

# Fatima Monthly Newsletter

**March 25, 2019**

**Welcome to spring!** It's always great to see the seasons change, but please realize that this season often brings students with "Spring Fever"! I know how hard it is to keep kids motivated when the sun is shining and the day is warm.

Encourage your child to keep grades up for just ONE MORE TERM!

**The End Of The Third Quarter was on March 8, and grade cards were distributed.**

Please remember that these are not the grades that go on the permanent record – only the grades rights after Christmas break and at the end of the year are permanent.

These are just meant to help you determine the progress that your student is making.

But do remember that if a grade is not at the level it needs to be, it can be very difficult to bring it up when there are a lot of points in the class.

If your child is struggling, remember to contact the teachers. Most of our teachers stay after school and are available before school to help. Also, we still offer the free after-school tutoring. Encourage your child to take advantage of this if needed.

**A+ Tutoring:** If a student would like to get his or her A+ tutoring hours done quickly, you can sign up to tutor during summer school. Sign up in the office.

**Summer School:** This year summer school will be held from May 29 to June 25 from 8-2:30. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders (next year's freshmen) are invited to attend. We will also have opportunities for credit recovery, and the Ag dept commonly offers classes or programs.

**ACT for juniors:** Juniors who signed up will be taking the ACT test here at Fatima or the Accuplacer at State Tech on Tuesday, April 2. If your child signed up, you do not have to register for this AND you do not have to pay for this! This test can be used as the entrance test for colleges and for scholarship applications. The results will go on the student's transcript. It is REAL! So encourage your child to do his or her best. Be rested and ready.

**End Of The Year Testing Is Coming Soon:** End of Course testing is upon us! Students will take these tests to prove their knowledge in specific subjects.

**Please help us to encourage our students to do their best.** I know our kids are some of the smartest around, but they sometimes don't seem to be motivated to do well on this assessment. We need to let the world know how well we can do.

## How Can I Help?

- Encourage your child to do well
- Make sure the child gets a good night's sleep the night before
- Encourage the child to eat a good breakfast – preferably something with carbohydrates –which is breads or cereals.

**Most Importantly, make sure they are here!**

**And the dates are as follows:**

Civics April 24

English I April 30 and May 1

Biology May 7

Algebra I May 8 and 9

English II May 9 and 10

Students needing Geometry or Alg II for A+ purposes May 2

**Date and Time for Awards Assembly:** On May 14 starting at 12:45 Fatima will host its academic awards assembly for all students in grades 7-11. Seniors will NOT be recognized at this event since they will have their own night on Wednesday, April 24 AND they will have already graduated! This is the time that we honor the students who go the extra mile towards academic excellence. It's always great to see our kids receiving honors for their hard work and dedication for the year. So if you available, come on out and support our local recipients.

**Seniors and their parents are invited to the Senior Spotlight Night:** This year we will host a Senior Spotlight Night on Wednesday, April 24 starting at 6:00. Each senior will be recognized for his or her individual achievements and goals. Spotlight information sheets have been gathered, and information is being compiled. **Please make sure you let the office know of any scholarships your child has earned. We would also like the name of the school your senior will be attending, if it is decided.**

**Shine the shoes and get out the pretty dresses.** Prom will be held on April 13th. It's always fun to see the students in their finest garbs acting like such ladies and gentlemen. This year the prom will be held at the Lions Field.

**Schwartz Interviews:** All seniors who are eligible for the Schwartz scholarship will have interviews either on March 28 or 29. Ms. Rolwes is going to discuss with them interview etiquette and help them get over a few jitters. Remember, to be eligible for the Trust I scholarship for \$6000 a year, a student must be in the top 20% of the class. To be eligible for the Trust II Scholarships (3000/year) the student must be in the top 33%.

**Spring Concert:** Come to the high school gym on Sunday, April 28 at 6:00 to hear the bands and choirs showcase their talents.

**NHS Sponsors a Blood Drive:** Fatima will be hosting a blood drive on April 2 from 10:00-3:00 in the gym. Hope to see you there!

**NHS Induction Ceremony:** The induction ceremony will be held Sunday, April 14 at 6:00 in the multipurpose room.

**English I Events:** Ms Baughman wanted parents to be aware of the following events:

**April 1-April 30-** English I Book Drive. Attached is the flier for the book drive that will be taking place for the entire month of April. Let's send our students home for the summer with some fresh interesting reads!

**April 29<sup>th</sup>-** Freshmen preEOC breakfast. Testing season is coming up and a big factor of student success is eliminating distractions and needs. As teenagers, the number one thing they are concerned with is food. Ms. Baughman would like to eliminate hunger as a distracting factor on the day of testing and make sure our kids are fueled and ready to do their very best on the test! For this reason she will be accepting donations of healthy breakfast foods. I would like to stick to juices, fruits, veggies, toast and toast toppings, or other low sugar healthy options.

### **Calendar of Events**

This week – no Nichols – Spring Break  
March 28-29 Schwartze Interviews  
April 2 – ACT Test here at Fatima  
April 3 – Graduation Announcements delivered  
April 10 – Board of Education Meeting  
April 11 – Mid-term  
April 12 – Class rings delivered  
April 13 - Prom  
April 14 – NHS Induction  
April 24 – Senior Spotlight Night  
April 28 – Spring Concert  
May 7 – Senior Finals 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> hours  
May 8 – Senior Finals hours 2, 5, and 7  
May 9– Senior Finals hours 1, 4, and 8  
May 10 – Senior mass, breakfast, and practice  
May 12 – Graduation 7:30  
May 15 – Awards for 7-11<sup>th</sup> grade  
May 17 – Finals hours 1,3, and 7  
May 20 – Finals hours 2,4, and 8  
May 21 – Last Day of School out at 11:20, Finals hours 5 and 6  
May 29-June 25 Summer School

## The Counselor's Corner

**Seniors:** If you are getting a scholarship and want it to be recognized at the Spotlight Night you must let Mueller know. A form has been put on all lockers. Fill it out and return it to Mueller.

**What are your children doing this summer?** Please note the many camps and programs that are available to students this summer. These look GREAT on resumes!

**Juniors Need To Be Completing Tours of Colleges:** By the time a senior enters his or her first day of senior year, he or she should know the 2-5 schools he or she would like to apply for. The only way to know what a school is REALLY like is to do a campus visit. These should be set up during the junior year. It is best to attend when the school is in session so you can see the student body and the professors and get a feel for the real school environment. Please realize that most colleges are out of session the first part of May, so if you still want to visit a school, you should do this in April. You can go to any website and find the admissions office to call and set up a visit, or you can email me and I have a list of phone numbers. I also have a packet of papers that tells you what to do and ask on a visit.

**Scheduling:** All sophomores and juniors have put their schedule requests in the computer, and we have started the scheduling process. Juniors have a "rough draft" schedule on their lockers. Sophomores will get one soon.

Hopefully before the end of the year I will be able to give the students their final schedules for next year along with their locker assignments. If they have any questions, they can talk to me then. If a student likes his or her schedule, he or she will NOT need to come in before the first day of school. If a student changes his or her mind over the summer and wants to change a schedule, there will be two days before school to come in and see what we can do. We can also change schedules on the first days of school. Students or parents can or call (573) 455-2375 to talk about schedules.

**Schwartz Scholarship Interviews:** The Schwartz scholarship packets were handed directly to the students who qualified. FYI – to receive a Trust I scholarship application, a student must be in the upper 20% of the class. For the Trust II scholarship application, a student must be in the top 33.3% of the class.

The interview days are March 28 and 29. Students will have an interview schedule on their locker. Ms. Rolwes is going to practice some interviewing strategies to help them feel more prepared.

**Juniors:** Sgt. Innis is going to go over the ASVAB results and will be doing some career interpretations in the near future. Watch the bulletin for the exact date, and after the date, ask to see your child's results and discuss their future plans with them!

## The Jokes's On You!

### April Fools Joke:

Did you hear that they just invented a car that will get 250 miles per gallon?  
It runs on April Fuel.

### And Some Easter Jokes:

Q: Why won't Easter eggs go out at night?

A: They don't want to get "beat up".

Q: What does the Easter Bunny get for making a basket?

A: Two points, just like anyone else.

Q: Why was the little girl sad after the race?

A: Because an egg beater!

Q: What kind of jewelry do rabbits wear?

A: 14 carrot gold.

Q: Why didn't the easter egg cross the road?

A: Because he wasn't a chicken yet!

Q: What happened when the Easter Bunny caught his head in the fan?

A: It took ears off his life!