

BISON BULLETIN

Fenton Community High School - District 100
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Family Newsletter - August 2015 - Volume 13, Issue 1



**2015 - 2016 School Year
Begins August 31**

The first day of school is Monday, August 31. The daily bell schedules can be found on page three and construction updates on page six. Visit the Fenton website regularly for up-to-date information. We are looking forward to a great year!

Save the Date: Upcoming Parent Group Meetings in September

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| Bison Boosters (Athletics) | Wednesday, September 2 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Music Boosters | Wednesday, September 9 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Padres Unidos | Thursday, September 10 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Special Education Parent Group | Thursday, September 10 | 7:00 p.m. |

Fenton Community High School District 100 Pest Control Notification

The Illinois legislature passed amendments to the Structural Pest Control Act and the Illinois Pesticide Act that affect how pests, mice, ants, etc., are controlled in schools. The legislation affects the schools in basically two ways. 1) All Illinois schools are required to adopt a pest control process called Integrated Pest Management or IPM, and 2) Schools are required to notify staff, students, and parents prior to certain types of pest control applications.

Integrated Pest Management places emphasis on inspection and communication with the school administration. The focus of the program is to identify and eliminate conditions in the school which could cause pests to be a problem. Applications of pest control materials are made only when necessary to eliminate a pest problem. Regular spraying is not a part of the program.

If it becomes necessary to use any pest control products other than traps or baits, notice will be posted two business days prior to the application. The only exception to the two day notice would be if there is an immediate threat to health or property. If you would like to receive written notification prior to the application of any pest control materials subject to the notification requirements, please contact Blake Brodie, Director of Buildings and Grounds at 630-860-6275. The school district has contracted with Big Foot to provide Integrated Pest Management services. If you have any questions about the information and procedures, you may contact Big Foot at 310 E. Hillside Drive, Bensenville, IL 60106 847-891-8852.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Fenton Families,

Happy August! In less than a month, the doors to Fenton High School will reopen for the 2015 - 2016 school year. I am excited to get the school year going and to see our children back on campus. As a father of five children, ranging from 8 to 18 years old, I want to make sure my children are happy and safe at school. However, despite tremendous national attention, statewide anti-bullying laws, and schools adopting anti-bullying programs, the problem of bullying and cyber-bullying remains a major issue for all schools. Our top priority at Fenton is student safety. The administrative team will assertively confront this problem and take any instance of bullying seriously. Addressing and preventing bullying requires the collaboration of students, parents, teachers, staff, and administration. By taking organized school wide measures and providing individuals with the strategies to counteract bullying, schools can reduce the instances of bullying and be better prepared to address it when it happens.

Bullying is defined as “use of force, threat, or coercion to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively dominate others. The behavior is often repeated and habitual. One essential prerequisite is the perception, by the bully or by others, of “an imbalance of social or physical power, which distinguishes bullying from conflict.” The word cyber-bullying did not exist 15 years ago; unfortunately, it is a pervasive problem today because of social media sites like Twitter and Facebook. Cyber-bullying is the repeated use of technology to harass, humiliate or threaten. Cell phones or personal computers are used to send threatening or harassing sexual, racial, or sexual orientation messages. Unwelcome sexual comments and threats of sexual abuse are often directed at girls. Boys are more often victims of homophobic harassment, regardless of their true sexual orientation. Racial slurs and threats of violence also are concerns.

So, what are we going to do about bullying? I would like for you to call me or one of our deans if you think your child or any other child is being bullied at Fenton. If you or your child would like to anonymously report a bullying/cyber-bullying incident, please report it on our *Safety Tip Line* (on the left hand side of our homepage or go to <https://www.fenton100.org/content/safety-tip-line>) on our district website.

Lastly, I want you to know that I will do my best to keep your child safe at Fenton High School. Please talk to your child about bullying and cyber-bullying to help the teachers and administration combat bullying. Please refer to the resources and on page two for more information.

Go Bison!
James Ongtengco
Principal

The following resources are credited to Franklin Schargel, a former classroom teacher, school counselor, school administrator and internationally recognized speaker and author of eleven books on school reform.

What Students Can Do About Cyberbullying

- Don't engage the bully. Most bullies are looking for a reaction from their victims. Lack of a response can help to extinguish the bullying behaviors.
- Don't share secrets.
- Protect your own privacy. Do not send pictures of yourself on the Internet.
- Don't respond to and don't forward cyber-bullying messages.
- Keep evidence of cyber-bullying. Record the dates, times and descriptions what the cyberbully says.
- Report instances of cyber-bullying to your parent and dean.

Resources continued on page two



Principal Ongtengco had a chance to meet students during the second session of summer school. Approximately 220 students participated in the program which offered Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Drivers Education, Health and Credit Recovery. The program is under the direction of Mrs. Pomahac who commended the students on their performance during the two sessions. Despite some set backs due to construction, the students and staff remained focused on getting ahead for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

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What Students Can Do To Stop Bullying

- Seek immediate help from an adult and report bullying and victimization incidents to dean.
- Speak up and/or offer support to the victim when they see him or her being bullied (e.g., picking up the victim's books and handing them to him or her).
- Express disapproval of bullying behavior by not joining in the laughter, teasing, or spreading of rumors or gossip.
- Attempt to defuse problem situations either single-handedly or in a group (e.g., by taking the bully aside and asking him or her to "cool it.")

Things Parents Can Do If They Believe Their Child is Being Bullied

- Talk to your child about what happened. Listen to the whole story without interrupting. Be calm and validate what is being said. Remind your child that it is normal to feel upset but it is never all right to be bullied. Ask your child what he/she would like to happen, before you make any suggestions.
- Don't expect your child to solve things on their own.
- Deal with each incident consistently. Never ignore or down play complaints about bullying.
- Keep a log of the incidents, where the bullying took place, who was involved, how frequently, if anyone witnessed it. Do not attempt to confront the person or their family yourself.
- Contact the school.

Coffee with Principal Ongtengco
Saturday, August 29
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited to attend

2015 – 2016 Online Registration

Online registration is now open. Please visit www.fenton100.org to begin the registration process. The registration portal will close on August 21. *Assistance with the online registration process will be available at Fenton from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the following days:

August 4 August 11 August 18

*Please enter the building using Door 4.

Textbook/Schedule Pick Up

Textbook/Schedule pick up is August 24 - 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and August 27 from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. based on last name. Parents are welcome but not required to attend. Please note the office will be closed daily from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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| Monday, August 24: | Students with last names beginning with A - Garcia | 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, August 25 | Students with last names beginning with Garduno - O | 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, August 26 | Students with last names beginning with P - Z | 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, August 27 | Late registration, transfer students and students requiring evening pick up hours | 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. |

Student Parking on Campus Juniors/Seniors Only

Information on how to apply for student parking on campus will be mailed to all juniors and seniors the week of August 3. Due to a limited amount of parking spots, certain criteria will need to be met. Eligible students must have at least 20 credits and be in good standing including outstanding fees paid in full and no outstanding dean penalties. Parking applications will be processed on Thursday, August 27 from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mrs. Pomahac at 630-860-6260 or pomahac@fenton100.org.

2015-2016 Bell Schedules

| SCHEDULE • Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Period | Time | |
| 0 | 7:05 - 7:50 | |
| 1 | 8:00 - 8:45 | |
| 2 | 8:50 - 9:35 | |
| Bison Time | 9:40 - 10:15 | Announcements |
| 3 | 10:20 - 11:05 | |
| 4 | 11:10 - 11:55 | |
| 5 | 12:00 - 12:45 | |
| 6 | 12:50 - 1:35 | |
| 7 | 1:40 - 2:25 | |
| 8 | 2:30 - 3:15 | |

| SCHEDULE • Tuesday | | |
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| Period | Time | |
| 0 | 7:05 - 7:50 | |
| 1 | 8:00 - 8:40 | |
| 2 | 8:45 - 9:25 | |
| 3 | 9:30 - 10:15 | Announcements |
| 4 | 10:20 - 11:00 | |
| 5 | 11:05 - 11:45 | |
| 6 | 11:50 - 12:30 | |
| 7 | 12:35 - 1:15 | |
| 8 | 1:20 - 2:00 | |

Periods 4, 5 and 6 are Lunch Periods

| SCHEDULE • 12:08 DISMISSAL | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Period | Time | |
| 0 | No Class | |
| 1 | 8:00 - 8:26 | |
| 2 | 8:31 - 8:57 | |
| 3 | 9:02 - 9:33 | Announcements |
| 4 | 9:38 - 10:04 | |
| 5 | 10:09 - 10:35 | |
| 6 | 10:40 - 11:06 | |
| 7 | 11:11 - 11:37 | |
| 8 | 11:42 - 12:08 | |

| SCHEDULE • LATE START | | |
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| Period | Time | |
| 0 | No Class | |
| 1 | 10:00 - 10:35 | |
| 2 | 10:40 - 11:15 | |
| 3 | 11:20 - 11:55 | |
| 4 | 12:00 - 12:35 | |
| 5 | 12:40 - 1:15 | |
| 6 | 1:20 - 1:55 | |
| 7 | 2:00 - 2:35 | |
| 8 | 2:40 - 3:15 | |

*Fenton's Late Start Plan will only be implemented when an extreme emergency occurs. At that time, Fenton families will be notified of the Late Start Plan through an automated phone message and information will be posted to the Fenton website.

Connect with Fenton. Please visit the Fenton website at www.fenton100.org to follow Fenton on Facebook, Twitter (@FentonHS) and to sign up for the Fenton in the News electronic newsletter.

August 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Fenton Summer Office Hours August 1 - August 21 Monday - Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | | Regular Office Hours Resume Monday August 24 Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Textbook / Schedule Pick-Up Information is on Page two | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Band Camp 8:00 a.m. - Noon / 1:30 - 4:00 | 4 Band Camp 8:00 a.m. - Noon / 1:30 - 4:00 | 5 Band Camp 8:00 a.m. - Noon / 1:30 - 4:00 | 6 Band Camp 8:00 a.m. - Noon / 1:30 - 4:00 | 7 Band Camp 8:00 a.m. - Noon / 1:30 - 4:00 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Band Camp 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | 12 Band Camp 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | 13 Senior Mentor Training | 14 Senior Mentor Training | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Band Camp 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | 19 Band Camp 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> First Day of School </div> | 25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 2:00 pm Dismissal </div> GTEN H Maine West JV 4:00 GTEN A Maine West V 4:00 Band Camp 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | 26 BSOC H Leyden JV 4:30 Band Camp 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | 27 GOLF H Guerin S/V 4:00 | 28 GOLF H Chicago Christian S 4:00 GOLF H Chicago Christian V 4:00 Football H Leyden S 5:00 Football H Leyden V 7:15 Soccer A Joliet Central JV 5:00 | 29 Coffee with the Principal 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. GOLF A Leyden Invite V 7:00 am GTEN A Schaumburg V 8:00 am GVB H Bison Blast-Off V 8:00 am Football H Leyden F 9:00 am BSOC A Leyden Invite F 9:00 am BSOC A Leyden Invite F 11 am BSOC A Addison Invite S 10 am BSOC A Addison Invite V 10 am |
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School Starts August 31 with Ongoing Construction

Fenton High School staff, administrators and school board members, in partnership with architectural firm, Wight & Company and construction company, IHC, look forward to August 31 and the start of the 2015 – 2016 school year!

When students arrive on August 31, they will find a new student service center complete with a College and Career Center, remodeled Media Center, up-to-date sprinkler system throughout the building and remodeled and reconfigured classroom spaces. In addition, every student will have a new assigned locker and all classrooms will be renumbered with new signage displayed.

Security remains our number one priority. For first semester, Door 1 will remain Fenton's temporary main entrance with a secured buzz-in system and a Fenton staff member monitoring the door. Lunch will be served in Fenton's air conditioned field house until the cafeteria reopens second semester.

The construction site will be closed to student and staff traffic at all times with a fence. Bus lanes will be open during drop off and pick up times only. A locked wooden wall surrounds the construction site and construction workers will have no contact with students. Please note that all construction workers have undergone background checks and wear identifiable credentials while working on the Fenton campus.

The entire construction project will not be complete until January 2016 when the remodeled cafeteria, new main entrance and additional student space will be available. Please visit the Fenton Facebook page to view photo galleries of the construction project.

Media Approval

Fenton Community High School District 100 consistently acknowledges the activities and accomplishments of its students by sharing information with the community. The District may videotape, audiotape, or photograph student activities and student work for use on the District website, District-sponsored publications, community cable channels, District social media sites and in other outlets. In addition, the school issues press releases and distributes photos to media outlets and may occasionally allow the news media to interview, photograph, record, or videotape students under the supervision of District personnel.

If you DO NOT WISH to have images, video, or audio of your child published, please notify the Fenton High School Community Relations Department in writing, including your child's name and ID number, at the following address:



Fenton Community High School
Attention: Community Relations Department
1000 West Green Street
Bensenville, 60106

Student Council Host Summer Blood Drive

On Tuesday, July 28, the Fenton High School Student Council sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive. The mobile unit was stationed in the Fenton parking lot and collected 22 donations during the event.

Athletic Department News

The fall athletic season officially begins in August although Fenton athletes and coaches have been preparing all summer by attending camps, practices and weight room training. The complete Fall Athletic Brochure is posted on the Fenton website. Several forms, a current physical and a \$50 participation fee (upon making a team) are required prior to the first practice. **Failure to pay the \$50 fee will result in non-participation and no exceptions will be made.** The start schedule and fall coaching staff is provided below.

Fenton High School is proud to be part of the 14 schools that make up the Metro Suburban Conference. The conference is comprised of a West and East Division. Because not all schools offer a football program, the following breakdown was created.

Football Divisions

West

Aurora Central Catholic
Fenton
 Glenbard South
 IC Catholic Prep
 Riverside-Brookfield
 Wheaton Academy

East

Chicago Christian
 Elmwood Park
 Guerin Prep
 Ridgewood
 St. Edward
 Walther Christian Academy

All Other Sports

West

Aurora Central Catholic
Fenton
 Glenbard South
 IC Catholic Prep
 Riverside-Brookfield
 St. Edward
 Wheaton Academy

East

Chicago Christian
 Elmwood Park
 Guerin Prep
 Illiana Christian
 Ridgewood
 Timothy Christian
 Walther Christian Academy

Boys Sports

Sport: Cross Country

Head Coach: John Kurtz

Date/Time: August 12/8:00 a.m.

Location: Wrestling Room

Sport: Football

Head Coach: Mark Kos

Date/Time:

August 6/9:00 a.m. (equipment issue in Gym 3)

August 10/7:00 a.m. (practice field)

Girls Sports

Sport: Cross Country

Head Coach: Sarah McDougal

Date/Time: August 12/8:00 a.m.

Location: Bison Country/Athletic Field behind school

Sport: Swimming

Head Coach: Caroline Dukich

Date/Time: August 12/4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Redmond Park Pool

Sport: Tennis

Head Coach: Jeff Porto

Date/Time: August 12/4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Location: Tennis Courts

Sport: Volleyball

Head Coach: Kelly Kleidorfer

Date/Time: August 12/4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (V/JV)

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. (F)

Location: Front Gym /Fieldhouse

Sport: Dance Force*

Head Coach: Kate Payton

Date/Time: August 12/6 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Gym 3

*Note: The 2015-16 Dance Force Team has been selected.

Sport: Cheerleading*

Head Coach: Kearsten De Vivo

Date/Time: August 20/3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Gym 3

*Note: The 2015-16 Cheerleading Squad has been selected.



Sport: Golf

Head Coach: Rick Johnson

Date/Time: August 11/6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Room 541

Sport: Soccer

Head Coach: David Alvarez

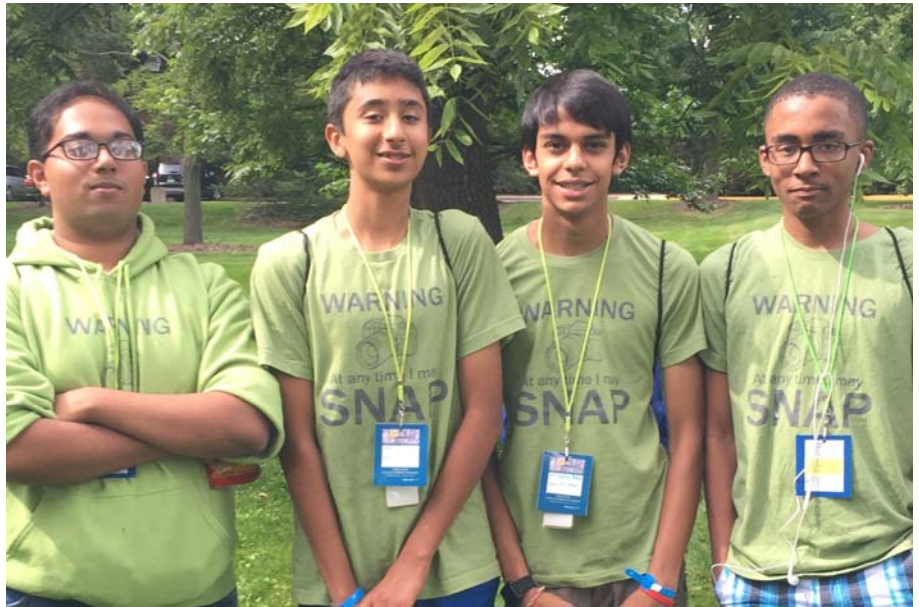
Date/Time: August 12/8:00 a.m.

Location: Track

2015 - 2016 Yearbook Information

Editors Attend Workshop

On July 22 - 24 Fenton's yearbook editors attended the Waltham Chicago Yearbook Workshop at Elmhurst College to help prepared for the upcoming school year. Pictured from left are four of the Highlights /editors: Mohit Patel, Kishan Patel, Taranvir Mann and Nathan Irby. Along with yearbook advisors, Mr. Cain and Ms. Ciupuliga, the students attended workshops to learn about Photoshop, layout, design, writing and brainstorm a theme for the 2015 - 2016 yearbook.



Senior Portrait Retakes

Senior portrait retakes are scheduled for September 14 and 15 in the auditorium.

Yearbook Orders

Fenton yearbook orders can be placed at www.yearbookforever.com. The price is \$50 if ordered prior to August 31 and \$55 beginning September 1. Please note, all yearbooks purchased through summer registration will be \$50.

Marching Bison Band Camp

The Fenton High School Marching Bison Band Camp will be held in August. To register, please visit the Fenton Music Department website at <http://music.fenton100.org/>.

For more information please contact Mr. George at georgeg@fenton100.org or 630-860-4944.

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| Monday, August 3 8 a.m. - Noon 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Tuesday, August 4 8 a.m. - Noon 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 5 8 a.m. - Noon 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Thursday, August 6 8 a.m. - Noon 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Friday, August 7 8 a.m. - Noon |
| | Tuesday, August 11 5:30-8:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 12 5:30-8:00 p.m. | | |
| | Tuesday, August 18 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 19 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | | |
| | Tuesday, August 25 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 26 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | | Friday, August 28 Football game 5:45 p.m. |

Fenton Choir Program

The Fenton Choir program, under the direction of Mrs. Williams, offers students and their parents several ways to stay connected to assignments, performances and activities in and out of the classroom. While Mrs. Williams has the traditional email (williams@fenton100.org) and telephone (630-860-4944), the program is also on several social media platforms:

Facebook:
Fhschoir

Facebook Group:
FHS CHOIR

Twitter:
@FentonChoir

Instagram:
fentonhschoir