Farragut High School

Summer News/Notes 2017

Building Integrity and Excellence in Academics, Athletics, & the Arts
Accept Nothing Less

WEBSITE: www.farraguths.knoxschools.org
Farragut High School Academies

Farragut High School offers students several academic academies designed toward “educating tomorrow’s leaders”. Our STEM Academy includes focus areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Health Science. The Humanities Academy encompasses English, History, and World Language. Marketing and Business Academy (MBA) is also offered to students. Each academy has its own mission statement, requirements, core courses, and various endorsements to challenge students in a unique capstone experience. All Academies provide students with the opportunity to acquire further knowledge and skills in specialty areas beyond the conventional classroom, emphasizing partnered and teamed participation in workshops, projects, internships, professional outreach, research and field experiences, self-expression, and global marketing. Academy participants will be paired with professional mentors working in related fields. Students will be expected to maintain high academic averages; compile tandem journals or portfolios; present at our annual Academy night, and participate in extra-curricular, research, and/or community services. Interested students and parents should contact teachers and department chairs for information and application packets.

The FHS Class of 2017 of 413 students has excelled in many ways. Sixty-eight percent of the class earned a grade point average of a 3.0 or better. Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2017 earned some type of scholarship. The Class of 2017 has received scholarship offers totaling over 27.2 million dollars. The 2017 graduates will be continuing their educations at 86 different colleges and universities in 31 different states and Uganda. Over the course of their time at FHS, this class has performed over 31,003 hours of community service – An average of over 75 hours per senior.

The class includes:

- 13 National Merit Semi-finalists;
- 13 National Merit Finalists;
- 1 National Hispanic Scholar;
- 13 National Merit Commended Students;
- 9 Eagle Scouts;
- 3 Girl Scout Gold Awards;
- an American Heritage Girls Stars and Stripes recipient;
- five students with perfect 36 ACT scores;
- a United States Youth Senate Delegate for the State of Tennessee;
- 5 US Presidential Scholar nominees;
- and one US Presidential Scholar semi-finalist.

The class also has the state Science Olympiad Team Champions; principal musicians in the Knoxville Youth Symphony Orchestra; the State Chess Team Champion; the Smoky Mountain Regional Robotics Team Champions and World Robotics competitor; First Place Coding team in the state at CODE TN and at Advanced Coding Lockheed Martin; the back-to-back State Champion Dance Team in small varsity pom, regional champions in small varsity jazz and pom and ranked top five nationally in pom and jazz (first time in FHS history); National French Exam Silver and Bronze Medalists; National Latin Exam Silver Medalist; Gold and Bronze Medalists on the National Spanish Exam; the 2016 Volleyball district and region champions and three time state runner-up in TSSAA Division IIIA volleyball; the state runner-up in CyberPatriots; a Tennessee Bronze Medalist for Community Service; and the Class 5A State Champions in High School Football (first time in school history).

In 2016-17, Farragut had 77 AP Scholars, 25 AP Scholars with Honors, 78 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 19 National AP Scholars. Also, this class helped Farragut High achieve a #9 ranking in the State of Tennessee by US News and World Report’s 2017 Best American High Schools and #6 ranking in the State of Tennessee as one of the most challenging schools in America 2017 by the Washington Post.
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*Check FHS website for other dates and times*

**Farragut High School’s 2017 Report Card**

[http://www.tennessee.gov/education](http://www.tennessee.gov/education)

**PTSO Goal for 2017-2018**

“Bringing parents, teachers and students together to positively impact Farragut High School and the community as a whole.”

**FHS Education Foundation**

The FHS Education Foundation has been established to facilitate community involvement in raising funds for the integration of technology in all areas of curriculum, and to help provide for the general needs of FHS that may not be met by public funding. Please consider making a donation to support our school.
Lottery Scholarships in Tennessee

- Hope Scholarship / TN Promise
- General Assembly Merit Scholarship
- Supplemental Award (Aspire)
- Access Grant
- Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant
- More information check out these websites:
  - [http://www.tn.gov/collegepays](http://www.tn.gov/collegepays)
  - [http://www.tnscholardollars.org](http://www.tnscholardollars.org)

**FANS**

*FANS* is *Freshmen and New Students*, a program designed to ease the transition from middle school to high school and to introduce students new to the community to Farragut High School. Mentors who are rising juniors and seniors are assigned to incoming freshmen based on common interests and goals. It is the mentors’ responsibility to acclimate new students to all that Farragut has to offer. *FANS* sponsors a number of events throughout the freshman year that build camaraderie among the grade levels.

On **Monday, July 31**, at 1:45 p.m. *FANS* will sponsor a freshmen connection Back to School Celebration. Freshmen will meet their Mentors by the picnic tables to the left of the front entrance. Following this event at 2:00 p.m., Freshmen Summer Insanity begins. **Friday, August 4**, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the rising freshmen and students new to Farragut High will meet their mentors in the gymnasium and go through a mock schedule.

There will be a Freshmen Tailgate on the football practice field on Friday, September 1st from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be food, drink, games and prizes.

**Summer Office Hours**

The 1st Floor Office and the School Counseling Office will be open every Wednesday from May 31st to July 19th at 9 a.m. and will close promptly at noon. Regular office hours will begin on July 24, 2017.

Additional School Counseling Office information is available on the Farragut High School website [www.farraguths.knoxschools.org](http://www.farraguths.knoxschools.org)

**Sports Highlights**

Class 5A State Champions in High School Football
Back to Back State Champion Dance Team in small varsity pom; ranked top 5 nationally in pom and jazz
Three time state runner-up in TSSAA Division IIIA Volleyball

**Sports Tryouts**

Notices for summer tryout for all sports teams will be placed in the Knoxville and Farragut newspapers.
Staff School News

• Michelle Clupper was the recipient of the 2016-2017 Excellence in Teaching Award
• Knox County Special Education Teacher of the Year 2016-2017 recipient is Mary Rhone
• Knox County 2017 Teacher of the Year Nominees are Clare Brimer, Michelle Clupper, Matthew Milligan, Mary Rhone and Catherine Widner
• Angela Buckman was awarded Region III Teacher of the Year for Mu Alpha Theta
• Lynsey Flatford won the Teacher Innovator of the month in October given by KCS Office of Innovation
• Aundrea Mitchell received the 2016 Tyler Duke Foundation Outstanding Educator’s Award
• Golden Anchor Award recipients are Clare Brimer, Karen Lynn, Stephanie Richter and Natalie Sisk
• Tiffany Kelly was the recipient of The Golden Pen Award
• Holly Kelly was nominated for the University of Chicago Educator of the Year award
• Don Dodgen was inducted into the Farragut High School Class of 2017 Hall of Fame as a coach
• Eddie Courtney 2016 TSSAA Football Coach of the Year; Pat Summitt Award; Media Coach of the Year; 4 Coaches of the Year Awards
• TSSAA Coach of the Year – Volleyball recipient was Susan Davidson
• Janet Heglar was the Annual Binnacle Award recipient
• Recipients of the Technology Mini-grants are Susan Bolinger, Angela Breeding, Clare Brimer, Valarie Cagle, Ben Collins, Tim Green, Mleeka Houston, Wanda Lacy, Allison Maldonado, Matt Milligan, Chris Mitchell, Whitney Parson, Nick Reynolds, Judy Siebert, Jane Skinner, Brad Smith

School-Wide Summer Reading 2017

We’re excited to announce our summer reading selections for 2017! The purpose of summer reading is to encourage our students to read for pleasure. All students are required to choose one book from the summer reading list. Students will read the book and complete the required assessment. This includes freshmen, transfer students, and Honors and AP students, who will have additional summer reading assignments that can be found on the school website. A synopsis of each book along with pricing information and any potentially controversial or questionable content can be found in the summer reading flyer, available on the FHS website, to guide students and families in their choice of a book. This year’s assessment is a literary analysis that students can complete as soon as they finish their chosen book. The assessment will be due to the student’s 2nd block teacher on Friday, September 8. The grade from the assessment will count for 2% of each student’s grade in the 2nd block class. All summer reading documents will be posted on the FHS website by visiting the “For Families” tab and clicking on “Summer Reading.” A committee of students, parents, and teachers created the following summer reading list.

2017 FHS Summer Reading List

1. *March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
2. *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
3. *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
4. *The Rule of Thoughts* by James Dashner
5. *The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)* by Daniel James Brown
6. *Four-Four-Two* by Dean Hughes
7. *Hollow City: The Second Novel of Miss Peregrine’s Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
8. *Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance* by Simone Biles and Michelle Burford

Check the Farragut High School website at [www.farraguths.knoxschools.org](http://www.farraguths.knoxschools.org) for information on summer reading including Honors and AP English assignments, summer camps, school supply list and other school information.
Summer Insanity

Students please plan to join us at school to complete the following important preschool activities at the times listed below:

Monday, July 31, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Seniors
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Juniors
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sophomores
2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Freshmen (Arrive at 1:45 to meet your mentor by the picnic tables to the left of the front entrance.)

The following activities will be completed:

• Pictures (required 9-11) and ID (appropriate school dress)
  * No cost for photo ID but receipt is required to pick up schedule and get locker. Photo ID required for library books, field trips, etc.

• Schedule pick-up – Photo receipt* required
• Locker assignments – Photo receipt* required
• Collect book hold fees
• Pick up Schedule Change Request Forms (if needed)

A schedule change request sheet does not guarantee a changed schedule. Reasons for a schedule change include ONLY the following:
• Took class in summer school and received credit
• Incorrect level placement
• Student needs to repeat a class

The following activities may also be completed: (any payments should be made by check or cash)

• Parent may join PTSO ($30/family)
• Parent may receive information and make a donation to the FHS Education Foundation
• Receive information about purchasing a 2017 – 2018 yearbook
• Buy school supplies
• Bus information will be available
• Club sign-ups
• T-shirts and school spirit items available

Tentative student schedules will be available on Aspen in mid-July. All schedule change requests must be made by Monday, July 31, 2017.