll up your windows. Remember, the thief wants a quick and easy target.
- When you get out of your car, be aware of your surroundings. Report anyone or anything that you feel may be suspicious to an administrator or the resource officer.

I hope these tips help as a reminder to keep your valuables safe and I hope everyone has a wonderful year!

**Becky**

Officer Becky

## DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

### Ferris Band Auction and Swing Dance

**Saturday, December 10 — 7:00-10:00pm — Ferris Gym**

***This is a great opportunity to give to the Ferris Band Program and have a great time doing it! The silent auction begins at 7:00, the live auction at 7:45 and the dance at 9:00. The music is provided by the award-winning Ferris Jazz Orchestra. Don't miss this awesome event!***





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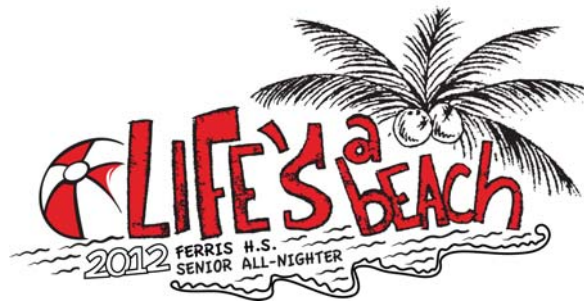
Thanks to Spokane voters' support of the 2009 bond, every SPS school has received upgrades to its building, technology and security systems. This summer, work began on the first phase of the new Ferris High School, and the school also received technology improvements that include 25 new computers, a data projector, four Smart Boards and four student response systems.



**Mail-in/on-line registration for the November 8 General Election closes October 10, 2011.**

**Registration forms are available at most government offices, libraries, public schools (including Ferris) and staffed fire stations. Forms also available to download at [www.spokanecounty.org/elections](http://www.spokanecounty.org/elections).**

**Or, if you have a State of Washington Driver's License or state issued ID card, you can register on line at [www.spokanecounty.org/elections](http://www.spokanecounty.org/elections)**



To: Parents/Guardians of the Ferris Saxon Graduating Class of 2012  
From: The Senior All Nighter Party Co-Chairs  
Regarding: Information, upcoming events, plea for your support

We hope your summer has been great. The SAN Co-Chairs, Brian and Mary Allen and Robert and Tracy van Halderen, have been working hard in the initial planning for this event. The SAN party takes place after graduation day and provides a drug and alcohol free event for your children.

This evening includes PRIZES, FREE FOOD and BEVERAGES, GAMES, MUSIC, and much more!

This event is all about your children and will not be successful without your help. Can you find time to lead an event, participate as a volunteer in our fund raisers, or anything else? Please say YES to this request.

If you missed our parent information meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, please watch for the next one. We will be discussing the SAN Party as well as the Fund Raisers that lead up to this fun and safe event for our graduating seniors.

WE NEED YOU to make this event a great success!

- Golf Tournament at Hangman Valley on October 2
- Craft Fair at Ferris on October 15
- Wine Tasting and Auction event at Manito Country Club on October 29

Contact us with questions and comments **and** to volunteer your time and talents!

**Brian & Mary Allen** ([bmkea@comcast.net](mailto:bmkea@comcast.net)) or

**Robert & Tracy van Halderen** ([iceboyz@comcast.net](mailto:iceboyz@comcast.net))

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### **National Honor Society: Ferris Chapter**

- Beyond a 3.5 scholarship requirement, Ferris students must also meet the other national entrance requirements in Character, Leadership, and Community Service (must be verified by a supervisor).
- A panel of five teachers reviews every application for admission.
- Current membership stands at 100 members.

### **Elective/Registration Opportunities**

- Students are able to customize their education and broaden their academic experience by choosing from over 150 electives.
- In addition to electives in the performing arts, graphic arts and business, we also offer five years of world languages and many advanced placement courses.
- Many students access classes at the local colleges, participating in the statewide program called Running Start. Students entering their junior year have the opportunity to earn their first college degree (Associate of Arts) as they graduate from high school. Last year, four Ferris students were successful in earning their Associate of Arts degree.

## JOEL E. FERRIS HIGH SCHOOL 2011-2012 COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING DATES

Important test dates for college-bound seniors, juniors, and, *in some cases*, sophomores are listed below. Students should be aware of dates and register in a timely fashion for test(s) their school(s) will require. If you need further information, or are uncertain as to what tests you should take, see your grade level counselor or Mrs. Vincent, Career Specialist, College and Scholarship Advisor, in the College/Career Center. (354-6029 – LindaV@spokaneschools.org)

### SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (SAT) & ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ACH):

Given at Ferris, Lewis & Clark (LC), Mead (M) and East Valley (EV) High Schools. See below for the testing dates:

TEST DATE			REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION*
November 5, 2011	SAT I/SAT II	Ferris, EV, M,	October 7, 2011	October 8-21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT I/SAT II	Ferris, LC, EV	November 8, 2011	November 9-20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT I/SAT II	Ferris, M	December 30, 2011	January 1-13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT I	Ferris, LC, NC, Rogers	February 10, 2012	February 11-24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT I/SAT II	Ferris, LC, NC	April 6, 2012	April 7-20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT I/SAT II	Ferris, M	May 8, 2012	May 9-22, 2012

- Obtain Registration Bulletin from Mrs. Vincent or register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).
- Registration with the test fee check must be postmarked on or before the registration deadline to avoid late charges.
- Test fees are: SAT I - Reasoning Test \$49;  
SAT II Basic Registration fee is \$22;  
Languages test with listening \$22;  
all other Subject tests \$11 each.
- Students can take up to **three** SAT II tests per test date. **Late fee: \*Add \$26.**
- Question and answer service is available for the November 5, January 28 and May 5 test dates.

SAT I / SAT II / ACT HIGH SCHOOL CEEB CODE NO. for JOEL E. FERRIS HIGH SCHOOL – 481-258

SAT I / SAT II TEST CENTER CODES: East Valley: 48-237; Ferris: 48-235; Lewis & Clark: 48-240; Mead: 48-244;  
North Central: 48-243; Rogers: 48-245

### AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT):

Given at East Valley and Ferris.

TEST DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION**
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17-30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5-18, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

FERRIS HIGH SCHOOL  
CEEB CODE: 481-258

Obtain registration forms from Mrs. Vincent or register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

Registration with test fee check must be post marked on or before the closing date to avoid late charges.

**Test fee is \$34; Test fee with writing: \$49.50; Late fee: \*\*Add \$21.**

ACT TEST CENTER CODES: Ferris – 159030 / 48-235 East Valley – 214650

### PSAT (also entitled NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST – PSAT or NMSQT)

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) will be administered this year at Ferris on Wednesday, October 12. This is to get student ready to take the SAT late in their junior year and/or senior year. The cost of the test is \$15. Register in the Ferris Business Office. For more detail on the PSAT, see page 3.

### Attention, sophomores considering full-time Running Start Enrollment during your junior year:

In order to be eligible for National Merit Scholarship consideration, sophomores **must** take the PSAT-NMSQT during their sophomore year **while enrolled at Ferris full time.**

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# COME JOIN US P.T.G. OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30pm  
Slideshow / Musical Prelude at 6:00pm  
Paul G. Brueggemeier Hall

## ALL SCHOOL PIZZA FEED

Ferris Music Parents' Association

5 - 6pm Ferris Cafeteria (prior to Open House)



Entertainment by the  
Ferris Jazz Orchestra

\$5.00 per person  
Two slices of pizza plus a drink!  
Tickets available at the door.

*Reminder: Ask your student to jot down his/her schedule for you to bring to Open House — period, class, teacher, room number.*

*(Schedules will be available at Open House, but the waiting lines may be long.)*