



Buzz from the Hive



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Special points of interest:

- **New Student Orientation August 24, 2010 from 9:00—11:00**
- **First Day of School August 25, 2010**
- **School Pictures September 21, 2010**

Welcome Back!

I hope that you and your family are having an enjoyable summer.

This summer the staff has been working hard on student schedules, handbooks, cleaning the buildings, making necessary repairs and many other tasks to get ready for the new school year.

The 2010-2011 school year is fast approaching and soon children all over the area will be returning to school. Some changes for the new school year will be outlined later in this newsletter. Other changes will be announced on the first day of school. Things that have not changed are the start and end times for school. The student day will begin at 7:30 am and conclude at 2:28 pm. Students are expected to be in the building by 7:30 am and in home-

rooms by 7:35 am.

On the first day of school students will be bringing home their student handbook. Please spend time reviewing the handbook and signing the signature page. For a student to receive a locker, they must return this signed page.

This year we are again offering Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment courses. Currently we have agreements with Penn Highlands Community College, Mount Aloysius College, and Cambria Rowe Business College and we are working on an agreement with Saint Francis University. More information will be available in September from Mrs. Dodson in the guidance office.

Technology continues to be added and upgraded. Additional laptops

have been added to both the junior and senior high. Students will have more access than ever before.

Along with this newsletter you will find several enclosed items and forms. Please make sure you read the section on Enclosed Items.

I am excited to start this school year and just as excited to be working with all of you toward a successful educational experience. If there is anything you need or have concerns about, please call. Again, I welcome you back; and for the new students I welcome you to Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School. It is going to be a great year!

*Jennifer Reiter
High School Principal*

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HALT! Bullying Prevention Program

Welcome to the HIVE! Where we have

Honor and Integrity with a Vision of Excellence

The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School has four anti-bullying rules:

1. We **will not** bully others
2. We will **try to help** others who are bullied
3. We will **try to include** students who are left out

4. If we know someone is being bullied **we will tell** an adult at school and an adult at home

As we progress through the year watch for tips and information on the Bullying Prevention Program. For more information contact Mr. Shirley at the high school office.

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Enclosed Items

2010-2011 School Calendar

Race/Ethnicity Questionnaire*—this must be filled out and returned

Technology AUP*—needs signed and returned

Integrated Pest Management

Student Information Form*—must be filled out and returned

Photo Release Form—sign and return

Bus Schedule—pick up times and location

Bus Rules*—sign and return

Use of Medications Policy

Health Information Form*—fill out and return

Free/Reduced Lunch Form—fill out and return if appropriate

Lunch Menu—for August and September

All of the forms can be returned the first week of school to the homeroom teacher. Forms with an (*) must be returned along with the student handbook signa-

ture page for a student to receive a locker.

Other forms and information will be sent home the first day of school. Please be on the look out that first day for **CHIP** insurance for kids, **Student Handbook**—please read with your child, sign and return the signature page, **Accidental Insurance** information, and **One Call Now**—if you would like to receive a phone notification for cancellations or delays, fill out and return

Any questions, please contact the high school office.

*"Champions
aren't people
who never lose,
they're people
who never quit."*

Athletic Update

This summer has been a very exciting time for Ferndale Area Athletics. The football and baseball fields will be getting major improvements. Dugouts are being added to the baseball field and trees along Ferndale Avenue, behind the football bleachers, have been removed. There are new halftime shelters being provided by the football boosters for use during football games. There is new

fencing being added around the Football field. The football boosters have also added a new black and gold golf cart to the attractions.

The football, volleyball, golf, band, and junior high girls' basketball teams are all working hard preparing for the upcoming seasons.

We have done some major painting and sprucing up the

boys and girls locker rooms, entrance ways, the weight room, and the junior high gym.

We would like to see all of you at all of our contests to show support for our outstanding students at Ferndale Area High School.

*Tony Penna, Sr.
Athletic Director*

Dress Code Changes

Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School would like students to feel comfortable at school and not be interrupted by distracting or inappropriate clothing. For the learning environment to be free from such distractions the following are part of the dress code that approved at the June 16, 2010 School Board Meeting.

- Clothing must be neat and clean with out depictions of a negative nature (drugs, alcohol, double meanings, etc.)
- Clothing must provide coverage and not be excessively tight. Items not permitted are

exposed mid-riff, halters, shirts with spaghetti straps, camisoles, off the shoulder shirts, low-cut/plunging neckline shirts, open shirts showing bare skin or undergarments (including sport bras), pajamas, slippers, flip flops, and miscible undergarments (including underwear). Tops must be at least 3 inches in width at the shoulder.

- No holes, rips, or tears above the knee
- Skirts and shorts must be no shorter than 5 inches from the knee
- No sunglasses, jackets (during the

school day), hats, bandanas, or head coverings

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- **No Flip Flops.**
- No spandex clothing of any kind (leggings or tights worn with a top that does not meet the skirt/short requirement)

Students who refuse to modify their attire may be sent home, parents contacted to bring appropriate clothing or will remain in In School Suspension until appropriate clothing is attained. Repeated lack of cooperation will result in detention or other discipline.



New Student Orientation

This may be your first child to enter Ferndale Area Jr./Sr. High School or this may be “second nature” to you by now. Whatever the case, entering Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School will be a new experience for your child. To help with this transition I would like to extend an invitation to you and your child to attend the New Student Orientation. This is a great opportunity for you to help minimize your

child’s anxiety and to meet the teachers, counselors, school Administration and Office Staff.

You are invited to an orientation on August 24, 2010 from 9:00—11:00. We will begin in the auditorium with a welcome and then students will have the opportunity to explore the buildings, meet their teachers, pick up and follow their schedule, and get a general overview of the junior/senior high school.

All new students and parents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to make it at 9:00 you may come any where between 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Members of the Student Council will be available to help direct and guide parents and students through the building.

For more information please contact the high school office. I look forward to meeting you at orientation.



**August 24, 2010
9:00—11:00 am
High School Auditorium**

Guidance Changes

We are fortunate to have two guidance counselors again this year. Mrs. Bremer will be working with grades 7, 8, and 9. Her office is now located in the junior high on the top floor by room 301. Mrs. Dodson will be working with grades 10, 11, and 12. Her office is located inside the main office in the senior high school.

In addition to the guidance department we now have a Career Center located in the senior high school on the main floor. Students can access the center for information on colleges, careers, use the Bridges career pathways software, fill out applications, find out information on SAT and ACT tests, obtain transcripts, and many other items.

If you would like more information on services offered by the guidance counselors please call the high school office.

Three students scored perfect on the Writing PSSA and two scored perfect on the Math PSSA.

PSSA Unofficial Results

The *unofficial* results are in and WOW!!! Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School made Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2010.

Congratulations and thank you to each and every student. The hard work and dedication to making improvement really paid off and it showed.

The Mathematics performance goal was 56% and our students earned 83.7%. The Reading performance goal was 63% and our students earned 74.1%. These percentages earned

represent the number of students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 11 earning Proficient and Advanced on the PSSA.

Way to go!!!

As promised last year, 41 students in grade 11 will be taking a trip to Splash Lagoon and 48 students will be receiving monetary awards for their performance. Also, 45 students in grade 8 will be going to Slinky Action Zone and 39 students in grade 7 will be either bowling or seeing a movie at the theater.

A special congratulations to Brianna Cornell, grade 7, for scoring a perfect on the math exam. In grade 11, a special congratulations to Hannah Genovese and Zach Sanna for scoring a perfect on the writing exam. An extra special congratulations to Zach Toth for scoring a percent on the math and the writing exams.

An assembly will be held in September to recognize all of the students for their hard work and effort; prizes will be awarded at that time.

Outstanding job!!!!





Upcoming Events/Sports

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challenge, small
enough to care!*

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August 2-6
Band Camp 9-3

August 9-13
Band Camp 9-12

August 12
Jacket Pride Meeting in the
Administration Office Board
Room 4:30 pm

August 14
Band Performance at Kenny-
wood Park 7:00 pm

August 16
SERT Training in the Admini-
stration Office Board Room
7:30 am

Fall Sports Practices begin
Football Practice 8:45-5:30
Volleyball Practice 9-1
Golf Practice 9-3

Jr. High Girls' Basketball 3-5
Cheerleading 9-3

August 18
School Board Meeting in the
Administration Board Room at
6:30 pm

August 21
Varsity Football Scrimmage vs.
Williamsburg 10:00 (home)

August 23
Teacher In-Service Day

August 24
Teacher In-Service Day
New Student Orientation
9-11 am



August 25
First Day of School

August 21
Varsity Football Scrimmage vs.
Williamsburg 10:00 (home)

August 27
Varsity Football Scrimmage vs.
Northern Bedford 6:00 (away)

September 1
Golf vs. Berlin-Brothersvalley
3:30 (away)

September 2
Golf vs. Chestnut Ridge 3:00
(away)

September 3
Varsity Football vs. Berlin-
Brothersvalley 7:00 (away)

September 7
Golf vs. Windber Area 3:00
(away)

JV Football vs. Berlin-
Brothersvalley 4:00 (home)
Volleyball vs. Portage Area 6:00
(home)

September 9
Golf vs. Conemaugh Valley
3:00 (away)

JH Football vs. Berlin-
Brothersvalley 7:00 (away)

JH Girls Basketball vs. Cone-
maugh Valley 4:00 (home)

Volleyball vs. Conemaugh
Township 6:00 (away)

September 11
Varsity Football vs. Shade-
Central City 1:00 (home)

September 13
JV Football vs. Shade-Central
City 7:00 (away)

Volleyball vs. Bishop McCort
6:00 (home)

September 14
JH Girls Basketball vs. Shade-
Central City 4:00 (away)

Volleyball vs. North Star 6:00
(home)

September 16
Golf vs. Conemaugh Township
3:30 (home)

JH Football vs. Shade-Central
City 4:00 (home)

JH Girls Basketball vs. Blacklick
Valley 4:00 (away)

Volleyball vs. Conemaugh Val-
ley 6:00 (away)



September 17
Varsity Football vs. Meyersdale
Area 7:00 (Away)

September 20
JV Football vs. Meyersdale Area
4:00 (home)

September 21
Golf vs. North Star 3:30 (away)

Volleyball vs. Windber Area
6:00 (home)

September 23
Golf vs. Rockwood Area 3:30
(home)



JH Football vs. Meyersdale
Area 6:00 (away)

JH Girls Basketball vs. Windber
Area 4:00 (home)

Volleyball vs. Rockwood Area
6:00 (away)

September 25
Varsity Football vs. Rockwood
Area 1:00 (home)

September 27
Volleyball vs. Westmont Hill-
top 6:00 (home)

JV Football vs. Rockwood Area
4:15 (away)

Golf vs. Chestnut Ridge 3:30
(home)

September 28
JH Girls Basketball vs. North
Star 4:00 (home)

Volleyball vs. North Star 6:00
(home)

Volleyball vs. Shade-Central
City 6:00 (away)

Golf vs. Shanksville-Stonycreek
3:30 (home)

September 30
JH Girls Basketball vs. Portage
Area 4:00 (away)

Volleyball vs. Berlin-
Brothersvalley 6:00 (home)

JH Football vs. Rockwood Area
4:00 (home)

