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BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

Fort Atkinson High School

January 2022

From the Principal...2022-2023 COURSE SELECTION BEGINS!

In late January, you will receive more specific information regarding the 2022-2023 course selection event. Careful and focused course selection is extremely important. Staffing decisions will be made based upon the information gathered during the course selection process. Furthermore, the 2022-2023 course schedule will be built to accommodate the tally of student requests. The Course Selection Program is most beneficial in allowing us to gather accurate information and significantly reduces schedule changes and related loss of instructional time. Too many students believe their schedules can be easily changed in August right before school begins. A flood of schedule changes in August causes students and the entire school significant problems. Class enrollments often max out or drop significantly due to these changes, limiting student access. Additionally, the amount of instructional time lost and/or disruption to the class affects the student and the entire class adversely. Due to the course selection programs and the process used, we have been able to significantly reduce the number of conflicts and schedule changes. This process will allow us to possibly provide students with their 2022-2023 class schedules in June. Please take time to review the on-line Program of Studies and plan now to attend one of the two Course Selections Programs on Thursday, February 3rd or Monday, February 7th. Thanks for your assistance with this highly important process!

COURSE SELECTION PROGRAM

Fort Atkinson High School is planning to hold its Course Selection event on Thursday, February 3rd from 2:00-4:30pm and on Monday, February 7th from 4:00-7:30pm in the gymnasium and commons. **It is essential that students and their parents/guardians attend one of the Course Selection events.**

On February 3rd and 7th, school counselors will be available for assistance with the course selection process. One of the counselors will be located in the commons where tables will be set up for you to discuss choices with your son or daughter. **Freshman students and their parents/guardians are required to attend a “Freshman Orientation to Course Selection” presentation prior to going to the gymnasium to finalize their course selections.** This presentation will occur in the auditorium at set times which will be communicated in a letter that will be mailed home. Following the presentation, students will select their courses for the following year through consultation with teachers available from each department in the gymnasium. Teacher signatures are required for each course selected. **Parent/guardian signatures are required to complete the registration process.**

A letter with all of the details regarding the Course Selection event will be mailed home to each student. The Program of Studies book as well as the grade-level course selection worksheets are available on the high school website. If you need a printed copy of the Program of Studies or cannot attend one of the two Course Selection events, please contact Mrs. Gilson, Pupil Services Secretary, at 920-563-7811 ext. 1143.

DATES FROM PUPIL SERVICES

January 7 **Local Independent Scholarship Applications due by 3:30pm**
Feb. ACT Registration Deadline
January 21 **Records Day – No School for Students**

February 1 Local Online Combined Scholarship Applications due by 10:00 p.m.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Many of the Independent Local Scholarship applications are due by 3:30pm to Pupil Services on **Friday, January 7th** unless an alternative date is stated in the specific scholarship's details. Applications are available in the Pupil Services Office and on the Pupil Services website.

The Local Online Combined Scholarship application is due by 10:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 1st**. The application and directions for completing it can be found on the Pupil Services website.

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION WINDOW - FEBRUARY 7 TO APRIL 29, 2022

Open Enrollment is the process of applying to attend a non-resident school district in the State of Wisconsin. The Open Enrollment application window is February 7 to April 29 before 4 p.m. For families now living in our District who may be considering moving out of our District but wish for their children to remain enrolled with Fort Schools or for parents from other districts wanting to enroll their students in our District, applications must be submitted online at dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications during the application window. Paper applications are also available at the District Office. Please contact the superintendent's assistant, Lisa Haas, at 920-563-7807 for information on open enrollment. Any applications coming in after the deadline cannot be accepted per the open enrollment laws, so please mark your calendars and let us help you if you need our assistance.

ACT/SAT 2021 Test Dates

National Test Date		Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
2/12/22	ACT	1/07/22	1/21/22
4/02/22	ACT	2/25/22	3/11/22
6/11/22	ACT	5/06/22	5/20/22
7/16/22	ACT	6/17/22	6/24/22
3/12/22	SAT	2/11/22	3/01/22
5/07/22	SAT	4/08/22	4/26/22
6/04/22	SAT	5/05/22	5/25/22

FANS MEETING

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 9:30am, the meeting will be in the main office conference room. Everyone 's welcome to join the meeting!

SEMESTER EXAMS

As exams are fast approaching, we wanted to communicate a few changes with you regarding how exams will take place this semester. We will continue to run our daily A/B daily schedule with enrichment time and some teachers will be scheduling semester exams during the last week of the semester. If a student has three or more exams in a day they will

have the ability to reschedule one or more of those exams through their associate principal to another day. Teachers and administrators have collaborated on this process in order to keep consistency, allow teachers to best utilize the class time, and keep the ability for students to connect with teachers during enrichment time in order to get the additional help that they may need before they take their exam. As not all classes will be giving semester exams, students will be expected to be in all of their scheduled classes through the end of the semester.

ACT TESTING

As one of the most influential people in your child’s life, you have the opportunity to help him or her understand the importance of preparing for life after high school. Assessing students’ academic strengths and areas of need at this time allows them to make timely coursework adjustments to get or stay on target for their educational and career goals. While graduation day may seem to be far in the future, now is a critical time to make sure your child is prepared to take that next step after graduation, whether that means starting college, joining the military, or starting a career.

We are committed to college and career readiness for all students and are using the ACT assessment to help us. The ACT program helps 11th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for their remaining time in high school and beyond.

Fort Atkinson High School will be administering the battery of ACT tests to all Juniors free of charge on Tuesday, March 8th 2022 as required by state mandate. The schedule and more specifics of the test day will be provided to your student in an Enrichment Time for what to expect during the day of testing. Students in need of accommodations for testing via special education or 504 plan services will be contacted about their individual student needs and testing window.

The ACT is one of the best indicators of readiness for life beyond high school. Visit www.act.org for more information. Together we will prepare your students to be ready for their futures.

IMPORTANT AP INFORMATION

If your student is in an AP class, please plan ahead for AP testing. AP exams are given during school hours, and most will be held at Madison College. The schedule is as follows:

Week 1	8 a.m.	12 noon
Monday, May 2, 2022	United States Government and Politics	Chemistry
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	English Literature and Composition	Computer Science A
Thursday, May 5, 2022	Human Geography Macroeconomics	Statistics
Friday, May 6, 2022	United States History	Microeconomics
Friday, May 6, 2022: AP Coordinators must submit digital portfolios (by 7 p.m.) and ship physical portfolios.		
Week 2	8 a.m.	12 noon
Monday, May 9, 2022	Calculus AB/BC	
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	English Language and Composition	
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	Spanish Language and Culture	Biology

Additional Information

- Please do not plan family vacations, college visits, etc. during this time. AP charges an additional fee of \$40 for an alternative exam date. (If your child is ill on the exam date, please provide documentation from your physician so that you do not get charged the additional fee by AP.)

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

- 1/3 Classes Resume
- 1/7 Local Independent Scholarship Application Due 3:30pm
- 1/12 Band Booster Meeting 6:30pm
- 1/17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm Luther
- 1/18 Orchestra Booster Meeting 6:00pm
- 1/20 End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
- 1/21 No School For Students, Teacher Records Day
Winter Play HS Auditorium
- 1/22 Winter Play HS Auditorium
- 1/23 Winter Play HS Auditorium
- 1/24 3rd Quarter/Semester 2 Begins
Early Release 1:30pm Students, Teacher Professional Development
Mid-Winter Jazz Concert 7:00pm
- 1/25 FANS Meeting 9:30am Main Office Conference Room
- 1/28 Wall of Fame 6:00pm Auditorium

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 2/1 Local Online Combined Scholarship Applications due by 10:00 pm
- 2/3 HS Course Selection for 2022-23 School Year, 2:00-4:30pm
- 2/7 HS Course Selection for 2022-23 School Year, 4:00-7:30pm
- 2/12 ACT National Test Date
- 2/14 Early Release 1:30pm Students/Teacher Professional Development
- 2/17 Board of Education Meeting, Luther, 6:30 pm