

Firebaugh High School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Here we are at the beginning of another school year! The staff here at Firebaugh High School is ready to go with a renewed sense of passion for our roles as educators and for the students we are honored to serve. Our students, especially the senior class of 2016, are fired-up and ready to make their last year as Firebaugh students the most memorable one yet.

We begin this year with high expectations, and it is our desire to maintain that level of high expectations throughout the year. Your sons and daughters are preparing themselves for an eventual transition into adult life, which includes college and university programs, vocational training, the military, or going directly into the workforce. The vision of Firebaugh High School is to prepare its students to have the skills necessary to access all

of the opportunities in life they desire. As parents, you can be a part of this vision. We continue to develop our college and career readiness offerings in order to make sure students are successful once they leave us. That being said, the staff and administration invite all parents to partner with us in making this vision a reality for all students. We want to extend the invitation to all parents to get involved, both with your son's or daughter's academic efforts, and with organizations and events that are associated with Firebaugh High School. Back-to-School Night in the fall, Open House in the spring, athletics, FFA, School Site Council, our English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), our upcoming WASC accreditation groups, and the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) are all examples of how parents can become involved.

Lastly, I want to encourage all parents to support their child's learning throughout the year here at FHS. Ask about their homework, contact teachers, ask them about their current grades, and so on. These simple efforts can make a significant difference in their overall academic performance.

Please partner with the staff at FHS to make this the best year ever!
Terry R. Anderson

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Dates to Remember

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day Holiday!

Tues.-Sun., Sept. 8-13

Madera Fair Week

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Fresno College Night

Thursday, Sept. 10

School Board Mtg., 7:00

Friday, Sept. 11

1st Qtr. Progress Rpts.

Monday, Sept. 14

Lifetouch Pic. Retakes

Tuesday, Sept. 15

ROP Fall Conference

Wednesday, Sept. 16

School Site Council, 4:15

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Senior Portrait Day

Monday, Sept. 28

Fall Sports Pictures, 3:15

Fresno Area College Night

Fresno Area College Night 2015 will be held on Wed., Sept. 9 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the New Convention Center Exhibit Hall. The Counseling Dept. will be taking students on a field trip to this event. Students interested in attending must sign up in the counseling office. Parents are encouraged to attend. Transportation will only be provided for students.

Meet with representatives from:

- Accredited Vocational Colleges
- California State University Campuses
- Community Colleges
- College Clubs and Organizations
- Financial Planning Institutions
- Private Universities & Colleges
- University of California Campuses

Workshops include:

- Admissions
- Planning for College
- African-American Colleges
- Hmong and Spanish Translated Sessions
- Scholarship and Financial Aid

Get a jump start on College Night with the "HOUR OF POWER!"

Don't miss the early Financial Aid session from 5:30-6:30 pm.

New Admin., Teaching, & Clerical Staff

Rene Ascencio:

Mr. Ascencio is coming from Gunderson High School in San Jose and will be teaching English. He holds both a BA and MA from University of Phoenix. He will also be coaching football.

Michael Barragan:

FHS Graduate, former substitute teacher for our district, BA in History from CSUF, and a former Fresno State Bulldog track and field athlete. Mr. Barragan will teach world history, college and career readiness, and assist Mr. Catalan with Leadership. He will coach football, basketball and track.

Erica Correia:

Mrs. Correia earned her bachelors degree from Cal Poly SLO in Ag Science and Education. She went to high school in Arroyo Grande and was very involved in FFA, serving as Regional Vice President and earning an

American FFA degree. She is coming to FHS from Mills Intermediate School. She will teach Ag Earth Science and will teach El Puente students for one period.

Val-Pierre Dai'Re:

Mr. Dai'Re has worked for FHS before, but now that he has graduated with his BA in history, he will teach world history, men's symposium, and teach one period at El Puente Continuation High School. He is also a former Fresno State Bulldog track and field athlete, and will coach track.

Rosa Mendoza:

FHS graduate, now the Library Media Center clerk. She continues working towards her degree at West Hills Community College.

Mason Rodman:

Mr. Rodman is coming from FMS where he was the PE teacher last year, and will now be the new PE teacher here at FHS.

He has a BA degree in kinesiology from CSU Fresno, and will be coaching football and baseball.

David Rossette:

Mr. Rossette is the new Learning Director/Athletic Director for FHS. He has a BA in liberal studies from CSU Fresno. He brings with him experience as both a site administrator and athletic director.

Anna Strange:

Mrs. Strange has her BA and MA from Pacific Union College. Formerly a teacher in the San Jose area, she now joins our English Language Arts department where she will teach English 12, upper-level ELD/ELA core, and drama.

Manuel Torres:

FHS graduate, B.S. degree in Agriculture at CSU Fresno. Mr. Torres will teach Ag Mechanics 1 and 2, along with ROP Ag Welding/Metal Fabrication.

AP Test Results

Congratulations to the following students who passed their Advance Placement Exams:

English Language & Composition

Gabriela Cruz, Fatima Gamino,
Israel Mendoza

English Literature & Composition

Raquel Hidalgo, Alfonso Martinez,
Daniel Orozco

Spanish Language

Liliana Berber, Gabriela Cruz,
Edith Espitia, Fatima Gamino,
Pablo Gutierrez, Tahis Hernandez,
Maria Huizache, Ana Llamas,
Carlos Lopez, Alfonso Martinez,
Graciela Martinez, Melanie Martinez,
Jose Melendez, Israel Mendoza,
Maria Ramirez, Daniela Reyes Delgado,

Jose Rosa, Jacqueline Silva,
Maria Valencia, Liliana Villa

Spanish Literature

Jaqueline Arreygue, Rosario Camacho,
Maria Guerrero, Ruby Gutierrez,
Raquel Hidalgo, Betsabe Lanuza,
Lizette Lopez, Maria Ramirez,
Iris Torres, Priscila Torres

Calculus

Miguel Jimenez

Studio Art

Yesenia Del Pinal

Studio Art 2

Melissa Hernandez

U.S. History

Mitchell Anderson, Pablo Gutierrez,
Austin La Salle, Israel Mendoza,
Jose Rosa



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.