

October 2009



Floyd Central High School
"Fostering Excellence for a Lifetime"

Highlander Highlights

From the Desk of the Principal...

Raising The Bar ...

Exploring the International Baccalaureate Diploma

One of our goals at Floyd Central is to raise the bar of expectations for academic achievement. That will allow our students to compete on the Global stage not just in the state of Indiana.

One of the opportunities we have started to explore is the possibility of offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (European spelling of Program) at FCHS. Some of you may already have knowledge about this program. To be brief, the IB programme is a rigorous pre-university course of study that meets the needs of the highly motivated secondary school student. The IB Programme started in 1968 in Europe and is currently in 129 countries and 2,400 schools including 19 schools in the state of Indiana.

This semester we created a committee that has been busy attending conferences and visiting schools that are offering the IB Programme. If a decision is made by our faculty to pursue implementing an IB Programme, we will have several public forums to discuss the details of this program.

Some underlying issues that will help formulate a decision will be the cost of the program and what impact it will have on our Advanced Placement (AP) program. More information will be shared with you at a later date.

Construction Update

During the summer, it was not uncommon to have over 200 construction workers on site. However, construction has slowed down but we are making progress. By the end of this month, we will occupy the Media Center, Blackbox Theatre, and the WNAS studio. Our new science wing is projected to be completed by the end of the first semester. When we return from the holiday break, Phase 3 (the last phase) of the construction project will begin. This phase consists of adding two business labs and 15 classrooms that will be completed by June 30th, 2010.



Calendar Of Events

- 10/19 - 10:00 AM to 12 Noon - College Fair
- 10/29 - 7:30 AM - Mentor's Breakfast
- 11/3 - 7:30 AM - 21st Century Scholar Breakfast
- 11/5 - 8:00 AM - National Honor Society Induction
- 11/11 - 8:30 - Veteran's Day Assembly
- 1/25 - 7:00 PM - Financial Aide Workshop
- 1/28 - 4:00 to 7:00 PM - 8th Grade Registration

Once Again Limited Seating for Graduation

This year's senior class, with 431 students, is the second largest to ever graduate from Floyd Central. It is approximately 80 students larger than a typical graduating class.

Just like last year, each graduating senior will receive *six tickets for commencement due to the limited seating capacity of our gym.*

I hope you understand our dilemma. Many of you will be able to get an extra ticket(s) from other FC seniors who will not need all six of their tickets. As in previous years, we will be broadcasting the graduation ceremony *live* in the auditorium.

Information about getting on a waiting list for extra tickets will be released in May.

We have had a good start to the school year. I hope to see you at many of our upcoming school events.

Louis Jensen

PTO/Renaissance News

This has been an exciting start to our school year, with many beautiful changes in our building as construction continues to progress. For most of us, registration was our first opportunity to see the results of the work done over the summer. We had a wonderful turnout at our PTO table during registration, and would like to thank you for your generous donations, which are our sole source of funding. Without you, PTO/Renaissance could not provide the programs that support our teachers, staff and students. A special thanks goes out to our 50 Century Club members.

PTO /Renaissance has been active this year, and we thank the many volunteers we have had so far. In August, Diane Kost prepared a delicious breakfast, which was served in our new cafeteria, to welcome our teachers and staff back to school. We also distributed FC polo shirts and t-shirts to the entire staff during this time. The PTO/Renaissance board was elected during Open House, and Candy Davoust organized volunteers and provided refreshments at our hospitality table.

In September, Annette Winders, Roxanne Wolfe and their hardworking team hosted the first Student and Staff of the Month luncheon. We served approximately 50 students, who are nominated by teachers for going “above and beyond” what is expected. These luncheons are held monthly.

At Senior Night, our FC counselors arranged to have college representatives available on site, ready to take applications from seniors and to answer questions. Many of these colleges waived application fees, and students had the convenience of completing many applications in one evening. Donna Eswine brought in a great group of parents to provide assistance to the counselors.

Currently, Lynn Jenney and Mitzi Brown are compiling students’ applications for Success Cards. Success Cards are distributed to students twice each school year, and are based on a student meeting criteria during the previous semester. For example, the success cards which will be distributed this month are based on the semester ending in May 2009. Students apply for these cards in their English classes, and are rewarded with donations from local merchants and a monthly treat during lunch. Students receiving a Gold-Plus card were recognized during half time of the October 9 football game.

PTO/Renaissance will soon be able to provide information to you on a more ongoing basis, as we link in to the Floyd Central website (floydcentral.org), thanks to Ms. Kessinger and her class of web designers! This website is an excellent source of school communication. If you haven’t checked it out yet, please do so, and watch for our link to be up and running in the next few months. As you can see, we have a dynamic group working to support our teachers, staff and students.

If you would like to be involved, please don’t hesitate to contact Patti Hartog at pattihartog@gmail.com.

And This Just In . . .

Copies of the FCHS Daily Announcements are available via email. Simply email Kirk Hamsley at khamsley@nafcs.k12.in.us with **Daily Announcements** in the Subject line and you will be kept up to date on the daily happenings at Floyd Central.

Visit the School Website; Contacting Teachers

Don’t forget to take advantage of the school website at www.floydcentral.org. It contains information, news, and numerous links to other school and helpful sites. The website is operated and maintained by our students in classes taught by Ms. Kelly Kessinger (kkessinger@nafcs.k12.in.us). If you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

Faculty members have voice mail and an e-mail address. These directories are available during registration. E-mail addresses are **first initial, last name @nafcs.k12.in.us** unless it is duplicated somewhere else. Then you will need a directory.



While many areas of construction for Phase 2, some touch up does continue without interfering with the school’s day-to-day operations.

"What's Happening...."

Chicks Rock "A Cross" Country

The FCHS Cross Country Girls, the "Super Chicks", are Sectional Champs! The team consists of Constance Rhodes, Alyssa Moore, Abbie Ewing, Ryan Meza, Brandy Fulton, Rachel Hartog, Chelsea Reiding, Hannah Keehn, Kendra Mifflin, Christina Amburn, Katie Pfannmoeller, Rachel Naville, Anna Wilson, Adaline Heitz, Danielle Rehor, Hannah Watkins, and Morgan Vellinger.

Coach Hook said "This team is tough and races harder than any team I've had in 9 years. You can't imagine how exciting it is to watch them race."

☺☺☺☺ Congratulations!!! ☺☺☺☺

September staff of the month was

Kristi Charbonneau

Octobers staff of the month is

Kirk Hamsley

Students interested in playing softball in the 2009-2010 school year should have a physical on file with the athletic department. Open facility and off season training is coming up soon. Please listen for the announcements in the coming days. Please e-mail Head Coach Joe Witten at floydcentralsoftball@hotmail.com with any questions.

Calling All Shutterbugs

If you are packing your digital camera to the many school events, you can become *world* famous and help the Floyd Central website!

Kelly Kessinger, Business Education instructor, and her crew of web-crafters are wanting your photos, news, scores, awards, updates and other info to help tell the entire world about Floyd Central High School.

Email photos or all sorts of note-worthy stuff to Ms. Kessinger at kkessinger@nafcs.k12.in.us.

"A Professional Learning Community" Teacher / Staff Recognition

If a teacher / staff member assists you or your student beyond what you would consider the normal expectations, please let us know so we can recognize their extra efforts. You can email your response to: jwhaley@nafcs.k12.in.us

Snail mail responses can be sent to:

Floyd Central HS

Attention: Mrs. Whaley

6575 Old Vincennes Road

Floyd Knobs, IN 47119

"Please Sir, May I Have Some More?"

The Floyd Central Theatre Department is now gearing up for their major fall musical of "*Oliver!*" with a cast and crew of more than 200 students.

Shows will be Fridays and Saturdays on November 6, 7, 13, & 14 at 7:30 PM. Matinee time is 2:00 PM on Sundays of November 8 and 15. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students. VIP seating upgrades are available for an additional \$6.

A special priced matinee performance will be on Saturday, November 14th at 1:30 PM. Tickets will be only \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. There will only be a limited number of tickets available for this special performance.

Tickets for the production may be reserved by calling the 24-hour reservation line at 923-8811, Ext. 3527

Senior Deadline Approaching

Seniors need to be reminded that the local scholarship application is due into the counseling department by October 30th. To be eligible for any scholarship awarded by the school, the student needs to have this form filled out. If you have any questions, see your counselor.

21st Century Scholars meets at 7:30 am on the first Tuesday of each month. Be sure to attend to get important information.

TEAM dates are November 17, 19; December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17.

Floyd Central Student Renaissance will be holding its annual **Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, December 5th from 9am until 2pm. There will be crafts, gift items, food, entertainment, and visits with Santa Clause. The bazaar will be held in the newly renovated rotunda and main spine so come out and get a start on your Holiday shopping and see the new school. If you are interested in renting booth space for \$30, you can contact Becky Cambron at rcambron@nafcs.k12.in.us or Natasha Finn at nfinn@nafcs.k12.in.us.

The Highlander Speech Team would like to congratulate Dannie Hinton for winning the Cornhole game raffle. Thanks to everyone for the support.

The speech team has three tournaments before winter break: Nov. 21 at Lawrence Central; Dec. 5 at Mater Dei; and Dec. 12 at Western Kentucky. If you would like to get involved in this valuable academic program, please contact Mr. Austin at waustin@nafcs.k12.in.us.

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SAT DATES

Test	Registration Deadline
Oct 10th, 2009	Sep 9th, 2009
Nov 7th, 2009	Oct 1st, 2009
Dec 5th, 2009	Oct 30th, 2009
Jan 23rd, 2010	Dec 15th, 2009
Mar 13th, 2010	Feb 4th, 2010
May 1st, 2010	Mar 25th, 2010
Jun 5th, 2010	April 29th, 2010

ACT DATES:

Test	Registration Deadline
Sep 12th, 2009	Aug 7th, 2009
Oct 24th, 2009	Sep 18th, 2009
Dec 12th, 2009	Nov 6th, 2009
Feb 6th, 2010	Jan 5th, 2010
Apr 10th, 2010	Mar 5th, 2010
Jun 12th, 2010	May 7th, 2010

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