

January Hoofprints

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Class of 2012



With the New Year here I often set some personal New Year's resolutions. The typical dropping of those extra pounds is one that I set, but I am never able to keep. Maybe this year will be the year for me (I sound like a Cub fan). Scheduling more time with my family and friends is one that I have been successful with, but it only happens because I have a true desire to make it happen – plus if I did not my wife would let me know. She does keep me accountable.

I also set some professional resolutions. This year I am dedicating myself to working diligently with our staff to create a culture (the way we do things) that emphasizes student growth and learning. We already do a great job of this, but my goal is to take it to the next level. We are doing this by putting in place systems that assist students to learn – RTI and a Student Assistance Team (this is a team of educators that concentrates on students at risk). We are also looking at our current schedule to see if there are ways in which we can tweak things, so that we can maximize the time that we have. But my biggest professional goal is to look at how we teach our students. What I am looking at is the **rigor** of the class so that we fully engage our students, and in doing so, how can we make it **relevant** to our students, so that they can apply it to their lives. That is a difficult task, but if we as educators strive to build positive **relationships** with our students, then we can make this happen more often. Those bolded words are what I refer to as the three R's – Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships.

Now you know my personal and professional resolutions. I wish you well as you pursue your resolutions in 2012.

Fountain Central Jr.-Sr. High School Mission Statement

The Fountain Central Junior-Senior High School community shall provide all students with a safe and caring learning environment. Students will be provided the opportunity to develop into well-rounded, responsible, productive citizens.

To meet the needs of students as they prepare to assume productive roles in society, we accept the responsibility to provide curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities that reflect the ever-changing demands of the global community.

Fountain Central's Vision Statement

Fountain Central Junior-Senior High School is preparing all students to be academically competitive, responsible, and to achieve at their highest level of ability. We embrace community involvement to enhance the educational achievements of our students.

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Elijah



Schedule Changes:

Students who want to change their schedule for the second semester may do so in the guidance office from Thursday, January 5 until Tuesday, January 10. There is a \$5.00 charge for a voluntary schedule change, which is payable at the time of the change. No IOUs will be accepted. There is no charge to drop a class for a study hall.

PSAT

The PSAT results were distributed and explained to sophomores and juniors during the month of December. If you have any questions concerning the results of these tests, please contact the guidance office.

SAT & ACT

SAT and ACT registration forms and practice tests are available in the guidance office. Students may also choose to register for the SAT online at: www.collegeboard.com or for the ACT online at www.act.org. You must apply by February 10 to take the March 10 SAT and by January 13 to take the February 11 ACT. Please contact the guidance office if you have questions concerning these important exams.

FAFSA and Financial Aid Night:

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form will be available through the high school guidance office or the FAFSA may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Paper forms can also be ordered by phone at 1(800) 433-3243. The FAFSA must be submitted by March 10. **NOTE: Any student planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or trade school, regardless of family income, MUST complete this form in order to qualify for financial assistance.** If you have questions and/or require assistance in completing the FAFSA, a **Financial Aid Night** will be held in the Fountain Central cafeterium on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. ;seniors and their parents are welcome to attend this free informational session.

Scholarships:

Seniors are encouraged to review scholarship opportunities posted in the guidance office and listed in the monthly Hoofprints. The list is updated frequently as new information becomes available. Students can also search for scholarships on their own using websites provided in the packets they received in September. Beware of scholarship scams – see www.FastWeb.com for 10 Scholarship Scam Warning Signs.

Lilly Foundation Scholarship and the Western IN Community Foundation Scholarships: Senior packets were distributed in November and completion of the college costs estimator is required to submit this packet. If the student is applying for other Lilly Scholarship, the packet is due by Friday, January 6 to the guidance office. If the student is not applying for the Lilly Scholarship, but for any of the other scholarships, the packet is due by March 9 to the guidance office.

Graduates and Scholarships:

Graduates may also apply for designated scholarships in the Western IN Community Foundation Scholarship packet, but parents must complete the college costs estimator before submission. Contact the guidance office for information and instructions on how to complete the college costs estimator online and to receive a scholarship packet. The Fountain Central local scholarship list for seniors or graduates will be distributed in March. Call the guidance office ASAP to get your name on the mailing list.

January 2012 Scholarships

Scholarship	Requirements	Eligible	Deadline	Amount
"Hoosier Heroes" Scholarship Program www.hoosierheroes.org	Essay competition; must nominate a living Hoosier who has served as a role model or inspired you in some way	Juniors or Seniors	Jan. 31	10 - \$2000 scholarships
American Legion Scholarships Available online at: www.needalift.org or CD available in Guidance Office	Must be dependent of veteran or of American Legion member's family	Seniors	Vary	Vary
Knights of Pythias Educational Assistance www.knightsofpythiasofnewcastle.com	Min. 3.0 GPA; SAT / ACT scores; 2 short essays absolutely no handwritten applications accepted	Seniors	Jan. 25	\$1,000 scholarship
Knights of Pythias Poster Contest Info. available in Guidance Office	Poster theme: "Don't be a Bully, Be a Friend"; judged on message, originality, neatness, effectiveness of message, adherence to rules	Gr. 9-12	Jan. 25	\$1,000 scholarship
Elks National Foundation "Legacy Scholarship" Must apply online: www.elks.org/eng/scholars	Any child or grandchild (including step-child or step-grandchild) of a living Elk member; SAT/ACT scores; Knowledge, Charity, Community, & Integrity	Seniors	Feb. 1	250 awards of \$1000 for 4 years
SSACI Nursing Scholarship App. available online: http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2343.html	Min. 2.0 GPA; financial need; must work as a nurse in an Indiana facility for min. of 2 yrs. following college graduation	Seniors	ASAP	Max. amount \$5000 (toward tuition & fees)
KFC Colonel's Scholars Application available online: www.kfcscholars.org	Min. 2.75 GPA; 4-year Indiana college or university; financial need	Seniors	Dec. 1 to Feb. 8	\$20,000 scholarship
American Quarter Horse Foundation Youth Scholarships Information and application: lowens@aqha.org	Min. 2.5 GPA; financial need; references; photo For AQHYA members who have belonged for 3 or more years Laura Owens, Coordinator (806) 376-5181	Seniors	Feb. 1	25 - \$8000 scholarships (\$2000 per yr.)
AQHA Foundation Scholarships:	Laura Owens, Coordinator (806) 376-5181			
Education or Nursing Scholarship	2 or 4-yr. college, university or vocational school; must major in Education or Nursing; min. 2.5 GPA	Seniors	Feb. 1	1 - \$10,000 award
Journalism or Communications Scholarship	2 or 4-yr. college, university or vocational school; must major in Journalism, Communications or a related field; min. 2.5 GPA	Seniors	Feb. 1	1 - \$8000 award
Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships Apply online: www.rmhc.org	RMHC Scholars, Future Achievers & HACER Scholarships	Seniors	Jan. 27	Vary
Common Knowledge Foundation Scholarships http://www.cksf.org	One or more quizzes with topics ranging from general to specific academic subjects, books, websites; movies	Gr. 9-12	Monthly winners	\$250 to \$2500 awards
Sam Walton Community Scholarship www.walmartfoundation.org	Min. 2.5 GPA; SAT / ACT scores; financial need; may not be Walmart employee or son / daughter of Walmart employee	Seniors	Jan. 31	\$3000 award
Indiana AHPERD Scholarship Program Apply online: www.indiana-ahperd.org/	For student majoring in Health Ed., Physical Ed., Recreation, Dance Ed., or related field; min. 3.0 GPA; financial need	Seniors	Jan. 15	4 - \$500 scholarships
Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship www.nesa.org/scholarship.html	Eagle Scout; min. SAT 1200 or ACT 26 comp.; leadership, financial need; letter of rec. required	Seniors	Jan. 31	\$2500-\$50,000 scholarships
Eagle Scout Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarship www.nesa.org/scholarship.html	Eagle Scout; demonstrated leadership; letter of recommendation required	Seniors	Jan. 31	\$1000 - \$2500 scholarships

Guidance

Mrs. Hart



Twenty-First Century Scholars Program Changes 2011 – 2012

*****Parents of students in grades 7 and 8 who have not completed a scholars' application are strongly encouraged to do so online as soon as possible. The latest an application will be accepted is June 30th following the student's 8th grade year.**

The Twenty-first Century Scholars program has been going through some changes resulting in legislation restructuring the TCFS program. Detailed information of the legislative changes can be found on the Scholars website at www.in.gov/ssaci. Online applications may also be completed at this website. The state prefers students apply online if at all possible. A link to the website and application are also available on the FCHS website under the guidance department at www.sefschools.org. **The school still has not received any paper applications from the scholars program at this time.**

Freshman Four-Year Plans: Mrs. Hart will finish meeting with freshman students in January to begin the development of their 4-year course specific graduation plan. Diploma tracks and requirements for each will be discussed individually and an initial plan will be developed. A copy of the plan will be sent home to parents for review. Please sign and return the original to Mrs. Hart, and a copy will be provided for your records. Parents may call for an appointment if they would like to meet with Mrs. Hart and their student in the development of this plan or for any questions they may have.

Second Semester Junior High Recognition Award Recipients:

The second 9 weeks Junior High Recognition awards were held on December 16, 2011. Students recognized received an awards certificate and a coupon for a treat from the Spanish Club store. Their picture will be in the Fountain County Neighbor.

7th Grade: Sydney Runion, Jake Winchester, Zach Campbell, Merissa Vandevender, Paige Davis, Brooklyn Coy, Malaney Robbins, Dean Bowling, Dallas Otero, Kacey Webster, Jenna Royer, Yulia Goings, Seth Prater, Lexi Brigham.

8th Grade: Nikki Benassi, Logan Estes, Jonathon Hoagland, Shelby Hochstetler, Lindsey Eacret, Georgia Edwards, Molly Gilkeson, Jaysea Whittington, Michaela Clevenger, Corey Meihls, Austin Wright, B.R. Hehmann, Logan Buker, Morgan Duprey, Cacy Zeller, Ricky Ortiz, Clayton McGrady, Logan Wood.

9th Grade Orientation – 8th Grade parents mark Your Calendars!

Parents of current 8th grade students please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the FCHS cafeteria. Mrs. Hart will be meeting with parents to review high school requirements and diploma tracks at this meeting. More information will be forthcoming in the February newsletter. If school is not in session due to bad weather the alternate date is February 22. Mrs. Hart will be meeting with 8th grade students the beginning of February to work on scheduling for next year.

****The state of Indiana's Department of Education (DOE) has developed some major changes in math requirements beginning with the freshman entering high school next year. A summary of these changes is listed below and will be discussed at the parent meeting.**



SUBJECT: Changes to High School Diploma Requirements

On Monday, November 7, 2011, the State Board of Education approved changes to the diploma requirements for all four-diploma types. These changes are applicable for incoming freshman in 2012-2013 (current 8th grade students). Students currently in high school will qualify for graduation under the existing rules and will not be affected by the changes below.

Mathematics Requirements

The State Board set the expectation that all students earning a diploma (i.e., any student except for a certificate of completion student) have access to completing *Algebra I* by the end of their freshman year. To support this, *Pre-Algebra* is no longer a high school course and has been replaced by *Algebra Enrichment*. The main difference between the courses is that *Algebra Enrichment* must be offered during the same academic year as *Algebra I*. Students earning a Core 40 Diploma, Core 40 with Academic Honors, or Core 40 with Technical Honors must earn six (6) credits in Mathematics in Grades 9-12.

Quantitative Reasoning Courses

The State Board created a new category of courses called “Quantitative Reasoning” courses. These are existing courses that help advance a student’s ability to apply mathematics in real-world situations and contexts. A proposed list of these courses can be found on the second page of the State Board memo. General diploma students will be required to earn two (2) credits in a Mathematics course **or** a Quantitative Reasoning course during their junior or senior year.

Core 40, Academic Honors, and Technical Honors students will be required to be enrolled in a Mathematics course **or** a Quantitative Reasoning course each year they are in high school.

Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma

If a student chooses to use the SAT option to fulfill the Academic Honors requirements, the score must include the written section of the test. A student must achieve a composite score of 1750 and no less the 530 on each section. (www.doe.in.gov) If a student chooses to use the ACT option to fulfill the Academic Honors requirements, the student must complete the written portion of the ACT.

Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma

To be eligible for a Technical Honors diploma, a student must earn six (6) credits in a college and career pathway. This replaces the previous requirement of eight to ten (8-10) credits in a career-technical program. The additional requirements now mirror the Academic Honors requirements but include options for fulfilling the Technical Honors diploma. In addition to earning a minimum score on WorkKeys, a student now has the option of demonstrating proficiency by (1) earning a minimum score on Accuplacer; or (2) earning a minimum score on Compass.

Dual Credit

Courses counting as “dual credit” under the Academic Honors or Technical Honors diplomas must be *verifiable* and from the Priority Course list set forth by the Commission for Higher Education. *Verifiable* means a school must receive notification from a postsecondary institution that the student has been awarded college credit for that course. There are two subsections that comprise the Priority Course list: (1) Liberal Arts and (2) Career and Technical Education. Both lists are in the final stages of development. Once available, these lists will be made available the Commission for Higher Education website (www.che.in.gov) and on the Learning Connection in the Dual Credit Community. Language was also added recommending the use of a provider for courses taught in the high school by high school faculty from the Preferred Provider List as developed by the Commission. This list will be available after the December, 2011 Commission meeting.

Cafeteria Announcement

Beginning January 4, 2012, the charging policy, which has been in effect since 1997 for all Fountain Central Jr./Sr. High School students, will be strictly enforced. Any student having a negative balance of \$7.00 or more will be refused breakfast and lunch service until the account is paid in full. Students may not charge any ala carte items or second meals at any time. All negative balances should be paid in full by Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Personal checks or cash are accepted for payment on a student's account. If payment is made by check, the entire amount of the check will be deposited with no change given. If they bring cash, the student determines how much money is deposited into the account.

We would like to remind you that if you qualify for free or reduced lunches, you also qualify for free or reduced breakfast. There are applications for assistance available in the school office and if you feel your family qualifies for state assistance, please contact them and they will send you the appropriate paperwork. If you experience a change in your financial situation during the school year, you can complete an application for assistance at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Auter, Head Cashier, at 294-2206, extension 2068.

Thank you.





Show the World What You're Made of... Become a Lifeguard!

Contact: Instructor Brian Walker 765-295-1548 or Coach McClure for details.

Lifeguard Classes at Fountain Central HS Pool Start Feb. 19, Cost \$150

Sign Up Now & Save!

Get the Summer Job you can be proud of and one you can use through college!

Looking for a Rewarding Summer Job? Become a Lifeguard! AND EARN a PE Credit!!!! Yes now you get a High School PE Elective Credit!!! (Check with your High School Guidance Counselor). Lifeguarding is a great summer job. Now is the time to plan for your summer, do you want a challenging job where you really can make a difference?

Work outdoors or indoors? Good hours, pay and flexibility? Lifeguarding might be just the opportunity you are looking for! Past guards have found jobs working at local town, church camp, state park, university and college pools.

Lifeguard training (New, Renewal and CPR w/AED) will be offered February/March 2011. You must be 15 years old by April 1, 2012 (adults from the community are welcome too) and able to swim 300 yards with good technique and be able to retrieve a 10 lbs. brick and swim with it 20 yards to enroll.

You must pass a pretest held during FCHS pools' open swim -- Feb. 6 or 13 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (or by appointment with Coach McClure). If you fail the pretest, Coach McClure will work with you to improve your swimming skills at open swim, so you can pass the swimming pretest.

Classes will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- Feb. 19, 26 (Sundays), March 3, 4, 10, and 11 (Saturday and Sundays). You will be done before Spring Break. All classes are at the Fountain Central High School pool. We will break at noon each day for lunch - bring a lunch or go out.

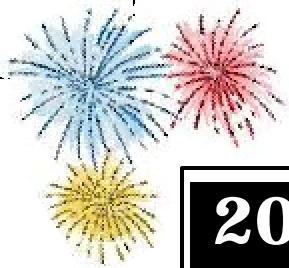
Renewal Certs for CPR will be Saturday, March 31, Saturday 9 to noon (renew yearly)\$20, and Lifeguard renewals (needed every 3 years) will be the March 11, 9 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$20 (pay \$20 at the class(s)).

The cost for the complete lifeguard program is \$150. Register & pay by Nov. 4 for \$100, and save \$50; register by Dec. 2 for \$120 and save \$30, otherwise \$150 by Feb. 13.

Make checks out to "BSA Crew 272" and turn them into John McClure, FC Aquatics Director, who will be assisting Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor, Brian Walker, again this year. Expect to learn a lot: leadership, teamwork, water rescue, CPR, AED and have a lot of fun too! Lifeguards are in high demand, if you have what it takes sign up now! If you have questions contact Brian Walker at 765-295-1548 www.crew272.com or visit Coach McClure at FCHS Pool.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2	3 7/8 BB Home 6:00	4 <i>School Resumes</i>	5 GBB Home 6:00 WR @ C-ville 6:30	6 VBB Home 6:00	7 WR @ C-ville 8:30 GBB Home 10:00 VBB Home 6:00
8	9 8BB Home 6:00 7BB @ N-Ridge 6:00	10 GBB @ Cov. 6:00 7/8 BB Home 6:00	11 WR Home 7:00	12 6GBB Home 6:00	13 VBB Home 6:30	14 SW Bi-Co @ Attica 8:00 WR WRC @ Cov. 9:00 7/8BB Bi-Co @ Attica 9:00 GBB @ T.Run 1:00 VBB @ N.Put 6:00
15	16 7/8 BB @ S.View 5:15	17 SW Home 6:00 7BB @ S.V. 6:00 8BB Home 6:00 6GBB Home 6:00	18	19 SW WRC Home 5:00 GBB Home 6:00 7BB Home 6:00 6GBB Home 6:00	20 VBB Home 6:00 Homecoming	21 SW WRC Home 8:00 WR Bi-Co Home 9:00 VBB @ S.Newton 6:30
22	23 7BB @ Seeger 6:30 8BB Home 6:00	24 GBB Home 6:00 6GBB @ P.V. 6:00 WR Home 7:00	25 SW Home 5:30	26 GBB Home 6:00 WR @ S-Mont 5:00	27 VBB @ Faith Christian 6:00	28 WR Sectional 7/8 BB Trny @ Webo 9:00 GBB @ C.Central 11:00 VBB @ B.C 6:00
29	30 BSW @ Seeger 6:00 6GBB Trny @ N.V.	31 GBB @ Seeger 6:00 6GBB Trny @ N.V.				



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