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Back to School—August 17

Greetings, everyone! The summer has not flown by; it has burned up! While we may not be able to expect an end to the heat very soon, we can look forward to the start of the new school year.

Here are some important dates for you to know:

- ◆ July 30: Last day to turn in uniform orders to receive them before school starts
- ◆ August 6: HFAA Work Day, 8 until noon. Help us get ready for the new school year!
- ◆ August 11: New Student Orientation, 1-5 p.m. Parent meeting with Dr. Rowan, 4-5 p.m.
- ◆ August 13: HFAA Work Day, 8 until noon. Still more to get done; we need YOU!
- ◆ August 14: 7-9 p.m. Back to School Cook-out in school cafeteria. YUM! Bring the family!
- ◆ August 15: Returning students' schedule pick up, 9-noon.
- ◆ August 17: 8 a.m. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—start the school year off right—be on time:)

Turn the page for more details about the



above listed events...

Faculty Changes...

At the start of every new school year there are new people to welcome and familiar faces missing. We are sad to have had to say goodbye to Dr. Daniel Schuerch, biology and chemistry, who is moving to Camp LeJeune, NC, and to Jill Jantzen, piano, who is moving to Cincinnati, OH. We will miss both of these fine teachers immensely. Ms. Tina Sailer, our special education teacher last year, has decided to stay home with her children. We wish you the best.

We welcome five new teachers to the staff. They are Naomi Rothrock—French, Spanish, and ELL—she is moving here from Tallahassee, FL, and has her master's in French from Florida State; Jennifer Burris—Algebra I and geometry—she's a graduate of UCO; Robert Johnson—Biology and Environmental Science—he's a graduate of OSU; Meryl Nash—she'll be our strings technique teacher and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in Music Performance, cello; and Stephanie Easley—piano who has a Master's in Music from Louisiana State University. These talented professionals bring many skills and new ideas to us. We are so pleased to welcome you to our HFAA family!

HFAA ROCKS THE HOUSE IN THE EOI (End-of-Instruction) EXAMS !!!

Congratulations, Firehawks! The overall school scores are in and you did an amazing job on the EOI's. Thank you for showing everyone what you can do.

EXAM	% Advanced	% Proficient	% Limited Knowledge	% Unsat.	Total % Passed
Algebra I	28%	63%	9%	0	91%
Algebra II	19%	51%	23%	6%	70%
Biology	51%	36%	11%	2%	88%
English II	50%	44%	6%	0%	94%
English III	43%	56%	0%	25	99%
Geometry	45%	45%	7%	3%	90%
US History	82%	10%	8%	0%	92%

The comparative scores have not been released for the other schools as yet, but Dr. Rowan feels pretty sure that HFAA will most likely be among the top scoring schools in OKC!

Arts + Academics = High Achievement

HFAA WORK DAYS

Aug. 6
& Aug. 13
8 AM TO NOON
JOBS TO BE DONE:
LANDSCAPING
PAINTING
LOCKER REPAIR
DOOR HUNG
FURNITURE MOVING

Please email the school to let us know you will be coming so that we can plan on having the materials ready.

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WE NEED YOU!!

Please note!

Students must take care of all debts to the school before re-enrolling...this includes returning all textbooks or paying the replacement cost.

Uniform orders for shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and skirts must be in by July 30th for delivery before school starts. Order forms available on the website.

The uniform closet still has some used uniform shirts in very good condition for sale in the school office, thanks to the generous donations from several seniors and other students. Come during school office hours and pick up a bargain!

Detailed Dates INFO:

New Student Orientation—Aug. 11, 1-5 pm is for students in any grade who are new to Harding Fine Arts Academy this year. Please be here by 1:00 p.m. and plan to stay until 5 p.m. if at all possible. Come in the door by the HFAA school office (the 33rd St. door) and you will be greeted by one of our student volunteers and escorted to the 4th floor. If you have brought your combination lock, you will be assigned a locker and you may go put your school supplies in it immediately. You will then be shown into the cafeteria where you will have the opportunity to meet other students and many of your teachers. You will also get your new schedule and be able to locate all of your classrooms. Students do not need to be in uniform...just dress comfortably. We will be serving a snack, so there is no need to bring any food. Dr. Rowan would like to meet with the parents from 4-5 pm. **Remember! Bring your combination lock and the completed forms that you are receiving with this newsletter.**

BACK TO SCHOOL COOK OUT, Aug. 14, 7-9 pm

Yum! There is no better way to welcome everyone back to school than sharing a tasty meal. The school will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and drinks. The Parent Teacher Organization is taking care of the condiments and burger fixing's. We are asking everyone to bring either a dessert or side dish to round out the meal. The cookout starts at 7 pm on Sunday, Aug. 14th and will take place in the school cafeteria which is most easily reached by parking in the N. Hill Street parking lot (the south side of the school) and crossing the street to enter the cafeteria there on the 1st floor. Feel free to bring the whole family. The PTO will introduce the officers and you will have an opportunity to learn more about how you can be part of this supportive organization.

Returning Student Schedule Pick up—Aug. 15, 9-noon

We are trying something a little bit new this year to help speed up the schedule pick up process. We are mailing home the forms that you will need to fill out and return before your enrollment is complete. Please bring these forms with you on Schedule Pick Up Day. You will not be given your schedule until we have all of these forms returned. Federal and state regulations require us to collect this information and it impacts our funding, so please assist us in getting all these documents in order. Also, please remember to bring your combination lock so that we can issue you a locker. If you would like to use a keyed lock, be sure to provide us with an extra key.

Please begin the schedule pick up process by entering the building at the door downstairs by the dance room on NW 33rd. There will be different stations set up for you to turn in paperwork and pick up additional information. The checklist included in this mailing will help you know what all needs to be returned.

SCHOOL STARTS ON WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17, 8:00 AM

We are happy to have so many new faces with us and wish everyone a very successful 2011-2012 school year.

PTO POSTINGS

A message from your outgoing PTO Officers:

Officer Elections were held at the April 19 PTO Meeting. We are pleased to introduce you to your school year 2011-2012 PTO Officers:

President: Ms. Raquel Frazier (Addison, 10th) rdf.phr@gmail.com

Vice President: Mr. Kent Larason (Klair, 11th) zachariah2@cox.net

Treasurer: Ms. Karen Beets (Katie 11th), kblue762@yahoo.com

Secretary: Ms. Liz Mlekush (Patrick, 11th) mlekush.liz@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinators: Ms. Danielle Spence (Stephanie, 11th) danispence@hotmail.com

Ms. Ardis Marrs-Steele (Tristan, 12th) ardis@marrs-steel.com

Office terms begin on June 1, 2011, and end of May 31, 2012. We look forward to working with you this coming school year. If you have a talent to share with our community, would like to know where you can volunteer your time, or have any questions or concerns, please contact us via the email addresses given above. Your PTO can also be reached at hfaa.pto@gmail.com

We hope to see you all at the Back to School Cook Out!

Many thanks to the July 9th work day volunteers: Kent Larason, Graciela Mendoza, Danielle Spence, Meesok Shin, Mike, Ben, and Tristan Marrs, Sam Cheers and her mom, Michelle. If I've forgotten anyone, it's because you didn't sign in and I've slept since then...not because I don't value your contribution immensely! We were able to get many things done because of your help. Sincerely, Dr. Rowan



Please be sure your student's immunizations are up to date before starting school. If not, make an appointment at the Health Department on NW 23rd street just past the Oklahoma History Center or see your physician to obtain the necessary shots.

The State Board of Health currently requires children attending school in Oklahoma to be immunized against the following diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Poliomyelitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis A & B, and Varicella (chickenpox). The number of doses of each vaccine may vary according to grade level, so please check with the Health Department or go to the State Department of Education's website, <http://www.sde.state.ok.us> and click on the Parents tab at the top, then scroll down until you locate Immunization Schedule to see if your student has had all the doses required. Please make sure to bring the school a copy of the updated immunization record.

Please note the days that we will be out of school this year on the enclosed calendar and schedule doctor, dentist, and orthodontist appointments and driver's testing for those days if possible. It really helps cut down on school absenteeism and not missing class helps your student be more successful in school.

HFAA Indoor Soccer—Come watch our team compete!

All games are held at the Indoor Soccer Arena, 100 N. McCormick, OKC

Call 942-1717 for directions. Firehawks won their last game; cheer them on to their next victory. Next game is Sunday, May 7, 11:15 am. Check the HFAA website for additional dates and times.

We are taking uniform orders for shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and skirts. All orders must be in by July 31st for delivery before school starts.

Seniors: Please donate your used uniforms to our uniform closet for resale! Many families appreciate being able to purchase uniform clothing at a much reduced price.

All Parents and Students: Please be aware that records will not be released if you have any outstanding debt to the school: books, cameras not returned...

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The June issue of the newsletter will feature a tribute to our graduates. Here is a list of the **activities our seniors** will be participating in as they get ready for their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 20 at 7 pm .

Sunday, May 13 at 3 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5401 N. Brookline, OKC, there will be a **baccalaureate ceremony** for the graduates. This optional event is for friends and family to ask God's blessing on our seniors as they make their way into the world. After baccalaureate, the **Senior Recognition and Celebration Dinner** will take place at St. John's beginning at 4:30 pm. All graduates are expected to attend and are our guests. Tickets for other family and friends are \$11 per person and must be purchased by Thursday, May 5th. Seating is limited and will be filled on a first come, first reserved basis.

Thursday, May 19, 10:05-12:05, Robing Ceremony & Senior Showcase—Each graduating senior may invite one person to help them put on their robes for the first time. Friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony and performances. **Senior Lunch is from 12:05 to 12:45 pm.** This event is for seniors only and the cost is included in the Senior Dues. **Graduation rehearsal will take place at 12:45 p.m. ALL GRADUATES MUST ATTEND! *You will not walk at graduation if you do not attend rehearsal.***

Friday, May 20, 7:00 pm—Graduation—HFAA Auditorium. Graduates need to be in the cafeteria by 6:00 pm. *Admission to graduation is by ticket only.*