High School Announcements - Week of February 24, 2025

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, February 23 Llabyellov Game - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 24 Blood Drive
 Wednesday, February 26 Delayed Start

Friday, February 28
Senior Picture Deadline

❖ Wednesday, March 5 Delayed Start

❖ Saturday, March 8 Night out with the Trojans sponsored by Fruitport Athletic Foundation

♦ Monday, March 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 - 7 p.m. (In person only)

Wednesday, March 12
Delayed Start

♦ Wednesday, March 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 - 7 p.m. (In person only)

❖ Friday, March 14 No School - Staff Professional Development

General Announcements/Activities

- ❖ Pre-Festival Choir Concert is Sunday, March 2nd at 3:30pm in the Performing Arts Center. All choirs will be showcasing their MSVMA festival repertoire.
- ❖ Student council will be hosting our annual Llabyellov game on Sunday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Come out to watch some intense boys' volleyball action. We are asking for donations as an entry fee with all proceeds being donated to the boys' volleyball program.
- Fruitport High School and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! Contact Mr. Rogers for more information at rrogers@fruitportschools.net

Date: Mon Feb 24, 2025 **Time:** 08:30 AM - 02:30 PM

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=fhs&cid=siebel&med=email&source=bdc_email&utm_source=siebel&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bdc_email

❖ LAST CHANCE TO PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK: Yearbooks are currently at their highest price of \$65 a piece for the rest of the year; however, if you want to make your students' yearbook extra special, you can personalize the book with your student's name, hobbies, interests, sports, graduating year, etc...The only problem is that all personalized yearbooks must be ordered by **February 28**. If you are interested in purchasing a book, you can do so through the Josten's website or by clicking this link: Yearbook Order Site

- The Trojan Travelers are heading to France and Spain in June of 2026! You can check out the trip and ENROLL HERE: www.eftours.com/2772477NC Please email any questions to truch@fruitportschools.net. Fundraising for this trip has already started and will continue for the next year.
- ❖ This year's musical production is *Matilda*. Performances will be on Friday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale on March 6.
- The Track and Cross Country team will be putting on a 5K Race on Saturday, March 1 called the Frozzone 5K. The race has an indoor finish and a great selection of soups for after the race. Detailed information can be found at: https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fruitport/FROZONE5KRunWalk
- ❖ Fine letters through 1st semester have been sent home. Please make sure that your student pays their fees/returns items before Spring Break. Failure to do so could result in not attending prom or other activities.

School Counseling Office

- 9th grade students have been emailed a sign up form for the MyCareer Quest Job Fair that will take place this year on March 20 from 9:15 to 12 noon. If your student is interested in attending this event, please have them check their email for more information. It is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to a variety of careers with hands-on experience.
- ❖ CTC (Career Tech Center) sign up forms will be available for students on Monday, February 17 and will close Monday March 17. All current 10th and 11th graders were emailed this form. Any student interested in applying to the Career Tech Center must complete this form, this includes students that are currently in the CTC program. Any questions, please reach out to Ms. Finnerty. NO late applications will be accepted. Please note that not all students that apply will be accepted.
- The class registration period is upon us and the window is now open. Please be on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Chesney with all of the details.
- ❖ It's that time of year that sets in motion the academic plan for students in the upcoming year; it's course registration time and we are excited to help students make intentional, goal-oriented decisions about the classes they register to take next year.
 - We know this is an exciting time and want to help you guide conversations at home leading up to course registration. We've put together a few things that you can do at home to get your child ready to make their class selections with a few resources that will help you navigate the process.

Recommended Tasks:

1. Take a look at your student's Graduation Progress in PowerSchool.

- 2. Take note of the credits earned in each subject area and the classes taken.
- 3. Take note of the classes that must still be taken as well as the options for earning credit.
- 4. Review and take note of student preferred <u>elective options</u>. If you and your student feel confident in your course selections, feel free to make and submit the course selections.
- 5. Have your student schedule a one-on-one meeting with their counselor.
- 6. Have fun with the process!

As you talk with your student, be sure to engage in open-ended conversations that get you talking about their future plans. Some of our favorite conversation starters are: "tell me what will come next for you after high school" or "I'm interested to know how these classes you want to take will help further the plans you have for after high school" or "I'd like to know what experiences you are looking forward to with these classes." The reality is that each student's postsecondary plan is different which necessitates individualized paths to the goal. Like you, we want to help students achieve goals based on their individual needs. We are here to help and look forward to partnering with you and your students as they continue to chart their path forward. Please see below the dates we will be conducting one-on-one meetings with each grade level.

March 3 - March 7 - current 11th grade students

March 10 - March 13 - current 10th students

March 17 - March 21 - current 9th grade students

March 24th - 28th - high school students who missed their window

Monday, March 31 - 8th grade parent night at 6pm

April 1 - 2 - current 8th grade students

Seniors - Class of 2025

- ❖ FAFSA Update: We are trending in the right direction: 71 out of 200 seniors have submitted their FAFSA! The only State Aid program that does NOT require the FAFSA is the Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship. So that means if your student is expecting/hoping to receive the Community College Guarantee, the Michigan Achievement Public/Private Institution Scholarship, the Tuition Incentive Program grant, or other state aid, he/she MUST complete and fully submit the FAFSA.
- Not submitting a FAFSA will also prevent students from receiving federal money that does not have to be paid back such as the PELL grant and Work Study. Not submitting a FAFSA may also prevent students from receiving postsecondary institution, local or regional scholarships.
- ❖ Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2025: Have you submitted your graduation, baby, and friend photos for your Senior. Please email Mr. Gautraud if you have not sent the information in. Grad Photos can be submitted directly to Jostens via this link: https://photos.jostens.com/WVFDLP Deadline is Friday, February 28.

❖ Get ready for a chance to fill your freezer with a variety of mouth-watering meats donated by Hazekamp Meats, a locally owned business right here in Fruitport! Each raffle ticket costs \$10 and the grand prize is valued at \$500. With every ticket purchased, not only do you have the chance to win top quality cuts, but you also contribute to the Senior Class of 2025, and their Senior Getaway... A win for you and our Seniors!

Raffle sales run January 27th thru March 10th, with the drawing taking place live on Facebook at 7pm, March 10th. Seniors will be selling tickets individually, and at different school events. Please support these amazing Seniors by purchasing your tickets! Also as an added bonus, all seniors have the opportunity to sell meat raffle tickets to offset the cost of the Senior Getaway! Just sell 10 raffle tickets and return the money to the high school main office by March 10th, and your Senior Getaway excursion will be at no cost to your Senior! Pick up your 10 pack of raffle tickets in the main office starting January 27th. Cash or Venmo (@Shelbi-Anspach) will be accepted, as well as checks made out to Fruitport Senior Class Getaway. If you have any questions, please contact Shelbi Anspach, the Meat Raffle Coordinator at (231)578-7814.

❖ This is a reminder for parents who have students going to college next year. We have several scholarships still available for students to apply to. Please encourage your student to apply today! They can find information about scholarships on our school counseling website or in their student email, sent to them from Mrs. Fehler.

Athletics

- ❖ Plan now to attend a *Night out with the Trojans* on Saturday, March 8 sponsored by the Fruitport Athletic Foundation. This is a fundraiser event and anyone 21 and older is welcome to attend. Entry fee is \$20 and will be held at Whitlow's Banquet Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Taco Bar, silent and live auction and raffles will be available. Come out and support Fruitport athletes. Contact the Athletic office for more information.
- Any athlete interested in a spring sport is encouraged to make sure that their final forms account is updated and a sports physical is on file in the Athletic Office. This must be done before March 10 when spring sport tryouts begin.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date:

Wednesday, March 19 Delayed Start Wednesday, March 26 Delayed Start

Monday, March 31 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2 NO Delayed Start; School begins at 7:35 a.m.

Thursday, April 3 No School - Spring Break begins

Friday, April 4 - 11 No School - Spring Break

Wednesday, April 16 Delayed Start

Friday, April 18 Senior class meeting - Required at 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday, April 23 Delayed Start

Sunday, April 27 Excellence in Education Luncheon - Invitation only

Wednesday, April 30 Delayed Start

Tuesday, May 6 Fruitport Bond Vote - More information can be found at

https://www.fruitportschools.net/bondinformation/bond-election-may-6-2025/