



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023



From the Desk of Cammie Adams



FHS 6th ANNUAL WEEK OF JOY!

Celebrate the **JOY** of the season with us!

12/4 – POST JOY TO THE WORLD

Share an encouraging word with others and write a letter to residents of our local retirement communities and nursing homes! Cards will be provided during lunch waves.

12/5 – HOLLY JOLLY PHOTO DAY

A photo booth will be set up at lunch for fun pics with Santa outside of the cafeteria! Snap a pic with your friends!

12/6 – KARAOKE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Do you sing like Ariana or Biz Markie? Come out at lunch and sing some of your favorite Christmas songs!

12/7 – TACKY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater! The homeroom class with the most participation will receive a Chick Fil A breakfast Friday morning!

12/8 – HOT COCOA IN THE CAFÉ

Sip on hot cocoa during your lunch wave! If you're feeling the spirit of giving, bring in a canned good to donate to our local food pantry. Hot cocoa sponsored by Fairhope UMC.

CREDIT LOSS

A LARGE number of you have NOT pulled those grades up yet! As we near the end of the semester, if you are currently failing a class and think you will lose credit (especially one that you will need in order to graduate), please make an appointment with me to make a plan for next semester and next year. I want all of you to qualify as **SENIORS** next year!!!! What you make first semester will be averaged with your second semester grade to determine your final grade. Check Remind for the information I sent out regarding how to calculate your grade!

EXAM EXEMPTIONS

If you are hoping to be exempt from final exams, you will need to keep in mind the requirements to be exempt. If you have any questions on what it takes to be exempt, please email Mrs. Wainwright at sjwainwright@bcbe.org. If you have any unexcused absences for the 2nd quarter, please bring your excuses (doctor/parent notes) by **ASAP**. As a reminder, one of the requirements for exam exemption in May is no more than 3 unexcused absences in the class, for the entire year. So get those excuses in now. **We will not be able to go back and make changes later.**

ACT

Register as soon as you can at www.actstudent.org. All of these dates and deadlines can be found on this website!

Next Test Date

February 10

April 13

March 12-14

June 8

Registration Deadline

January 5

March 8

(TAKEN @ FHS & STUDENTS ARE PRE-REGISTERED BY US!)

May 3

Late Registration (w/ Late Fees)

January 19

March 22

May 17

***Free Junior ACT:** Keep in mind, all juniors now have the opportunity to take the ACT (this is the plus writing version), **FREE** of charge, on our campus on **March 12-14th (the county gave us a window)**. Our junior students are automatically registered for this date. Don't plan any trips or college visits on that day! The make-up test date for the ACT has not been set so make sure you get here!

CAREER COACH



Don't forget that we have a career coach! Her name is Mrs. Isbell and she meets with students every week on Tuesdays. However, you must **make an appointment** if you are interested in meeting with her. To set up a time for exploring your career opportunities and college options with Mrs. Isbell, email her at kisbell@bcbe.org. You must set a meeting with her during your lunch wave, during 4th period, OR during an elective class. You are not allowed to miss a core class to meet with her!

NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGES

Neighborhood Bridges is a technology-based system to connect local donors with families in need of clothes, food or household goods. Neighborhood Bridges will enable Fairhope school counselors and social workers to submit needs of students and families to the website, where they will then be shared via email and social media alerts to people who are interested in filling those needs. The program will go beyond food to necessary items like clothes, shoes, mattresses, infant car seats, furniture and more for families that are low-income or have a sudden need, such as after a house fire or medical emergency. Once a community member confirms they will fulfill a particular need, items can be dropped off at the school that requested it. You can sign up for weekly giving opportunities and get more information at www.neighborhoodbridges.org.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S RURAL HEALTH SCHOLAR'S PROGRAM:

This is a 5-week summer program for rising high school seniors from rural counties in Alabama. This program gives students a chance to experience college life, actually live on campus, take two college courses (for college credit), participate in seminars and field trips, shadow physicians at University Medical Center, and receive information about health careers. Tuition, room, and meals are provided at no cost to participants. Visit <https://cchs.ua.edu/rhs/> to download an application. The application deadline is **MARCH 31, 2024**.

SAMFORD PHARMACY CAMP

McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University is offering a one-week Pharmacy Camp this summer for high school students that are interested in investigating a career as a **Pharmacist**. Students attending experience hands-on learning about health careers in pharmacy, participate in tours of local health care facilities and local pharmacies, participate in compounding activities and hands on demonstrations in the School of Pharmacy science lab. You'll also spend time on the Samford campus and experience campus life, spend time with pharmacy professors, and have a lot of time to interact with other students also interested in careers in pharmacy. Information about the camp and the application can be found at:

<https://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/bulldog-pharmacy-camp>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

- Dec 1- Lott Nominations Due
- Dec 4-8 – Counseling Department's WEEK OF JOY! (SEE ABOVE)
- Dec 6 – Q2 30+ Club Breakfast
- Dec 8 – Last day to withdraw from dual enrollment courses
- Dec 9 – ACT
- Dec 11-13 – **Midterms Week**
- Dec 14 – MIDTERM MAKE UP DAY!
- Jan 3 – Students Return to School



Junior Students -

I truly hope you enjoy your holiday break! Please stop by my office or e-mail me at cadams@bcbe.org if you need anything. I can also be reached at 251-928-4495. My office is #109 in the counseling offices behind the main office.

- Mrs. Adams, Junior/IB Counselor