



FLOYD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

"Home of the Buffaloes"



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September 30, 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I am happy to report that the start of the 2010-11 school year has been a successful one. Once again, FCHS has met the requirements for AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and is Fully Accredited for this past school year. Thank you for your involvement in the education of your child.

Please take note of the October and November calendars provided with this newsletter, along with very important testing dates in the Guidance Corner. We have also included information on Café Prepay. This allows you to check your child's cafeteria account and prepay on-line.

Members of the Floyd County School Board will be available in the library on Monday, November 1st, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this visit is to provide the opportunity for parents, students, faculty and staff to ask questions and discuss concerns.

Regarding cell phones: If a student's cell phone is taken during the school day, the phone shall not be available for pick-up until the end of that school day.

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, October 1st. If you have questions or concerns about a grade, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. You are also reminded that you may access their information on-line through the Parent Portal. You may request a Parent Portal Access form from the main office.

I have every confidence that the remainder of this school year will be productive. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Barry A. Hollandsworth
Principal

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Guidance Corner

Please check web for Scholarships Available or come by Guidance Department

[Guidance Corner](#) WEBSITE

* SAT TEST DATES FOR 2010-2011 *

TEST DATES	DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
November 6	October 8
December 4	November 5
January 22	December 23
March 12	February 11
May 7	April 8
June 4	May 6

* ACT TEST DATES FOR 2010-2011 *

TEST DATES	DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
October 23	September 17
December 11	November 5
February 12	January 7
April 9	March 4
June 11	May 6

PSATs will be given on October 13, 2010.

On-Site College Application Review Dates for Fall 2010

Radford University, Thursday, November 4, 2010 9-11 am

The Admissions Office would like all students to submit their applications and application fees online at least one week before the scheduled onsite review. Transcripts also need to be sent at this time so do not forget to ask Mrs. Turpin to send your transcript to Radford University. The applications will be reviewed before coming to FCHS. If students use a fee waiver, please let Mrs. Turpin know and it will be sent with your transcript.

Virginia Tech, November 16, 2010 9 am

The Admissions Office would like students to submit their applications along with the application fees online. After submission, print a copy of the application, complete a transcript request, and give to Mrs. Turpin.

If you qualify for a fee waiver, print out the paper copy of the application and fill it out by hand to receive a fee waiver. Virginia Tech does not have the capability to accept a fee waiver with the online application at this time.

Instructions:

Visit: <http://www.admiss.vt.edu/apply/freshman/>

Click on "paper application" - download the PDF, print and fill out by hand

COUNSELOR SESSIONS

School counselors are meeting with all students throughout the year and are assigned as follows:

8th Grade – [Carolyn Quinn](#)

9th Grade with last names A-M -- [Carolyn Quinn](#)

9th Grade with last names N-Z – [Kathy Klatka](#)

10th Grade – [Carolyn Quinn](#)

11th Grade – [Kathy Klatka](#)

12th Grade – [Kathy Klatka](#)

If parents would like to contact a school counselor, please free to do so by calling the guidance department at 540-745-9456.

TUTORING

English tutoring

When: Tuesday & Thursday

Where: Library 3:25-4:55 pm

Teacher: [Ms. Fleisher](#)

Math tutoring

When: Tuesday & Thursday

Where: Room 103 from 3:25 – 4:55 pm

Teacher: [Mrs. Daria Neal](#)

Writing SOLs

English 8 & 11 courses this semester will take the Writing SOL on October 19, 2010 – Multiple Choice
October 21, 2010 – Writing Direct

Yearbooks will be sold **ONLY** at school on October 14-15, 18, 2010.

Yearbook Ordering

Order forms will go home with students the week prior to sales and extras will be available in the office. Cost of a plain book is \$55.00. Checks should be made payable to FCHS.

SENIOR ADS

Early bird deadline to save some money is October 15. Final deadline is November 4.

If you have questions, please contact Emily Williams at X5671 or at williamsem@floyd.k12.va.us



FBLA members—important information pertaining to our Virginia Western Community College Regional Fall Conference on October 29, 2010, is now posted on the web under clubs. Please see the [FBLA](#) site for more updates and information about our club events throughout the year! Next club meeting is November 3, 2010.

Diversity Club

“Encourage, Educate, Accept”

October 6 (topic is racism) -- October 20 (worldwide fall traditions)

Come out and join us for lively discussions and interesting conversations. Room 437 3:30-5:00.



It is that time of year again! HOSA will be sponsoring Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October. We will be selling various pink ribbon items throughout the month as well as our newly designed t-shirts. The month will end with our Breast Cancer Awareness football game on Friday, October 29th!

Please come out and support our Buffaloes as well as continuing the fight against breast cancer in your pink attire!



“Whoever said winning isn’t everything...

....**OBVIOUSLY** wasn't fighting breast cancer”





Quick Reference Guide

I. Creating a New Account

The first step in making an online payment or checking your student's information online is to create an account on the Café Prepay website:

1. Go to <http://www.cafeprepay.com>.
2. Click on the New User tab and follow the steps for setting up your account. If you have any trouble moving from the first to the second page of this initial set up, it's likely you have your internet security/privacy settings set too high. Try changing your settings to medium or lower so that cookies are enabled.

II. Adding a Student to Your Online Account

Before you can make payments or check balances online, you must first add your student(s) to your account. When no student is attached to the account, the website automatically directs you to the Add Student page. From there, you simply:

1. Click on your state, district and school.
2. At this point you'll be searching the Café Prepay database for your student. Enter just the first three letters of the student's last name in the Name field, leaving the Grade field blank, and click Find Student to cast the widest net for finding your student.
3. Your student's name should appear below the Find Student box. Simply click Add to My Students where this link appears next to your student's name and grade.

III. Checking Your Student's Balance

As stated on the website, for security reasons, you either need to **enter your student's ID number** or make a payment toward your student's account in order to view the balance.

Please note that as you make payments, your school's cafeteria will download them to your student's meal account the next morning. However, you may not see these payments reflected in the balance as displayed online until your school performs a balance update to the Café Prepay website.

IV. Making a Payment

To make a payment using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express (direct withdrawal is no longer available), simply click on the Make Payments link where you can then select to pay “now” (Continue and Pay by Credit Card) or to schedule payments on a monthly or “auto replenish” basis. If selecting Continue and Pay by Credit Card, once you have successfully entered your information, you will receive a transaction ID.

If for some reason your card is declined (which is often simply the result of entering the wrong billing address, expiration date or card security code), you will receive either an error or a “declined” message, and no payment will have processed. If you wish to reattempt the payment, please wait five minutes and then go through the Make Payments process again, double checking the above-mentioned information as you enter it. If your card is still declined at that point, you would need to contact your credit card company for further assistance. Please note that authorizations may continue to appear on your card for several days, but will ultimately be removed by the credit card company for any declined transactions.

V. Payment Schedules

If you would like, you may choose to set up either monthly payments or Automatic Replenish on Low Balance. Once you’ve set up a schedule, you may edit it or end it at any time by clicking on the Edit Scheduled Payments link.

Automatic Replenish on Low Balance is optimal for the student whose lunch spending varies greatly from day to day. With this type of schedule set up, when the student's account balance goes below a specified amount, then another specified amount is deposited into the student's account via credit card. With this system, the student will never run out of money in his/her account. Conversely, your credit card will not be charged until the student's balance goes below the specified dollar amount.

When setting up Automatic Replenish, it’s important to enter an End Date. Please choose a date close to the end of the school year; you will be able to edit this at any time if you need to.

Please note: when selecting your First Payment Date for monthly schedules, your payment will not be processed until the evening of whatever date you select, so those funds will not be available to your student until the following day.



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October 1, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The teen years are marked by a roller-coaster ride of emotions that are difficult for teens, their parents and educators. Normal adolescent turmoil can be easily misread as depression. Yet, depression appears to be occurring at a much earlier age and is one of the most frequently occurring mental health challenges adolescents face. We also know that the teen suicide rate has nearly doubled over the past decade. However, depression is a treatable problem and effective treatment of depression helps prevent suicide.


To proactively address this issue, **Floyd County High school will be offering depression screenings in the month of November.** This free, voluntary and confidential screening is offered to help students assess whether or not they may have symptoms consistent with depression. Students must have parent permission in order to be screened and are asked to also provide their written consent to the screening.


If you want your student to participate, please complete the enclosed **permission form** and return it to Kathy Wilson-Klatka in the guidance office of Floyd County High School by **October 15th**. We will then provide you with a parent screening form to gain your input and to let parents know the types of questions their child will be asked. The screening cannot provide a diagnosis of depression, but does give an indication of whether the student should be referred for an evaluation. **Please do not wait until the date of the screening if you feel that your child is experiencing significant mental health difficulties. Please contact the school to ask for more immediate assistance if you have questions or concerns.**

In November, students who have parent permission will participate in the screening and have a private interview with members of the screening team. Follow-up calls to the parent of the each student screened will also be made.

We are pleased our staff is able to offer this service to Floyd County High School and their parents. Please feel free to call Kathy Wilson-Klatka with any questions.

Sincerely,


Heidi Hawkins, Ed.S.
Nationally Certified School Psychologist


Tabitha Bagnall, B.S., Ed.S. Candidate
School Psychologist Intern

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Consent Form

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Please **complete** this permission form and **return** it to Kathy Wilson-Klatka, in the guidance office of Floyd County High School **by Friday, October 15th.**

I, _____, give permission for _____
(student)
to complete a screening for depression at Floyd County High School conducted by the screening team.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Student Signature

Day Time Phone number where you can be reached for feedback after the screening.

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Notes from the Principal

- **Report Cards sent home by students on October 1st**
- **Sophomore Ring Delivery on October 8th @ 2:00 p.m.**
- **Underclass Make-Up Pictures/Club Pictures on October 11th**
- **Senior Graduation Information Mtg. on October 18th @ 9 a.m.**
- **SOL Writing October 19th and 21st for grades 8 & 11**
- **Senior Graduation Orders during lunches on Oct. 26th & 27th**
- **School Board Visitation on November 1st from 2-7:00 p.m.**
- **No School for Students on November 2nd**