

## High School Announcements - Week of November 18, 2024

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### Upcoming Dates

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| ❖ Tuesday, November 19   | Financial Aid Night - 6:00 p.m. |
| ❖ Wednesday, November 20 | Delayed Start                   |
| ❖ Friday, November 22    | Fall Play -6:30 p.m.            |
| ❖ Wednesday, November 27 | No School - Thanksgiving Break  |
| ❖ Thursday, November 28  | No School - Thanksgiving Break  |
| ❖ Friday, November 29    | No School - Thanksgiving Break  |
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Congratulations to October Students of the Month - Braxton Ward and Tara Sweet!

### General Announcements

- ❖ Starting Monday November 18 you will receive a weekly email that will detail your students current grades in all classes. We are hopeful that this will be an easier way for you to stay current with your students' grades. The teacher name will also be listed in the report you receive and we encourage you to reach out to them first with any questions.
- ❖ The fall play production of *Did Someone Say Murder?* will have one performance on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m in the Fruitport High School Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and all tickets are \$8.00 (cash only).
- ❖ 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](http://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 [sgautraud@fruitportschools.net](mailto:sgautraud@fruitportschools.net).
- ❖ FRUITPORT HIGH SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM - CERAMIC POTTERY GLAZING/PAINTING FUNDRAISER Saturday December 14th from noon 3 PM at 360 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440. Glaze, brushes, supplies and firing of the object are provided and included in the cost of each item. All items once fired are dishwasher & microwave safe. Questions- reach out to Mrs. Jacobson at [djacobson@fruitportschools.net](mailto:djacobson@fruitportschools.net). Walk-ins Welcome! Additional items will be for sale.
- ❖ Did you know the high school has its own Student Run Credit Union which is a satellite location of Family Financial Credit Union? We are open every Friday during lunch. Click to learn more: [School Run Credit Union Parent Letter](#)
- ❖ National Honor Society and DECA are collecting holiday care package items and/or cash donations to send to our Fruitport Alumni currently serving overseas. Appreciated items include jerky (not pork),

non-chocolate candy, chapstick, single serve drink mix packets, hygiene items, snacks (such as chips, salsa, nuts), card games, crossword puzzle type books, and high quality cotton socks. Please email [dhershey@fruitportschools.net](mailto:dhershey@fruitportschools.net) with questions. All donations need to be received no later than Friday, December 6 at the High School.

## **Student Activities**

- ❖ Matilda musical audition information is available in the office! Be sure to join the google classroom to complete the audition paperwork and for more information. Informational meetings about auditions are Thursday, November 21st and Monday, November 25th from 3-4pm in the Performing Arts Center. The audition workshop is Tuesday, November 26th from 3-4pm in the choir room. Auditions are Tuesday, December 3rd from 3-5pm in the Performing Arts Center. If you have any questions you can email Cindy Curtis or Mrs. Petersmark.
- ❖ 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! Here is the [link](#) to check out the trip. Fundraising for the trip starts in November and will continue through the spring. If you have questions you can stop into room 218 or email Mrs. Ruch.
- ❖ Students who are going on the Trojan Travelers New York Trip have the opportunity to participate in the Chick-fil-A cookie fundraiser. Mrs. Ruch and Mrs. Taylor have the forms if the student would like to participate in the fundraiser. This is a great way to help fund the trip. Have your student stop in and get one if interested. All forms and money are due by November 26th and cookie delivery will be in early December.
- ❖ Attention Artists! The nation's longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens is underway. Do you have fantastic artwork? Are you into photography, fashion design, graphic design, video production, architecture, comic book art, drawing, painting, ceramics or jewelry making? Any original artwork can be entered. Then it's easy to enter at the link below. The deadline is Dec 6th 2024. See Mrs. Jacobson to enter. Go to: <https://www.artandwriting.org/awards/how-to-enter/>

## **School Counseling Office**

- ❖ We are pleased to offer our senior students an exciting opportunity to visit **Muskegon Community College** on **November 21** from **8:45 AM to 11:45 AM**. This field trip will allow students interested in MCC to explore the campus, attend presentations, and enjoy lunch while learning more about their college options. To participate, students must have a **permission slip signed by a parent or guardian**. Permission slips are available in the counseling office and must be returned before November 19. The first 30 students to return the slip will secure a spot. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the counseling office.
- ❖ All AP students must declare whether or not they intend to take an AP exam in May. 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. Payments can be made in the form of cash or check; checks should be made payable to Fruitport High School with AP Exam fee noted in the memo section. Please reach out to our AP Coordinator, Mrs. Higgs with any questions.

## **Seniors - Class of 2025**

- ❖ PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LINK TO JOSTENS IS ONLY FOR ONE GRADUATION PHOTO, the rest are emailed to me or dropped off in the office.

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2025,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Sam Gautraud and I am the Yearbook Advisor and Senior Class Advisor for Fruitport High School. This really means you're going to hear quite a bit from me this year about a number of things pertaining to graduation and all of the fun things that come along with it.

This particular email is about Graduation, Baby, and Friend Photos! Every year, we collect pictures from Seniors to use in the Yearbook, the Senior Slide Show, and various other senior-related activities. Please read this email carefully to see when and where these things are due.

### **1). Graduation Photo:**

- Be appropriate for a high school setting
- Should be a "head and shoulders" picture with the student facing the camera
- No filters, logos (i.e. photographer watermark), or hand gestures should be used
- No screenshots (low quality, blurry images)
- Must be submitted in JPEG or PNG format

New this year with the graduation photos is our ability to submit them directly through the Jostens Website. Each year, I typically collect them myself and it can be tricky as they are often lost or parents are not sure if they have submitted already. Hopefully, the Jostens website will help with those issues and more.

[Click on this link to submit your graduation photo.](#)

2). **Baby/Toddler Photo:** One of the great things we do in the Senior Slide Show is feature a baby/toddler photo of the student to compare to their grad photo. They are always a cute addition and show how much our students have grown over the years.

- These will be sent directly to me at [sgautraud@fruitportschools.net](mailto:sgautraud@fruitportschools.net)
- Physical copies can be dropped off to Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. Winkas in Student Services. I will photocopy them and get them back to your student ASAP.
- No screenshots (low quality, blurry images)
- Must be submitted in JPEG or PNG format

3). **Friend Photos:** We love to feature our Seniors in the Yearbook as much as possible. While the Yearbook is for all high school students, it really is mostly for graduates to look back on their memories of high school. So, we also collect photos of Fruitport Students “over the years” in Fruitport schools. These can be from Elementary, Middle, or even Early High School.

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- No screenshots (low quality, blurry images)
- Must be submitted in JPEG or PNG format
- They should include Fruitport students only

**DUE DATE FOR ALL PHOTOS:** Friday, February 28, 2025. Please feel free to submit them well before this date, but this is the last day I can accept them to save enough time to create the slide show.

I know this is a lot of information to process, so if you have any questions, concerns, or issues, please let me know.

## **Athletics**

- ❖ Winter Sport Tryouts begin soon. Students must have an updated physical on file for this school year and their Final Forms completed. Once the team has been determined, athletes will need to pay their \$85 participation fee if they have not already done so for a fall sport.

Girls Basketball- Nov. 18

## **Looking Ahead - Save the Date:**

Wednesday, December 4	Delayed Start
Wednesday, December 11	Delayed Start
Wednesday, December 18	Delayed Start
Monday, December 23	No School - Winter Break Holiday Begins

Monday, January 6, 2025	School Resumes
Wednesday, January 8	Delayed Start
Wednesday, January 15	Delayed Start
Thursday, January 16	½ Day of School - 1st Semester Exams
Friday, January 17	½ Day of School - 1st Semester Exams
Saturday, January 18	Winter Dance - 7:00 - 10 p.m.
Monday, January 20	No School - MJK Jr. Day