

Firebaugh High School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

October is here and we're finally getting cooler weather! Hopefully the rains will begin soon and we can say good-bye to this drought! Here at FHS, October is an exciting month that includes Homecoming Week, filled with student activities (dress-up days, rallies, the Homecoming game itself, the floats, the Royal Court, the crowning of the king and queen, etc.). These activities will create special memories for our students and is part of what makes the high school experience so special. Please join us for our Homecoming game vs. Parlier on Friday, Oct. 2.

October is also the month that 1st quarter grades are posted. Quarter grades give everyone an idea of how the student is doing in any particular course. These "benchmarks" are important in that they indicate a student is doing well,

or the grade serves as a reminder that more effort needs to be made in order to successfully complete the semester and earn credits. I would encourage all parents to review these quarter grades with their child and give them the appropriate praise or the redirection that is needed.

Also in October, 2nd quarter eligibility is determined on the second Monday after the end of the first quarter, so a new eligibility period will be established on Oct. 19. This is necessary for participation in extra-curricular activities such as athletics. It is the desire of all staff that all students participate in extra-curricular activities here at Firebaugh High School. Studies show that students are more apt to earn better grades and develop socially if they are involved in a school's extra-curricular program. Please encourage your

child to join an activity and become a partner with us in monitoring your child's progress.

Additionally, we invite you to join us in Santa Cruz on Saturday, Oct. 17 for our FHS marching band's first competition since our music program was reinstated. The weather will be great and our band students would love to see the community there supporting them. I will definitely be there!

Lastly, I want to remind all parents that Monday, Oct. 12, is a non-school day for students. Teachers will be getting more professional development on that day and will participate in planning units based on the new state standards.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions, concerns, or just want to visit. As a parent, your presence is always welcomed here at FHS.

Sincerely,
Terry R. Anderson



Dates to Remember

Friday, Oct. 2
CSU Application W/S
HC Rally/Game/Dance
Saturday, Oct. 3
SAT Administered
Foundation Dinner
Thursday, Oct. 8
School Board Meeting
Friday, Oct. 9
End of 1st Quarter
Monday, Oct. 12
Staff Dev. - No School
Tuesday, Oct. 13
WHC Application W/S
Wednesday, Oct. 14
PSAT Administered
School Site Council
ROP Career Tech Night
Thursday, Oct. 15
FFA Chicken Dinner
Saturday, Oct. 17
Santa Cruz Band Review
Monday, Oct. 19
Music Pork Dinner
Friday, Oct. 23
CSUF Choral Festival
Saturday, Oct. 24
ACT Administered
Tuesday, Oct. 27
FCC Application W/S
Friday, Oct. 31
Selma Band Review

Counseling Center

- **Seniors:** UC (www.universityofcalifornia.edu) and CSU (www.csumentor.edu) applications will be available online Oct. 1. Filing deadline for both UC's and CSU's is Nov. 30. We will be having a CSU application workshop on Oct. 2, West Hills College application workshop on Oct. 13 and Fresno City College application workshop on Oct. 27. Sign up in the counseling office to participate.
- **Seniors and juniors:** The SAT will be administered on Oct. 3 and the ACT on Oct. 24. See your counselor for more information.
- **Juniors and sophomores:** The Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) will be administered on Oct. 14 in the FHS cafeteria.
- **Seniors and sophomores:** The Jostens Rep will be in the World History and Govt./Econ. Classes on Oct. 1 to deliver order forms and handouts. They will be back on campus Oct. 7 from break through the end of the day to take or-

ders for rings, caps, gowns, and graduation announcements.

- **Cal-SOAP** tutors are available for after school tutoring every Monday and Wednesday.

School Site Council

Parents: We are currently accepting nominations for the School Site Council. If you are interested and would like to serve on the council please contact the office.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 at 4:00 pm in the library.

Attendance Policy Amended

Excused Absences:

- **Medical,** dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointments of the student or of a child for whom the student is the custodial parent
- **Illness or injury** of the student or of a child for whom the student is the custodial parent
- **Death** in immediate family
- **Court subpoena/jury duty**
- **Justifiable personal reasons** (including religious observance)
- **Quarantine**

A pupil absent from school for the above excused reasons shall

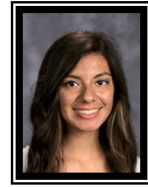
be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can reasonably be provided and, upon satisfactory completion, shall be given full credit. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine what assignments the pupil shall make up and in what period of time the pupil shall complete such assignments. The tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

Yearbooks

Your 2015-16 Yearbook can now be purchased on the 20-20-20 Plan until Oct. 30! That is \$20 each month for the next three months totaling \$60.

And if you're interested in purchasing a senior ad, this is a great opportunity to show your child how proud you are of them. In the back of the yearbook, there is a very good looking section dedicated to students from their loved ones. Parents are invited to submit their photos and say what they feel. Prices are \$125 for a half page and \$250 for a full page.

September Senior of the Month Fatima Gamino



Students of the Month Rosa Aguayo Graphic Design/Yearbook

Sabrina Aguilar
Leadership

Rene Camacho
Body Conditioning

Yadira Camacho
Ag Biology

Yesenia De La Cruz
AP Calculus

Amity Duke
AP English Literature

Hailey Garcia
U.S. History

Oswaldo Garcia
SEI

Xicli Guerrero
Integrated Math II

Edwin Gutierrez
Art I

Maria Guerrero
AP Statistics

Pablo Gutierrez
Journalism

Guadalupe Hernandez
Main Office Aide

Maria Lopez
Sports Medicine

Damian Nunez
Wood Construction

Elizabeth Perez
Read 180

Yelene Reyes
Child Development

Eliberto Rivera
Symphonic Band

Meryori Santos
Study Skills

Gloria Silva
English 11

Denise Torres
Counseling Office Aide

**Positive Behavior
Students of the Month**
Sabrina Aguilar
Hailey Garcia