

# Firebaugh High School

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## Principal's Message

December is here! For many, this time of year is special in that we get to spend time with loved ones and reflect upon the blessings we have received. We get a few days off to re-energize, travel, or just sit at home by the fireplace and relax. It truly is a special time of year for me.

We will mark the midway point of our academic year when students begin their winter break after December 18<sup>th</sup>. I cannot stress enough the importance of students remaining dedicated and vigilant when it comes to their studies. We will be completing our first semester and students will be earning credits for graduation. This is especially important for our seniors. Parents, please encourage your son or daughter to remain productive and attentive to

their assignments and exam preparations.

A special note to college and university-bound students: academic achievement, as defined by the grade they are given in each class, will affect their chances of admission to the college or university of their choice. Students must maintain the highest GPA possible in order to be competitive in the admissions process. Also, most scholarships and other forms of merit-based financial aid require a 3.0 GPA or higher. It may be tempting to "coast" through their senior year, but the stakes are high and the potential rewards are well-worth the effort!

College and career readiness has become much of a focus here at Firebaugh High School. The primary goal of Firebaugh High School is to

appropriately prepare all of our students for a successful career pathway beyond high school, not only for institutes of higher learning, but also for vocational training schools, the military, or directly into the workforce. Academic preparation is important, but so are other key skills that will enable our students to be successful such as planning, organization, self-monitoring, goal setting, punctuality/attendance, and developing behavioral norms that will allow students to appropriately operate within the institutional frameworks of the work place.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a renewed sense of expectancy that great things are yet to come!

Sincerely,  
Terry R. Anderson

## School Site Council

Thank you to those parents who agreed to run for School Site Council. Congratulations to those elected to serve: Manny Perez, Ruthie Martinez and Maria Delgado de Reyes. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 4:15 pm.



## Dates to Remember

Saturday, Dec. 5  
SAT Administered  
Monday, Dec. 7  
WHC Placement Test, 8:00  
Tuesday, Dec. 8  
Choir Winter Concert, 6:30  
Tuesday, Dec. 9  
School Site Council, 4:15  
Band Winter Concert, 6:30  
Thursday, Dec. 10  
School Board Mtg., 7:00  
Tuesday, Dec. 15  
Fall Sports Banquet, 6:00  
Mon.-Thur., Dec. 14-17  
Finals, Dismissal @ 1:45  
Friday, Dec. 18  
End of 2nd Quarter, 1:52  
Monday, Dec. 21-Jan. 8  
Winter Break  
Friday, Jan. 1  
FAFSA App. Available  
Monday, Jan. 11  
Classes Resume, 7:56  
Thursday, Jan. 14  
School Board Mtg., 7:00  
Monday, Jan. 18  
MLK, Jr. Holiday  
Saturday, Jan. 23  
SAT Administered  
Winter Formal



## Report Bullying and Safety Threats with Sprigeo

Online reporting system is available. If you see someone being bullied or feel unsafe at school, you will be able to use Sprigeo to report it.

Check our District website at <http://www.fldusd.org> and click on Sprigeo. We want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe.

**November**

**Senior of the Month**

**Austin La Salle**



**Students of the Month**

- Rosa Aguayo - Main Office Aide
- Rosalina Alaniz - AP Spanish Lang.
- Makenna Allen - College & Careers
- Isaac Bautista - Graphic Design
- Manuel Beltran - AVID 12
- Elizabeth Bencomo - Library Aide
- Liliana Berber - Leadership
- Flor Castro - Art 2
- Felipe Cervantes - U.S. History
- Nathan Chapman - Symphonic Band
- Chad Duran - Read 180/Study Skills
- Kevin Gutierrez - Integrated Math
- Marissa Gutierrez - Ag Earth Science
- Pablo Gutierrez - Ag Government
- Janet Juarez - Counseling Off. Aide
- Hannah Lowry - Journalism
- Viviana Moreno - Health
- Jose Rosa - AP Calculus/Decathlon
- Elena Villalobos - English 11

**Positive Behavior**

**Student of the Month**

Deamber Negrete

**Girls Tennis WSL Champions**

The Firebaugh Girls Tennis Team had one of their best seasons in school history. We had 23 girls who stuck it out from the beginning of the season all the way to the very end. This is my 2nd year as Head Coach for the Girls Tennis Team, and I must say as a coach it is very rewarding and inspiring to see these girls put in a lot of time, sweat, and even some tears this season. We were able to take 1st in League with a 12-2 record (17-5 overall) and advancing all the way to our very first appearance as a school to the Valley Championship! We had an intense 5½ hour match and ended taking runner-up to a 4-5 defeat to Sierra Pacific High School. We are so proud of these girls. They showed great sportsmanship, competition, and heart this whole season. I would like to thank Coach Allison

Freitas for all her help and support this year. It was a blessing working next to her. I would like to thank our seniors (Amity Duke, Maritza Lazcarro, Gracie Martinez and Sabrina Speakes) and the rest of the team for their hard work, commitment, and most of all the laughs! Go Eagles!

**2015 Highlights**

- Wins over D4 schools (Chowchilla & Roosevelt)
- Wins over D3 school (Pacheco Panthers)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place WSL League
- 1<sup>st</sup> appearance to D5 Valley Championship in School History
- Coach Jacob Gonzalez WSL Coach of the Year
- Roxie Avila: 1st Place WSL Singles
- Gracie Martinez: 3rd Place WSL Singles
- Rebekah Calderon/Secy Medina: 6th Place WSL Doubles



Behavioral Expectations  
**Respect yourself, others  
 and your environment**

**December**

**Senior of the Month**

**Israel Mendoza**



**Students of the Month**

- Isaac Bautista - AP Calculus
- Manuel Beltran - Journalism
- Franky Berber - Transitional English
- Peter Choperena - Ag Earth Sci/Health
- Andrea Gamino - Art 2
- Fatima Gamino - Decathlon
- Juan A. Garcia - Study Skills
- Krystal Gonzalez - Graphic Design
- Maria Guerrero - AP Statistics
- Ruby Gutierrez - AVID 12
- Tahis Hernandez - Library Aide
- Austin La Salle - Ag Government
- Jennifer Lomas - Main Office Aide
- Jasper Medina - English 11
- Joshua Medina - English 11
- Vincent Patlan - Leadership
- Alex V. Ramirez - Symphonic Band
- Carlos Rodriguez - U.S. History
- Fabian Santillan - AP Spanish Lang.
- Yadira Valencia - ROP Floral
- Jose Vilchis - Counseling Off. Aide

**Positive Behavior**

**Student of the Month**

Prisila Torres