

High School Announcements - Week of October 21, 2024

Upcoming Dates

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| ❖ Wednesday, October 23 | Powder Puff (note the date change) |
| ❖ Wednesday, October 23 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Thursday, October 24 | Fall Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m. |
| ❖ Friday, October 25 | Blood Drive |
| ❖ Monday, October 28 | Academic Achievement Awards - 6:00 p.m. (<i>Invites mailed home</i>) |
| ❖ Wednesday, October 30 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Wednesday, November 6 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Saturday, November 9 | 5th Quarter Party Fundraiser sponsored by FEF |
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Congratulations to October Student of the Month - Elijah Hulka and Lydia Shi!




General Announcements

- ❖ Fruitport High School and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! **Drive Details:**
Site: Fruitport High School
Date: Fri Oct 25, 2024
Time: 08:30 AM - 02:30 PM
Blood Program Leader Name: Rob Rogers
[Click here to make an appointment.](#) **Parental Consent is needed if you are 16. Forms are available in the High School Office.** The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!
- ❖ Fall Choir Concert is Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Join us for a night of Halloween inspired music!
- ❖ Attention **sophomores, juniors, and seniors** The Trojan Travelers are going to New York City in May of 2025 and we have a few more spots left! There will be an informational meeting in **Mrs. Ruch's Room (218) on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.** If you already signed up for the trip you do not need to attend this meeting. Here is the [link](#) to check out the trip. There is a **\$50 early enrollment discount** happening for the next two weeks. Fundraising for the trip starts this week and will continue through the spring. If you can't make the meeting you can stop into room 218 or email Mrs. Ruch.
- ❖ There are two Mental Health games coming up. **Friday, October 25th is the Mental Health Football Game**, and **Tuesday, October 29th is the Mental Health Volleyball Game**. Please come out and support these teams and mental health! Students who wear their Be Nice shirt are able to get into the

games for free. **Please note:** The shirt must be on and visible. It cannot be in their hand or they cannot tell the gate workers that they have it on, they just have many layers on over it. We will have Be Nice shirts for sale for \$10 at lunches on Thursday, October 24th and Friday, October 25th. Be Nice shirts will be available to be purchased by the community inside the game too. Students can also stop by Mrs. Mavrakis or Mrs. Taylor's room on Monday or Tuesday, to purchase a shirt for the Volleyball Game. These shirts are also a good way to support mental health by wearing them on Mental Health Mondays as well.

- ❖ The beginning-of-the-year Yearbook sale has officially ended, but you can still purchase a Yearbook for less than full price until Christmas Break! Books can be purchased for the discounted price of \$60 and can be ordered through jostens.com/yearbook. Parents of Seniors may also want to check out the SENIOR HOME SHIPMENT option where you can pay a little extra to have the book shipped directly to your house next Fall instead of having to pick it up from the school. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Gautraud at sguatraud@fruitportschools.net.
- ❖ Thanksgiving Dinner Assistance is available again this year for any Fruitport family in need. Forms are available in any Fruitport school office and only one form per family needs to be returned. Forms must be turned in by Friday, November 1, 2024. No late forms will be accepted.
- ❖ Join us for a *Roaring Good Time* at the Fruitport Education Foundation's 5th Quarter Party! This exciting event will feature live and silent auctions, delicious food, games, dancing, and fantastic company—all while supporting our students. Every dollar raised helps the FEF fund college scholarships, provide scholarships for academic summer camps, and support innovative classroom projects through teacher mini-grants.

Parents, staff, retirees, and community members are all invited to join the fun! Dressing up as your favorite flapper or mobster is encouraged but completely optional. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a difference while having a blast! Gather your friends and be part of this unforgettable Roaring Good Time!

- ❖  **Date:** November 9, 2024 doors open at 6:00 pm
- ❖  **Location:** Trillium Event Center
- ❖  **Tickets:** <https://fef.cbo.io>

Student Activities

- ❖ DECA members, your first meeting will be during your lunch on Tuesday, October 22. Grab your lunch and head to Mrs. Hershey's room.
- ❖ FCS Talent Show tryouts will be Wednesday, October 30th from 3:00-5:30 pm in the choir room. Sign ups and tryout information will be available in the office after Fall Break!

- ❖ The juniors will take on the seniors in our annual PowderPuff game on Wednesday, October 23 (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE) at Doc Pierce Field. Gates will open at 5:30 and the cost of entry is a donation. All proceeds will go to the high school student activities fund.

School Counseling Office

- ❖ All AP students must declare whether or not they intend to take an AP exam in May. To declare their intention students need to complete [THIS Google Form](#) by 3:00pm on November 8th. The cost of each test is \$100.00, or \$50.00 for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Payment for each exam will be in two installments:

The **1st installment** is \$50.00 per exam due by 3:00pm on **November 18, 2024** and the **2nd installment** of \$50.00 per exam is due by 3:00pm on **April 25, 2025**.

*For students who receive Free or Reduced lunch, the 1st installment of \$25.00 is due November 18, 2024 and the 2nd installment of \$25.00 will be due by 3:00pm on April 25, 2025. Please note, the College Board imposes a \$40.00 late fee for any test ordered AFTER November 15, 2024. In addition, the College Board imposes a \$40.00 fee for any unused or canceled exam should your student change his/her/their mind and decide NOT to take one of the tests.

The allowance by the State of Michigan for all students to receive free breakfast and lunch **DOES NOT automatically qualify an AP student for a reduced AP Exam fee. To qualify for the reduced fee you **MUST** submit a 2024-2025 Education Benefits application through the FHS Food Service Department, and have your application approved. To find out if your child qualifies please complete the application using either the [Meal Magic Portal](#) or by completing the [Education Benefits Form SY 2024-2025](#) and returning it to the high school before October 15, 2024.*

Please reach out to our AP Coordinator, Mrs. Higgs with any questions.

- ❖ All students should now be in the process of completing their EDP (Educational Development Plan) through Xello. This is completed each year. Please reach out to your counselor if you have any questions or need assistance. Ms. Finnerty jfinnerty@fruitportschools.net for students with the last names A - L and Mrs. Higgs mhiggs@fruitportschools.net for students with the last names M-Z.

Seniors - Class of 2025

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE:** November 19 at 6:00pm we will host Steve Do from the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential who will present Financial Aid 101 along with MiSSG programs and the FAFSA. This meeting is open for all parents of seniors interested in learning more about Financial Aid and how to fill out the FAFSA. This will be held at Fruitport High School.
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE:** Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at the Trinity Health Arena in downtown Muskegon.

- ❖ Seniors, unlock money for college with the Michigan Achievement Scholarships! Are you planning to attend a Michigan community college, university or career school? No matter what path you choose (or your GPA!), you may qualify for thousands of dollars in scholarships, including: A TUITION-FREE associate degree or skill certificate at a local community college with the Community College Guarantee. Up to \$27,500 for a private or public university through the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. Up to \$4,000 for a career

<https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/michigan-achievement-scholarship>

Athletics

- ❖ Please add in there the following start dates for winter sports. That students must also have an updated physical on file for this school year and their Final Forms completed.

Boys Basketball- Nov. 11

Girls Basketball- Nov. 18

Bowling- Nov. 14

Comp. Cheer- Nov. 11

Wrestling- Nov. 11

- ❖ Winter athletes should start filling out their final form accounts and return their physical to the Athletic so they are ready for tryouts in November. Contact the Athletic department with any questions.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date:

Wednesday, November 13	Delayed Start
Thursday, November 14	FCS Talent Show
Tuesday, November 19	Financial Aid Night - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20	Delayed Start
Thursday, November 21	Fall Play
Friday, November 22	Fall Play
Wednesday, November 27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 29	No School - Thanksgiving Break