From the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear FPS Family,

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to look back and recognize the many blessings we have received this year. In our district, we are thankful for a diverse and supportive community, great kids and parents, and talented teachers and administrators. All of these come together to weave the fabric of our school family. Personally, I am thankful to have the opportunity to work in such a special place.

I hope that you have an enjoyable break with family and friends, and that we all have the opportunity to reflect upon the countless opportunities that we are provided to positively impact our families and neighbors all year long.

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools

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FMS BOOK CLUB

Ferndale Middle School Book Club meets monthly in room 320 with Elissa Zimmer and Aaron Blatt running the club activities. All grades are welcome to join and a student isn’t even required to finish the book to be at book club, although it is recommended.

Future book club dates:

DECEMBER 19TH
JANUARY 23RD
FEBRUARY 27TH
MARCH 12TH
APRIL 16TH

Dates are subject to change at the last minute due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

The club just finished The Great Jeff by Tony Abbott.

READ A SUMMARY OF ‘THE GREAT JEFF’

The month’s new book club book is typically available the Monday after the previous week’s book club meeting during the FMS lunch time or at the Ferndale library.

If you have any questions about book club, please feel free to contact Aaron Blatt at AARON.BLATT@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG or Elissa Zimmer at the Ferndale Library at ELISSA@FERNDALEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG. The book for December is called Echo Park Castaways by M.G. Hennessey.

READ A SUMMARY OF ‘THE ECHO PARK CASTAWAYS’

FERNDALE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The FCCB would like to remind you that this Friday is the FCCB Euchre Tournament, being held at the Ferndale Elks Club.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCE

FCCB HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
3:00 P.M.

A special guest will be joining this concert: LAUREN LASTRADA. She will sing and narrate selected pieces of music for this Holiday performance. Following the intermission, the audience is invited to participate in the March of the Ugly/Favorite Holiday Sweaters across the main stage. The band is hoping Santa will be available to distribute candy canes this year.

LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW SANTA

The Musician Bake Sale will be going on, as usual. The FCCB has also created the Seasons Greatest Hits CD of their greatest hits. They will be for sale at a cost of $10.00 each. They’ll make great holiday gifts.
FHS SENDS 6 HONORS MUSICIANS TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA WEEKEND
This past weekend 6 FHS students participated in the Oakland University Honors Orchestra weekend. Students were selected from applicants from schools all around the metro Detroit area.

The students who participated were:

» John Pablo Rojas - cello
» Grant Dominic - cello
» Ava Meesseman - viola
» Thomas Kelly - violin
» John Lemelin - violin
» Zoe Valascho - violin

Also of note, John Pablo Rojas earned the position of principal cellist for the honors orchestra by virtue of his audition on the first day of the weekend.

FALL CONCERTS FILL THE TOWN WITH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
Several of our student musicians put on spectacular performances this past week. On Tuesday, November 19th, Ferndale Middle School Band held their Fall Band Concert, playing wonderfully.

The Autumn Choir Concert was held on Wednesday, November 20th featuring the FUEL 5th grade choir, FMS Choir, and FMS Jazz Choir. Under the direction of Ms. Hillebrand and Ms. Schroeder. All of our musicians sounded beautiful.

FHS BASKETBALL GIVES BACK
This past week, the Ferndale Basketball Program unloaded close to a thousand trees for First United Methodists Church in Ferndale. The church has a tree "farm" on Woodward where they sell trees every holiday season, occasionally donating trees to families.

The Ferndale Basketball Program will also participate in the "Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams" program at Beaumont Hospital (Royal Oak) again this year. Coach Rickman and the team look forward to supporting and encouraging those children at the hospital that are unfortunately unable to be home for Christmas. Coach Rickman said "It's our prayer that our presence reminds them of how special and supported they are while they are in the hospital."

ANIMAL LOVERS CLUB DONATES TO PETS
A new club started up at FUEL called the "Animal Lover's Club". The club was started by Danica Menna, student teacher to Mrs Burgess 4th grade class. The after school club focused on instilling empathy towards animals. They started a fundraiser selling popsicles during lunch hours to raise money for animals in need. This past Monday, they donated their collected $200 to Dog Aide, a volunteer-run non-profit organization providing shelter, food, etc. supporting dogs in Detroit.

12 FHS STUDENTS ENTER CAREER READINESS ACADEMY
Detroit Economic Club Career Readiness Academy kicks off with 12 committed Ferndale High School students feeling inspired!

FROM THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB
The Detroit Economic Club's Career Readiness Academy is a 7-month program that brings high school and Young Leader (YL) members together for monthly meetings that aim to teach skills that will help the students effectively navigate their high school journey to find greater success in the working world. The same team of YLs and students meet each month, which not only provides the opportunity for more personalized attention but also forges important mentor-mentee relationships.

Thank you, Ms. Oliver, for facilitating this wonderful experience for our students.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
FHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
FHS Auditorium
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
FHS/FMS PTSA Meeting
FHS Main Office Conference Room
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
Thanksgiving Break Begins
FECC No School
Elementary Half-Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Board of Education Meeting - Committee of the Whole
FHS Main Office Conference Room
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
3:00 PM
Ferndale Community Concert Band
Holiday Concert
FHS Auditorium
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Saturday, December 7, 2019

**PLEASE SUPPORT**

Breakfast For A Backpack

A Community Corkboard Event

The proceeds from this event will help support the reading program at Ferndale Public Schools. There is no cost to register. Your purchase will support the reading program at Ferndale Public Schools. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 248-572-0164.

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**2019-2020 Swim Meet Schedule**

**Wednesday**: 2:30-4:30

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**: 3:30-5:30

**Practice Schedule @ Pool**

Contact: Coach Patrick McNally       FHS-Room 207

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**EXCLUSIVE TICKET PRICING:**

(248) 377-02/28/20   TBA vs Multiple-OAA Championship Meet Royal Oak HS

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02/08/20   TBA vs Multiple-Oakland County Meet Mott HS-Waterford

02/07/20   TBA vs Multiple-Oakland County Meet Mott HS-Waterford

12/19/19   6:00 pm vs Troy HS Ferndale HS

12/12/19  6:00 pm vs Troy Athens HS Troy Athens HS

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**Youth Players**

The Pistons will donate $5 to Ferndale Schools to help bring kids back to basketball and the Pistons will donate $5 for every game shot on the court for each person who plays at the brand.

**JAN 11**

**BASKETBALL**

**GROUP NIGHT**

**SAT**

**LITTLE CAESARS ARENA**

**LEVEL CORNER**

**BASKETBALL**

**LEVEL CORNER**

**BASKETBALL**

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**Join the Soda Team!**

**Community Corkboard**

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**College & Career Ready Panel**

**For families of youth players**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at https://www.smore.com/59erw.

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**2020 Swim Meet Schedule**

**DATE & TIME**

**OPPONENT**

**FACILITY**

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**REMEMBER**, all orders received after the indicated deadline are subject to change. Refunds or exchanges will not be issued. Please provide an accurate cell phone number and email address in order to access your order. A member of the Yankeecandlefundraising.com team will contact you via email or phone to confirm your order. If you do not provide a phone number and/or email address, your order may be void.

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**BUY BACKPACKS with BLESSINGS**

Don't stop after 1000 books before kindergarten--keep the momentum going to 3rd grade and beyond!

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**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com

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**Ready Panel**

A panel of experts on Career & College Readiness will engage in a Q & A session geared specifically to YOUR transition questions!

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**Stop by the youth desk to sign up today**

Every 75 books, come to the library to claim your prize.

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**Don’t forget: read 300 books before 3rd grade!**

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**Ready to start shopping now?**

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Visit the website to register. Your purchases will be delivered directly to you and your additional profits!

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**Thanks for your support!**

If you have questions, please call 1-800-403-1054.

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