

FORT February 2024 Newsletter

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FROM PRINCIPAL SCHEIDEL

Fort Vancouver High School Families and Community,

As we conclude the first semester and start the second, I want to thank you all for your continued support of the school improvement efforts at FVHS. So many great things are happening at our school and the positive cultural movement is strong and deepening. It takes awhile to start seeing the fruits of the efforts. For the five years I have been the principal at our school, we have been diligent and relentless in trying to build the type of community and culture that invites more students to engage in the improvement work too. We have made progress with each step and now the progress is starting to bear significant fruit.

I see this engagement and improvement every day, in the following ways: Our efforts to ensure that students are in class, have a pass when out of class, and follow up with them (including engaging families) when they are not having profound effects. The halls are clearer, more students are in class longer, and more students are taking advantage of the learning before them. Teachers continue to work tirelessly, every day, to create learning experiences that engage students at increasingly high levels. More students are engaging in our Career and Technical Education classes. Culinary, Fabrication, and our Medical Magnet are laboratories of engagement. In addition, Horticulture, Photography, Engineering, Coding, Marketing, Child Development are other cool options that students have to engage in their learning. Along with core academic-focused classes like English, Social Studies, Science, and Math, there are other elective options where students can find interest and fulfillment, such as Art, Pottery, World Languages, Music, and humanities-based choices. When students experience challenges in their learning progress, we have school-based alternative pathways that enable students to get back on track and find hope in the process.

Another key is building a stronger sense of community through embracing our work as a Center for International Studies, and highlighting student assets through regular gatherings. In addition to school wide pep assemblies, we have had monthly assemblies that have allowed us to showcase the many and varied cultures of our students. Celebrations around Spanish Heritage, Indigenous peoples, Veterans Day, and last week's viewing of "Children's March," in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., have all been ways to highlight, embrace, and value the broad range of students who make up our wonderful student body. As they see themselves valued in the celebrations we have, the more they engage in the daily efforts needed to transform our school.

There is much more to what we have been doing and what we will continue to do in the improvement efforts. This is just a sampling. Thank you to our community as we continue step by step in the improvement journey.

Take care,
Curt



Outside food deliveries for students are NOT ALLOWED at anytime during the school day! All deliveries will be rejected.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Fees and payments can be made in the Business office, or online at <https://vansd.org/meals/>

There are fees for Art and Pottery classes, **\$20 per semester.**

Activities require **\$35 ASB membership and \$40 fee per each activity:**

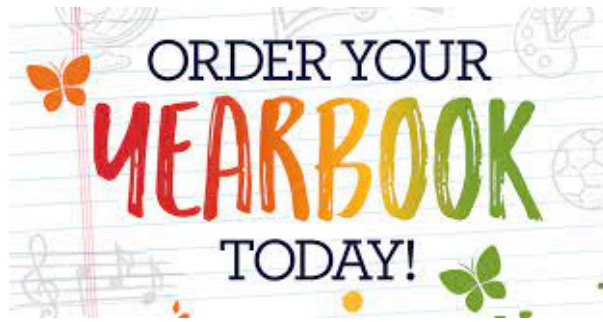
Dance, Band, Orchestra, Choir, Drama, Knowledge Bowl

ASB Clubs all require **\$35 ASB membership, plus club fee:**

NHS, Red Cross, Skills USA, Key Club, FFA, Chem Club, Journalism Club. See advisor for club fee.

All fees can be waived if a student qualifies for the waiver. The Education Benefits Eligibility form must be filled out every year and submitted to the Business Office or online here <https://vansd.org/meals/> The Consent To Share form should be turned in every year to the Business Office.

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFO!



Because most families are interested in their students participating in the yearbook, and the deadlines are quickly approaching, effective Monday, January 29, the District will update your student account to include the following permission: *I grant permission for my student's photograph to be published in the school yearbook.*

If you do not wish for your student's photo to be included in the school yearbook, you must update the permissions settings in ParentVUE or contact your school for support to make changes immediately.

Even if you are comfortable with this change, it is still important for you to access ParentVue and review the other permissions that remain outstanding. Not doing so could possibly impact your child's eligibility for guaranteed admission to colleges and universities as well as other opportunities.

If you have trouble accessing ParentVUE, please contact your school.

Yearbooks should be pre-paid to ensure receiving a book. We sold out the last two years!

Yearbooks are \$50.00 each, payable in the Business Office.

SENIORS



CLICK HERE for a link directly to your Senior Grad Launch Video!

Graduation Product Timeline for Fort Vancouver

- Click the above link to watch your Senior Grad Launch Video or check it out at <https://youtu.be/gAtMOB25Ft8>
- Final payments on all graduation orders are due on **March 1st, 2024**.
You can make payments anytime throughout the year online at www.highschool.herffjones.com.
- Delivery of Cap & Gown and Graduation Announcement products **Spring 2024**.

Don't forget to check out the **Design Your Jewelry** link also located [HERE](#) for Class Rings and other Custom Class Jewelry. **Class Ring ordering starts now!** If you would like any assistance, we are happy to help. Please contact us with any class ring or jewelry questions. Below you will find a graphic showcasing the important information from your Senior Grad Launch Video that you have just watched. Please feel free to save this image, print it for the fridge, or share it with anyone who may need the information. We look forward to a great year! Do not hesitate to reach out to Royal-T / Herff Jones anytime for assistance at 360-254-7870 or through email at info@royaltpapers.com. **[CLICK HERE](#) to place your order today!!!**

BILINGUAL STUDENTS!

Bilingual students can earn high school credit for their additional languages! Students who can read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English should sign up for the AVANT test, coming in December. Please take the practice test and then sign up [here](#) or use the link sent to your student email.

For our multilingual families,

Each year in February, students in English learner programs take the ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency test. The test measures academic English language growth for students learning English in our school and throughout our state.

Teachers in our school use this information to help them make decisions about instruction for your child. Teachers also use these test scores to monitor the progress your child makes toward English proficiency.

For more information about ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency test [click here](#)

SAT TESTING for Juniors - Opt In

VPS is offering a school day SAT test for juniors again this year. Fort's assigned days are March 12th and (tentatively) March 13th. This is an opt-in test and registration is limited by space. Fort's juniors will test at the Jim Parsley Center in the gym. Transportation is provided but since JPC is a district facility, students may drive themselves as well. Students will "register" with their English teachers starting Monday, Feb. 5th. Running Start students can contact their counselor or associate principal Tony.Liberatore@vansd.org to register.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

Seniors: It is time to start doing your college applications! The Career Center, Gear Up Team (room 258), and the Trio Team (room 236) are available to help.

Trappers - if you have not finished your **High School and Beyond Plan (Xello)** it is important that you finish your lessons immediately. There are new lessons each year that must be completed in order for you to be on track for graduation. We cannot issue a diploma unless this is done. Please visit the Career Center if you need help.

There will be a family **FAFSA event on February 12th**, from 7:00am until 5:00pm in the Career Center. GEAR UP, TRiO and

Mrs. Pongracz will all be available to help students and/or their families with FAFSA and financial aid questions.

SPORTS

Spring Sports game schedules

2A GSHL Information

Coaches

Baseball: Cody.Ferris@vansd.org

Fastpitch Softball: Mckenzie.English@vansd.org

Boys Soccer: Juan.Mendozarodriguez@vansd.org

Girls Golf: Cary.Craig@vansd.org

Girls Tennis: Corey.Farr@vansd.org

Track & Field:

- Register for sports at **Finalforms.com**
- **Sports fees are \$75 per sport, *plus* \$35 for ASB annual membership.**

2023-2024 Free Sports Physicals

Sponsored by Vancouver Public Schools

Family Medicine of Southwest Washington

Available to Vancouver Public School students entering 6th through 12th grades

These physicals are provided by volunteers and are meant to target those athletes with difficulty accessing care or who do not have health insurance. If you have access to primary care, please have your sports physical performed there. Students with known cardiac, asthma, diabetes and/or seizure related issues or other conditions of concern cannot be served. If an abnormality is found, you will be referred to your primary care provider before being cleared for your sport. Sports physical staff will facilitate a referral to a primary care provider.

Limited Space

You must sign up in the Business Office of your school

February 13, 2024

February 22, 2024

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm @ Fort Vancouver HS

Students please bring:

- WIAA Sports Physical Form with you with the Medical History portion completed PRIOR to your physical.
- Wear loose fitting shorts and a t-shirt
- **Signed Parent Consent Form IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

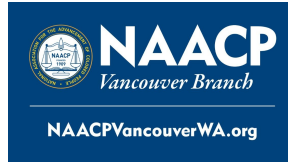
Consent Forms are available at the school Business Office, and can be downloaded from our website

at **www.vansd.org** (Click on Athletics, scroll down to Forms at the bottom and click on Physical form and/or Parent Consent form).

Your child may be eligible for free or low-cost medical, dental and vision coverage through Washington Apple Health for Kids. You can find out more information or apply at the sports physicals. If you would like to apply, please bring proof of all household income, birth certificates

February is Black History Month

For Black History month, our Vancouver NAACP's ACT-SO program is coming to Fort to host an early voter registration drive for students ages 16+. They will have a table set up on Tuesday, Feb. 6th during the curriculum fair, and Wed/Thurs Feb. 7 & 8th during both lunches.



**REGISTER
TO VOTE**

*or check your
registration status*



PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

Families, the applications for Vancouver Public Schools Programs of Choice, which includes the **Advanced Manufacturing, Culinary Arts and Medical Arts** programs at Fort Vancouver High School will close on Friday, February 23rd at 4 pm.

To apply please:

1. Log in using the ParentVUE login. <https://vansd.org/choices/>
2. Click "Schools and Programs of Choice Application"
3. Read about the programs available and click "Continue"
4. Input your name as you did when you registered your student for school and then select "Save and Continue"
5. Complete the requested information and fill out the application.

If you HAVE NOT yet activated your ParentVUE account, please contact the Fort Office to receive assistance to activate it.

FCRC

Veronica De Jesus Castaneda is our FCRC coordinator. The FCRC has resources available to all students and their families. If you need help with food, clothing, school supplies or other basic needs, please see Miss Veronica in room 177.

The Fort Outpost



Our student run newspaper

<https://sites.google.com/student.vansd.org/fort-outpost/fort-outpost-release/february-release-23-24>

PARENT BOOSTER NEWS

We as a booster club are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our Trappers! Boosters' focus for the 2023-24 school year is below:

- **Community Engagement** – trying to create a positive image that Fort Vancouver High School is a cool place to be!

Examples: Tailgate, tournaments, bazaar, car show and kid camps. Trying to help create Fort as a warm and welcoming environment to all.

- **Major fundraiser expansion:** Grow our auction financially, the number of participants and event success!

This is our main showcase and main fundraiser for Fort Boosters. We had our second annual auction that brought in a little over \$12,000. We will be asking teams to donate at least one basket item this year again. This is the main Booster fundraiser and we need everyone's support. Our auction is not confirmed yet but we are hoping February 24th.

- **Caring for our Trappers!**

Boosters helps provide after school snacks for our athletes. This was a suggestion from a parent and it was very successful last year. We are going to be doing it differently this year. We are going to be asking each team to be taking a week or two. Your managers will be expected to attend the manager meeting to learn what they are responsible for doing.

- **Fort Involvement-** getting more people to buy into the idea of supporting our teams!

Fort Fan Club- our goal is to get 100 people to support our programs. We have many ways to support but need more people to make it happen.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKUpGUa1dqQODZPsQwAHwZbVahZveUVvxaYLFzrFNUtmX-_w/viewform?usp=sf_link

We will be recruiting actively for more people to join our team.


- **Community Sponsorship-** local businesses wanting to support Fort.

Trying to get the word out and coming up with creative ways to get more community sponsorship for our programs.

Banners- \$100, \$250 bring your own banner, \$350 and \$500.

<https://fort-vancouver-banner-fundraiser.cheddarup.com>


10th Annual Couve Clover Run


Volunteers Needed!

March 24th
8:15am - 10:15am OR 10am - Noon

Waterfront Park
695 Waterfront Way, Vancouver Wa

Students can get credit for
NHS and other clubs!

Sign Up Here!


Questions?
 **360.313.4730**
 **foundationvanps@vansd.org**

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OUR VISION

We are globally aware and engaged citizens who are college, career and life ready.

OUR MISSION

We are leaders who value diversity, and we empower lifelong learners who actively and positively contribute to our school, our community and our world.

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

It's important for our students to be prepared to compete, connect and cooperate with others locally and globally. Being an international studies school helps us accomplish this goal by creating an environment where all students are learning to become globally competent.

DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Vancouver Public Schools

District Policy 4130: Title I – Parent Involvement

The board recognizes that parent and family engagement helps all students achieve academic standards, including those participating in Title I programs. To promote parent and family engagement, the board adopts the following policy, which describes how the district will involve all parents and family members of Title I students in developing and implementing the district's Title I programs.

The policy can be found at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/vpswa/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B36K244E4DB5#>

DISTRICT PERFORMANCE DATA

Vancouver Public Schools uses data to form a detailed profile of students, school and district performance; highlight successes; and identify opportunities for improvement. In addition, we report data to the state of Washington's K-12 public education agency, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and comply with federal mandates to demonstrate adequate yearly progress.

School and district reports are available at washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us. Printed copies are available upon request by calling 360-313-1266.