

BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

Fort Atkinson High School



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....2021-2022 CLASS SCHEDULES

In spite of it being an extremely busy time of year, our intention is to have students leave this school year with their next year's schedule in hand. Students who have conflicts in their schedule will be notified and the conflicts will be resolved with the help of their counselor during late May and early June. We believe this will significantly decrease the disruption to instruction created by schedule conflicts and changes at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. As in the past, our goal will be to provide your student with their class schedule via PowerSchool for next year. During the last weeks of school, please monitor PowerSchool to check it out! Thanks for your help and assistance that has helped us get to this point in the scheduling process!

OUR NEW EVENING MATH TUTORING PROGRAM

The math department at Fort High is offering an evening math tutoring program to assist students with completing math homework and test preparation beginning May 3, 2021. This program is available to Fort Atkinson High School student's grades 9-12, only students with a current fortschools email would be permitted to use this service. This program is being offered Monday through Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Students and parents would have access to a Zoom link through the student's Google Classroom, a math teacher would be available on Zoom during those evenings to help students as needed. This is a great opportunity to get math assistance on daily assignments at no charge to students!

FROM PUPIL SERVICES

UW Pre-College Programs

There are a wide variety of summer activities held on UW campuses during the summer and through-out the next academic year that are available to middle and high school students. There are a wide variety of activities available including college-prep, computer camps, basketball, music, art, cheerleading, study skills, STEM, and many others. The following website will provide you with a search feature so that you can narrow it down to location and subject desired. Scholarships also exist to cover some of the costs.

www.wisconsin.edu/precollege-programs/

These types of opportunities offer students the chance to experience a campus and to further develop skills and/or career interests.

Career Decision Making Activities

Counselors have been meeting with juniors this spring to discuss in detail their post high school plans. Since the development of the Career Pathways course, we have seen a tremendous improvement in the career decision-making process of our students. Most students can now identify several occupations they are seriously considering and can indicate a pathway of preference: apprenticeship, military, technical college, 4 year college, etc.

There are several activities that we are encouraging students to consider as summer activities that will take their decision making to the next level - job shadowing, informational interviewing, and campus visits. Parental support and encouragement of these activities can go a long way in actualizing these events. Connect your son or daughter with someone you know who is in a field of interest to them. Teenagers can still be tentative when it comes to making contact with someone they don't know well.

Your phone call to arrange a time for your child to discuss an occupation with someone who does it every day can offer them the "reality" piece of an occupation that can't be conveyed in print.

FORT ATKINSON FFA TO HOLD ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Fort Atkinson FFA will be holding its annual Plant Sale the beginning of May. The sale will run from Monday, May 3 thru Saturday, May 8, 2021. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm and Saturday, May 8th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. There will be a wide selection of reasonably priced flowers and houseplants to choose from including bedding plants, geraniums, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, and a variety of other plants. There are limited numbers of plants available, so shop early for the best selection! There will also be a variety of garden accessories available as well, including hand painted patio bricks and stepping stones. The plant sale is coordinated by the Horticulture Class and all hanging baskets and bags were put together by students who also assisted with planting seeds and transplanting. With Mother's Day right around the corner, you don't want to miss this opportunity to show your mother, grandmother, or other special person how much you care. Bring some color to your yard or garden this year with plants from the Fort Atkinson FFA Plant Sale. All proceeds from the plant sale go towards supporting FFA activities and greenhouse supplies.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

The Senior Scholarship Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm in the High School Auditorium. Students who will be awarded a scholarship at the ceremony will receive a letter in the mail in early May indicating that their presence at the event is required. Students receiving scholarships should wear their graduation gown (no cap) to the ceremony.

Due to gathering restrictions related to COVID, the ceremony format will be slightly different this year. Only recipients and presenters will attend the ceremony in person. With social distancing requirements, the auditorium will not have additional space for in person audience members this year. The ceremony will be live streamed for family and friends to watch from home that evening at this link: https://youtu.be/wBsQWcA_KNU

CLASS RING ORDERS

Orders for Class Rings will be taken during all lunch hours on Thursday, May 20th. This year there will be no night hours available.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Attention Senior Parents and Guardians! Your help is needed with the Senior Breakfast, to be held on Wednesday, May 26th from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the High School Commons. We are asking for monetary donations of any amount to help cover the cost of the breakfast, as well as door prizes. Checks should be made out to "Senior Breakfast" and returned to Jamie Knutson at the high school. Volunteers are also needed to work on the morning of the breakfast. For questions or to volunteer, please email or call Nicole Leibman, nikkileibman@gmail.com 920-918-1818 or Stacey Fenner StaceyFenner2000@gmail.com at 262-391-9674.

MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child has medication(s) (**over-the-counter or prescription**) at school, please have your student stop by the Attendance Office and pick it up by Friday, June 4th. **Medications will be disposed of after this date!** If you have any questions, please call the School Nurse Office at 920- 563-7805.

2021 GRADUATION

Class of 2021 graduation ceremony will take place in the high school gymnasium, at 1:00 p.m., on June 13, 2021. Congratulations to all graduates!

2020-2021 INTERACT CLUB

INTERACT is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14-18. Interact Clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. Interact clubs carry out two community service projects each year, including one that furthers international understanding and goodwill. The Fort Atkinson Interact Club has continued to help make changes during this pandemic. This year the club has taken on local projects such as filling the Blessing Box here in town at the Methodist church and participating in the Feed Your Soul events that also take place every Thursday at the Methodist church. Recently, the club has sponsored another international project in the Philippines. The club donated \$1500 to the WALK program in the Philippines which helps pay for prosthetics to those who are unable to afford them. The club helped pay for the prosthetic leg of a local fisherman and donated to the local fire station for communication equipment and other supplies.

The Interact Club is beginning to prepare for its Operation Pollination community project at Fort Atkinson High School. In this project, the club will designate specific areas at the high school to help promote various pollinators including bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. The club hopes to later expand this project to target other schools, parks, or businesses in the local community.

The Fort Atkinson High School Interact Club is a group of students who meet once a month at the Fort Atkinson High School. They use leadership skills to help their community and beyond. The 2020-2021 officer team includes Co-Presidents Eli Koehler (senior) and Sarah Mephram (senior), Vice President Brooke Leibman (senior), Secretary Emma Jahn (junior), Treasurer Logan Hamele (senior), and advisors Jim Nelson and Lori Warren.

LAST ISSUE OF THE 2020-2021 *BLACKHAWK BULLETIN*

This is the last issue of the Blackhawk Bulletin for this school year. As always, it is our intention to keep parents and students aware of events and things going on here at FAHS. This year we emailed the newsletter to again over 860 families. This continues to reduce the cost of postage. It is our hope to continue to email the newsletter to all families in our school. If you have not been getting the newsletter via email and wish to receive it, please contact the main office. **We will be letting you know our dates when on-line registration opens. Have a great summer!**

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 5/1 | Prom, Gym/Commons 8:00pm-11:00pm |
| 5/3 | Boys Tennis Starts |
| 5/3 | Progress Reports Due |
| 5/3 | Early Release 1:30pm Students/Teacher Professional Development |
| 5/3 | FFA Plant Sale Starts Thru 5/8 |

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| 5/8 | SAT National Test Day |
| 5/10 | Early Release 1:30pm Students/Teacher Professional Development |
| 5/11 | AP Exams Start Thru 5/28 |
| 5/17 | Early Release 1:30pm Students/Teacher Professional Development |
| 5/19 | Senior Portfolio Exit Interviews |
| 5/19 | Senior Scholarship Ceremony 6:30pm |
| 5/20 | Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm |
| 5/24 | Early Release 1:30pm Students/Teacher Professional Development |
| 5/25 | Senior Graduation Practice 7:50am-9:13am |
| 5/25 | FAHS Orchestra Spring Concert 7:00pm Auditorium |
| 5/26 | Senior Breakfast 6:30am |
| 5/26 | Senior Class Trip 7:50am Devils Lake, Baraboo, WI |
| 5/28 | Rock Day 9:30am |
| 5/31 | No School, Memorial Day Holiday |
| 6/4 | Pick Up All Medicine in the Attendance Office |
| 6/5 | SAT National Test Date |
| 6/8 | Last Day of School, Early Dismissal, Noon Release, Quarter 4/Semester 2 Ends |
| 6/8 | Senior Clearance Due 12:30pm |
| 6/12 | ACT National Test Day |
| 6/13 | HS Graduation Ceremony Gym 1:00pm |
| 6/17 | Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm |
| 6/21 | Summer School HS Registration |
| 6/22 | Summer School HS Begins |

