



## FHS Parent Association Newsletter

January 2007

A few thoughts from PA President Sue Snyder

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I hope you had a fun and restful winter break, and best wishes to everyone in 2007. The Snyder family enjoyed a visit from grandma and having son Kenny, a freshman in college, home for the holidays. However, I'm looking forward to getting back into the "normal" routine (with the exception of getting up early) again!

It's hard to believe that the school year is half over, as is my tenure as PA President. While we have achieved some of the goals I set out at the beginning of the year, others remain unfinished. So many committees have worked hard and often with little recognition. Thanks to a hard-working bylaws committee, we have a draft of new bylaws for the Parent Association, which will be voted on soon. Membership in the Parent Association has grown, but I'd love to have more parents involved. The fundraising effort has gone well, but still we can use more money for needed items and events at Franklin High. And we are nearing completion of an email network to enhance communication among parents, teachers and administration. So the work goes on.

On our FHS website, check out the new video about our school. Pretty slick! ALSO---to find out what's going on across our school district, sign up for *In Focus*, Williamson County's twice-monthly email newsletter. Go to [www.wcs.edu/districtemail.asp](http://www.wcs.edu/districtemail.asp) to sign up.

FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER: Attention JUNIORS: Information has arrived for the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Program. Juniors with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 who are multi-talented, take the lead, have experienced significant challenges and who are giving back to the community, are eligible to apply. There are up to nine \$25,000 national scholarships and up to nine \$2,500 scholarships awarded in each state every year. Applications are *only available online @ [www.discovercard.com/tribute](http://www.discovercard.com/tribute)*. Deadline: January 31, 2007.

The FHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will be conducting a collection drive for USED CELL PHONES AND CHARGERS during the month of January. The cell phones will be donated to Bridges of Williamson County which will provide them for women at area shelters for emergency (911) use. Phones that cannot be used will be sent back to the cell phone company which will donate \$ to be used by the shelter for their expenses. A collection bin will be set up somewhere in the main lobby area (details to follow).

### IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE COUNTY:

January 16th – School Board regular meeting – 6:30 p.m., Administrative Complex Auditorium

January 22nd – School Board Work Session (zoning) – 6:00 p.m., Admin Complex Auditorium

January 29th – School Board special called meeting (zoning) – 6:30 p.m., Admin Complex Auditorium

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, complaints, and yes, even compliments! My email is [snyderbs@comcast.net](mailto:snyderbs@comcast.net); home phone is 371-8565.

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**From the Junior class reps**—If your Junior struggles in the morning, he has plenty of company: Almost 80 percent of adolescents don't get the recommended amount of sleep. Sleep-deprived teens aren't just cranky; they're more likely to get poor grades, feel depressed and perhaps the scariest of all— fall asleep behind the wheel. Junior year is an important academic year for our students. Helping them get more sleep may be a big help.

Course Registration— The Junior Class will be making their Senior schedules in January. Discuss with your Junior possible courses and be prepared to make their schedules.

**Senior News** – Happy New Year! Graduation for the FHS Class of '07 is only five short months away! Remember that **you** are responsible for making sure you complete all graduation requirements. Please read the details on the Counseling Center web page at [www.wcs.edu/fhs](http://www.wcs.edu/fhs). If you do not have access to

the Internet, please visit the Counseling Center at FHS.

**Senior Recognition Yard Signs** – Have you turned in your form with the correct address for your yard sign? If not, please call Lea Ann Kelly-Barrett at 202-0190.

Our next **Project Graduation planning meeting** is Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM. Please join us at Lea Ann Kelly-Barrett's house – directions and additional details will be sent via email. All parents of FHS Seniors are encouraged to attend.

Our main communication method with senior parents is via e-mail. If you are not receiving email updates from Lea Ann Kelly-Barrett, please contact her at 202-0190 or [leaannkb@aol.com](mailto:leaannkb@aol.com). If you have changed your email address, please send Lea Ann an update. Several email addresses are returned "undeliverable" each time we circulate important news.

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### Dance Clinic

Bring your dancing shoes and funky moves and join the Franklin High School Dance Team as we “kick-off” our premier Dance Clinic. Come wearing comfy clothes, dance shoes or tennis shoes and be ready to learn some basic dance moves and a special choreographed dance to be performed at halftime of the FHS Varsity basketball game. The clinic is open to all students/dancers in grades K-5. No dance experience is necessary. Dancers will be broken into age-appropriate groups to learn some fun steps and a hip-hop jazzy dance. The dance clinic will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007, from 10am to 2pm at the Franklin High School auxiliary gym and the dancers will perform at the basketball game that evening. Registration fee is \$40 before January 19, 2007, and will include refreshments, lunch and a performance T-shirt. Late registration will be \$45. Register early to guarantee your child's spot and correct T-shirt size for the dance clinic and performance. Late and door registrations may not receive the preferred size T-shirt. Please **contact Kathy Fox (309-9566) or Donna Nolan (591-6829) to receive registration forms. Forms are also available at your child's school.**

**The Academic Committee awarded** Mr. Marlon Ruck from the Math Department the ABCD Award (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) for the month of December. He is being recognized by his peers for his compassion, concern, and dedication to his students at Franklin High as well as his dedication to the students outside of his classroom.

### K12 Planet

It is not too late to sign up for K12 Planet. Many parents have signed up since the inception of the program in September to view their student's grades online. If you would like to sign up, please visit the FHS website to link to the K12 Planet website. Please fill out the permission form and send it with your child to Student Services or fax it to the attention of Lily Leffler at 472-4478. Please be sure to include your email address in order to facilitate the process.

### Allstate Chorus

Andrew Bontempi, All State Tenor, Mid State Tenor  
Lindsey McCloy, All State Soprano, Mid State Soprano  
Chase Lemonds, All State Bass Alternate, Mid State Bass  
Hannah McGinley, Mid State Women's Chorus  
Sarah Siddall, Freshman Honors Treble Chorus