



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from FAUS, PTO for children of A. D. H. U. S.

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Calendar

- Aug. 18, 2008**
New Student Orientation
- Aug. 19, 2008**
First Day of School
- Aug. 24, 2008**
Gift Wrap Kick-Off
- Aug. 27, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.**
FAUS, PTO General Meeting
- Sept. 1, 2008**
No School – Labor Day
- September 4, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.**
Elementary School Open House
- September 11, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.**
Middle School Open House
- September 19, 2008**
PDD—Noon Dismissal
- September 30, 2008**
No School – Fall Holiday

Calling all artists!

Create the cover art for the 2008/2009 FAUS, PTO School Directory. If your child would like to submit a line drawing for the cover simply send it in to the school office, marked Cover Art by August 12th for consideration. All artwork will be used in the book and the student will be recognized. The artwork should be no bigger than 8½" x 5" drawn in thin black marker.



The application for lottery for Henderson / FAU High School and Palm Point at Traditions will open on September 1, 2008.

A Letter from the Executive Director...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Summer is half over and the new school year will be upon us shortly. I'm pleased to announce that once again Florida Atlantic University Schools is "A" rated by the state, has achieved federal Adequate Yearly Progress status and our students' FCAT scores remain among the highest in the state. These outstanding achievements certainly give us reason to celebrate. Congratulations to our students, faculty, and staff, and to each of you for all you do in support of your children and our school.

Enclosed is the summer packet for 2008-09. Many of our policies and procedures are on the school website for ease of access, to reduce copying and postage charges, and to support the university's "green" mission. A list of school policies and procedures can be found on the ON LINE page in the packet. Also please be aware that the school's Annual Reports are provided on the website. The 2006-07 Annual Report has been on line for some time, but if you would like a hard copy, it is available at the front desk. If at any time you need a hard copy of any policy or report, please request one from the main office.

This year we will resume collecting activity fees for all students. In an effort to utilize part of the reserves in the activity fee account, the School Advisory Board and the FAU Board of Trustees approved suspending the fees for the 2007-08 school year. That suspension has now ended, the reserve is lower, and activity fees are reverting to the 2006-07 levels. Annual activity fees are \$350 for students in Grades K-5 and \$500 for students in Grades 6-12. A process to request activity fee waiver or reduction is available. There are procedural changes in the verification of family income for those requesting activity fee waiver or reduction. This verification will apply only to those families who request a waiver or reduction in activity fees.

Finally, we encourage you to volunteer at school in a variety of ways: morning curb-side duty, classroom volunteering, PTO, school events, SAC, Booster Clubs - the possibilities are endless. All send a powerful unspoken message to your child that their education is important. You can demonstrate support of your child's education not only by getting them to school on time and encouraging them to keep up with their homework assignments, but also by the commitment to give the school and our children your time and talents.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 19th for the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Glenn Thomas,
Executive Director, Pk-12 Schools and Educational Programs

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and can spend time visiting with family and friends. As with every summer, we are expecting this one to fly by as fast as the others, so we are already working on plans to make the new school year a success!

The events we are planning for the 2008/2009 school year are focused on both fun family events to encourage school spirit, and fundraising events to raise funds needed for classroom supplies. New this year, we will support FAU's Mission Green as a PTO, looking for creative ways to support and implement this campus-wide environmental effort. We will also be



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School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of a SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the Director and Principal with the annual school budget. Additionally, the SAC receives funds to be used at the discretion of the School Advisory Committee. A portion of the money is used for implementing the school improvement plan.

Parents are encouraged to attend monthly SAC meetings. Meeting notices can be found on the SAC web page at the school web site and on the SAC bulletin board located in the school near the After School Office. Time is allowed for public comment.

There are ten (10) parent / guardians that are part of the SAC with five (5) positions being subject to election each school year. They are elected to the SAC by the parents / guardians in attendance at the SAC meeting to be held on September 10, 2008. Parents / Guardians need to be nominated to be voted upon, however, you may nominate yourself. The term of service is two years.

If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a SAC member please contact SAC Chairman Marc Hopin at 561-498-3745 or at mdhopin@bellsouth.net .

The first SAC meeting for this school year will be in mid to late August. Check the website for the exact date. At that meeting a schedule of meetings for the remainder of year will be decided upon. The meetings begin promptly at 6 PM and are held in the Media Center .

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scheduling many of the previous family events, including the Family Fun Nights, the Halloween Howl, and Spring Fling. We also have many fund-raisers planned including the gift wrap sale, the golf tournament, the auction, the book fair, and Box Tops. We can not be successful without your support. We appreciate any time you can provide in chairing an event, or assisting on a committee. We are thankful for the support we received in the PTO events last year and welcome all of the new parents and students in joining us to make this year a success.

Enclosed in your packet is a membership form for the PTO. Please complete the form and return it to the front office to be included in our school directory. Also enclosed is a form listing the many PTO functions and committees. Please review and check any areas that you may be interested in participating. This is a great chance be involved with the school and your time and ideas are greatly appreciated.

Our first PTO meeting is scheduled August 27. We hope you will be able to join our organization and share your ideas.

FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

AUGUST 22: Gift Wrap fund-raiser begins - *Volunteers needed to check and distribute orders.*

OCTOBER 11: Golf Tournament - *Our fifth annual tournament. Volunteers needed to sell tickets, secure donations, prizes, and sponsorships.*

OCTOBER ____: Middle School Fright Night - *A fun evening for middle school students with D.J. and dancing. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.*

OCTOBER 27-31: Great Pumpkin - *Help the Great Pumpkin fill goody bags and hide them for the students.*

OCTOBER 31: Halloween Howl - *A family event with games, food, and fun. Volunteers needed to work booths, set up, clean up, etc.*

NOVEMBER : Book Fair - *Annual fair to benefit the Media Center. Help with book sales and monitoring.*

NOVEMBER 25: Thanksgiving Feast - *A turkey lunch is enjoyed by all students, along with performances by classes. Help setting up, serving and cleaning up is needed.*

DECEMBER 1-5: Week of Giving - *Help collect gifts and toys to be donated to needy families.*

DECEMBER 19: Middle School Winter Celebration - *A fun event for middle school students with D.J. and games. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.*

MARCH TBA: Henderson vs. PAL Basketball Game - *Volunteers sell tickets, food, and spirit items.*

APRIL TBA: Silent Auction - *The biggest fund-raiser of the year! Committee people are needed to secure donations, plan evening, sell tickets, etc.*

MAY 17: Spring Fling - *A family event with activities, food, and fun. Many volunteers are needed to set up, supervise, and clean up.*

MAY 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week - *Work with Teacher Appreciation Committee to show teachers how much they are appreciated.*

MAY 8: Mother's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten Moms - *Help is needed to set up, serve, and clean up.*

Volunteering - A Henderson Tradition

by Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator
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Tradition is defined as a long established or inherited way of thinking or acting. One of the great traditions of AD Henderson and FAU HS is the act of volunteering by our generous parents and guardian.

For those families new to our school my name is Janet Hopin and I am beginning my seventh year as the school's Volunteer Coordinator. My job is to recruit volunteers and to pair them with tasks requested by the school and our PTO.

The rewards of volunteering are many. Study after study has shown that children whose parents are involved in their school perform better academically than children of parents who are not involved. Volunteering enables parents to help make a difference at the school while at the same time getting a chance to make new friends and strengthen the bonds within the school community.

I personally have made many new friends through my volunteering. These are parents and guardians that I never would have met had I not made the choice to be a volunteer.

How do you start your own personal volunteering tradition. There should be a Volunteer Form in your summer package. Please complete the form and send it back to the school. Those forms are given to me. After I review them I will give you a call and get you started volunteering.

Feel free to also contact me directly. My phone number and email address can be found above.

I am pleased to announce that Lisa Foxman far surpassed 100 volunteers hours during this past school year. She will receive her 100 hour name badge to commemorate this achievement. Volunteers also receive name badges upon reaching the 500 and 1,000 hour milestones. Volunteer hours can be submitted by email to linda-donev@yahoo.com or write them on a piece of paper and leave them at the front office.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you all soon.

We are very excited to introduce you to the
NEW.....GREEN
FAUS, PTO!
“THE GREEN MACHINE”
Our mission is now tied to FAU’S “Mission Green” program.
Be sure and attend events to learn what you can do!
First Meeting August 27, 2008
Business Card Exchange

Summer Sports News

Sports Physicals:

All students who wish to tryout for any sport MUST have a completed physical form, which lasts for a full year from the date you have it done. The front office has forms available. These need to be done ASAP if you intend to play on a Fall team; High school Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball and Swimming. Middle school sports are Flag Football and Girls Volleyball.

Sports Camp:

Will begin on July 14th and continue until August 8th. There are still places available so please either sign up on the day with Coach Thomas or place your registration in to the front office.

Gift Wrap 2008



We are very pleased to announce that this year's gift wrap program will once again be sponsored by QSP The Reader's Digest Company and run for two weeks. They offer an incredible array of gift wrap, accessories, candy and magazines for our families to share with friends and relatives. Reader's Digest is also offering us a wonderful selection of candles and skin care products to enhance our gift choices. We will be able to order over the Internet allowing our family members that live far away an opportunity to help out with our big fundraising sale checkout www.qspstore.com.

Many incentives will be offered. In addition to the Mega-Sale party held at the school, there will be new prizes this year. Our Reader's Digest Representatives will go into full details about this exciting event during our kick off on August 22nd the first Friday of the school year. The gift wrap sale is our first fund raiser of the year and we are looking forward to all your support and a successful sale. So save your shopping for the sale and if you have any questions, please call Lisa Foxman at 561-368-1348 the PTO office for more details.

FAUS, PTO 7th Annual Golf Tournament October 18th



Polish your clubs and get your game up to par! We are promising the best round of golf by far at the Ocean Breeze Country Club! Keep the date Saturday, October 18th, open for the Annual Golf Tournament. Contact Jerry Alfano, Golf Chair, with questions.

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Remember to save your Box Tops during the summer!

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Back to School



Saturday
August 2, 2008
9:00 a.m.—Noon

Have you been looking for an easy way to show school pride, volunteer your time, and improve your school? GREAT! This program is for you. Join Mrs. Sands on August 2, for the third annual *Back to School Campus Clean-Up*. Everyone is welcome to join in, students, parents, alumni, anyone who is proud of our school and the work we do. We will be weeding the butterfly garden, middle school area and K-2 playground. Sidewalks and the hardcourt will be pressure cleaned. New mulch will be spread throughout the campus. Wooden picnic tables will be sanded and sealed. We will address as many cosmetic areas as possible. The more people that show up with gloves and garden tools, the more productive the day will be. If you are interested in participating, mark your calendar and please send an email to Mrs. Sands at rsands@fau.edu.

A little pride goes a long way...hope to see you HERE.



Notes: Students will receive volunteer hours for active participation.

WATCH the weather—in case of rain the event will be rescheduled during the school year.