

Fatima Monthly Newsletter

February 25, 2019

Drug Intervention/Smart Choices Trainings: On Tuesday, March 12 the freshmen will participate in Baseline Training. Also in March the 7th and 8th graders will be participating in drug prevention training. If you have kids in these grades, ask them what they learned. This is a great springboard for talks about choices and goals.

Daylight Savings Time Soon: Please note that Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 10. Be sure to spring your clocks forward!

Spring Fever Is About To Hit! I've been in the world of education long enough to know what is coming. It seems that as the days get longer and warmer, students do less homework. We can't afford to let the grades slip at this early stage of the game, so please encourage your child to keep up with homework and assignments and to study a little each night. It is best if homework is done right after school, but this is hard when the weather is 75 and the sun is shining. Just make sure students are doing their homework sometime and getting all those grades back up to par.

Remember, with our homework policy, students will not get full credit for work turned in late, and if it is too late they will not get any credit at all. It is amazing the effects a zero grade has on the overall grade in a class.

The third quarter ends March 8, and grade cards will be out the next week. The third quarter grade and fourth quarter grades are added together to get us a semester grade. The semester grade goes on the permanent record and is used to determine a student's grade point average. If you have any questions about these reports, feel free to call Donna Mueller at (573) 455-2375 ext. 118 or email muellerd@fatimacomets.org.

Dual credit: All students who are taking classes for dual credit need to make sure they have paid their bill! For Lincoln University dual credit you can pay by phone with a credit/debit card by calling 573-681-5055 or 5054. You can also pay by check written to Lincoln. Put the student name and "dual credit" in the memo section. Mail to Lincoln University, Attn: Comptroller's Office, PO Box 29, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0029. For assistance, call 573-681-5206.

Are you signed up for the parent portal? What does it contain? Almost everything about your child, educationally speaking! You will be able to see the grade books for each class and know what was assigned, when, and how many points it is worth. You will also be able to see how many points your child earned on each test and assignment. The system also has lunch account info where you can tell how much your child spent each day and what they bought. There is a transcript option where you can tell what grades your child has earned in all the previous classes and what he or she still needs to take to graduate. Absentees, tardies, and disciplines are also available. If you want to sign up, go to the school webpage and click on the Lumen link on the right side of the page.

Senior Citizens Day: The annual Senior Citizens Day is scheduled for March 21. We invite all senior citizens of Osage County to come to our school, and we will provide some entertainment and a great meal. Mark your calendars!

ACT: This year all juniors had the opportunity to sign up for the ACT or the Accuplacer test, and these will be given on April 2. There will not be a charge for this, and students will not have to register for this. The school is taking care of all of these details. The students need to make sure they are prepared and bring a #2 pencil and a calculator.

The nationally administered spring ACT will be held on April 13. Deadline to register is next Friday March 9th w/o penalty. The June test is on the 8th with a registration deadline of May 3. **A student must have an 18 on the English part of the ACT to take College English for dual credit! And some of our other dual credits might have specific ACT score requirements!**

If you sign up for an ACT, there is a scholarship opportunity!

FATIMA Spring Break: We will be out of school March 15- March 18; Nichols will be out the week of March 25 to March 29.

Prom is scheduled for April 13.

Senior Walk-out Video – is scheduled for March 8

Senior Awards Program – is scheduled for Wednesday April 24.

IF you want a yearbook, you better order one! In the past there were yearbooks that could be bought at the beginning of the next year, but this might not happen anymore. So if you don't pre-order one, you might not get one!

1. go to yearbookforever.com
2. Put "Fatima" in the School Name line and hit Enter
3. Select Fatima High School
4. Select your yearbook options!

JH Dance March 15: Fatima's STUCO will be hosting a junior high dance on March 15 from 7-10 p.m. for students in grades 6-8. Remind them to wear their green!

Calendar of Events

Feb 26 – MU rep at Fatima

March 8 – Senior Walk-Out Video

– End of 3rd quarter

March 10– Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 11 – Deadline to order AP exam

March 12 – William Woods rep at Fatima

Baseline training for freshmen

March 13 – UCM rep at Fatima

ASVAB test for all juniors

Nichols out at 9:50

March 15 and 18 – No school at Fatima; Nichols will attend

March 20 – Board of Education meeting

March 21 - Senior Citizen's Day

March 25-29 – No Nichols

March 28-29 – Schwartze Scholarship Interviews

April 2 – ACT and Accuplacer for Fatima's juniors

April 13 – PROM

April 24 – Senior Spotlight Night

The Counselor's Corner

AP Tests: Fatima will be offering AP exams for Calculus. Each exam costs \$93. If your student is interested in taking this, Mueller needs the money by March 11.

Scheduling for Next Year: I have met with all the students to discuss their five year personal plans of study.

After we meet with the students, I keep their papers with the list of classes they think they want to take. Then when it comes time for actual scheduling, I return these to them. I tell them that I realize they might go home and change their minds; this is normal for teens. My goal is to simply get them thinking about their goals.

All Juniors should have received a schedule and registration packets today. We will then have them choose their classes and put them in the computer on Wednesday. Soon I will also give sophomores and then freshmen back their papers and have them take them to you to be signed. Please make any changes you think you need to make. If the paper becomes too "messy," have your child come by to pick up a new one. The proposed master schedule will be distributed to the students with these in case a student wants to make sure that their proposed schedule will work.

Please note that the students are requesting classes and usually get what they want. Sometimes a class is full or does not have enough interest to keep it open. This is why we have all students write down alternate elective classes. If the student's first plan doesn't work, we will just use the elective.

I know this all gets a little confusing. If you have ANY questions or concerns, feel free to call me, Ms. Mueller, at (573) 455-2375 ext. 118 or email muellerd@fatimacomets.org.

MAP Tests and End Of Course Exams: The end of year testing is closely approaching! Watch the bulletin to know when your child will be taking one of these important tests. Please encourage your children to do their best on these tests. Make sure your child has a good night's sleep the week of their tests. Encourage them to eat a healthy breakfast and to do their best.

All juniors will take the ASVAB on March 13 here at Fatima. This is a military entrance exam that also has a career search component.

Scholarships: Many of the students have been turning them in. Some seem to wait until the last minute and hope that I will be here to complete my part. Please help your child get this accomplished as soon as possible, since many deadlines have already passed and some are at the limit. Schwartz Scholarships have been handed out so students can start working on them

Junior High Through Senior Summer Programs: Throughout the year I have posted these on the attachment as I become aware of them. These look GREAT on applications for college and scholarships. Encourage your child to apply.

College Representative – encourage your juniors to sign up!!!

Feb 26 – MU

March 12 – William Woods

March 13 - UCM

Juniors: This is the perfect time for you to be touring colleges. When you come to school in August you should have all your college visits over and know which 2-5 schools you want to apply to. I have a packet of papers that tell you what to do and ask on college visits. I gave this to the juniors at the beginning of the year, but I bet some students may have lost theirs. Have no fear – I have extra copies and will be more than happy to share!

Junior Athletes: If you are interested in playing a sport in college, you should be talking to your high school coach now and getting some contacts going.

The Joke's On You
Spring Jokes – because I am R E A D Y !!!

Short Spring Jokes

When do monkeys fall from the sky?
During Ape-ril showers!

Can February March?
No, but April May!

Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
Spring-time!

What flowers grow on faces?
Tulips (Two-lips)!

Why are trees very forgiving?
Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf."

Why is the letter A like a flower?
A bee (B) comes after it!

When do people start using their trampoline?
Spring-Time

What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
A hot cross bunny

What did the tree say to spring?
What a re-leaf.

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?
Lily!

What does the Easter Bunny order at a Chinese Restaurant?
Hop Suey!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
Bugs Bunny

What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket?
Two points just like everybody!