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JOHN C. FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Greetings! As I begin my new role as Principal at Fremont High School I want to take a few moments to share with you my vision, and several important goals for the school during the 2009-2010 school year.

My current vision for Fremont High School is to develop an environment where students, staff, and parents work together to enhance student achievement and develop a thriving educational center within the community. After reflecting on my past experiences of 10 years as a principal, I have developed two goals for the start of this school year. I hope to open lines of communication with the school community and facilitate a process that will lead to more parental and community participation. My second goal is to work with the entire staff to provide all students with a challenging and rewarding educational experience, where clear and high expectations are the norm.

Over the past few years the staff of Fremont High School has worked hard to develop many instructional programs that correlate to my vision. For starters, Fremont High School has personalized instruction through an array of Small Learning Communities (SLC's), where the needs of students are met.

This year in an effort to continue our academic objectives, the State grant SB 1133 has been granted to our school. The primary objective of this grant is to reduce class sizes in the core subject areas (English, Math, Science, History), as well as reduce the counselor to student norm. The main objective of the grant is to help continue to increase our graduation rate. With the additional funds the school has hired over 25 additional teaching positions, 5 counselors, and 2 Drop-out Prevention Advisors. All these individuals are highly gifted and their unique talents and will assist us as we continue to focus on our instructional goals. As a professional learning community we will continue with our shared vision, collaboration, and our dialogue on what matters most for students.

We have "momentum" on our side and as we continue to work together and build school spirit, I believe that our scores will continue to rise! But, we can't do it alone. We need your support! We welcome you to all of our functions; we're here to serve you and your children!

Sincerely,

Rafael L. Balderas

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Principal



Beyond the Bell- Ms. Charles

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year!!!

As we begin this exciting new year, we welcome your sons and daughters to join us in our efforts to support their academic growth.

The Beyond the Bell Intersession/Afterschool and Saturday School Programs are committed to ensuring that we support the academic needs of the students here at FHS. To offer our support, we invite you to drop into the BTB office and meet our terrific team members:

- Cecilia Cortez, Counselor
- Mary Fleming, Support Staff
- Laura Marquez, Office Technician

You will find that each of these individuals is knowledgeable and will be able to assist you with the enrollment of your child into any our academic support programs. Please stop by and get to know us at our BTB reception in the Beyond the Bell Office located on the first floor of the Main Building scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

We hope to see you then.

Thank you,
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Upcoming Events

August

- 6 - SSC Meeting
- 8 - LSLC Meeting
- 20 - SSC Meeting
- 24 - SSC, ELAC, CEAC Orientations
- 31 - Track A Students Return

Physical Plant

The Fremont HS swimming pool is almost completed and it is ahead of schedule. The pool should be ready for the September return of A Track students. The air conditioning project for the gym and auditorium is going to begin shortly, meaning this is the last hot summer in both locations. Our synthetic track and field are in the final planning stages and construction should begin next summer. Our computer lines are about to be updated to a T3 line meaning faster speeds for our students on the internet. The second phase of our SLC construction is to begin shortly--our campus will have a whole new look to it.

Mr. Spielberg



A Message From Our Deans

Our goal in the Deans' Office is to create a safe environment conducive to student learning. We make a conscious effort to build positive relationships with students, staff and the community to better communicate and serve our students. In the last two years, Fremont has decreased its suspensions by more than 500. We know that with the implementation of Fremont's Positive Discipline Plan, our campus will continue to foster a climate that cultivates learning and maximizes instruction, free from unnecessary distractions.

Mr. Hernandez

Attendance Office

Our goal for this school year is to achieve 95% student attendance. Good attendance is one of the keys to success for our students. When students are absent, they fall behind and fail to graduate. School matters. It's the key to the future for our children. It is our collective responsibility - administrators, teachers, counselors, staff and parents - to teach our children the importance of attendance. Coming to school, being on time, and doing their best in all of their classes can help our students succeed. Together we can help our students achieve their academic potential. Attendance counts!

Ms. Barker