

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 2008

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 4 - School Pictures Pre-K through 11 grade starting at 8:30 a.m. (Any other Pre-School students not attending school will be taken at 8:30 a.m.)

Friday, September 5 - Varsity FB at Walnut 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 6 - Varsity VB at Clarinda High School 9:00 a.m.

JV VB at Shenandoah TBA

Hamburg Popcorn Parade 1:00

Monday, September 8 - JH/JV FB vs. Villisca Here 4:00/6:00

Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9 - JV VB at Clarinda Academy TBA

Wednesday, September 10 - NO SCHOOL - SEEDS IN-SERVICE FOR STAFF

Thursday, September 11 - VB vs. F-M Here (JH/JV/V) 4:00/6:00/7:30

Friday, September 12 - Varsity FB vs. Hamburg Here 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Band Parent Tailgate

Monday, September 15 - JH/JV FB vs. Stanton Here 4:00/6:00

JV Quad VB at South Page 5:00

Tuesday, September 16 - VB vs. East Mills Here (JH/JV/V) 4:00/6:00/7:30

Thursday, September 18 - VB at Sidney (JH/JV/V) 4:00/6:00/7:30

Friday, September 19 - Varsity FB at Sidney 7:30

Saturday, September 20 - Varsity VB at West Harrison TBA

Monday, September 22 - JH/JV FB at East Mills 4:00/6:00

Tuesday, September 23 - VB vs. South Page Here (JH/JV/V) 4:00/6:00/7:30

Friday, September 26 - Varsity FB at Stanton 7:30

Saturday, September 27 - ShenFest Parade 2:00 (Tentative)

Monday, September 29 - JH/JV FB vs. Hamburg Here 4:00/6:00  
Lenox Triangular Volleyball Here TBA

Tuesday, September 30 - VB at Stanton (JH/JV/V) 3:30/6:00/7:30

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 2 - JV/V VB vs. Villisca Here 6:00/7:30  
JH VB vs. Villisca Here 4:00

Friday, October 3 - Varsity FB vs. East Mills Here 7:30  
SWIHMB Tailgate prior to game

Saturday, October 4 - Clarinda Band Day TBA

Monday, October 6 - JH/JV FB at Sidney 4:00/6:00

October 7 & 9 - C.C. Volleyball Tournament TBA

Friday, October 10 - Varsity FB at South Page 7:30

Saturday, October 11 - Farragut Volleyball Invitational TBA

Monday, October 13 - Regular School Board Meeting 6:30

Tuesday, October 14 - JV/V Volleyball vs. Hamburg Here 6:00/7:30  
JH Volleyball vs. Hamburg Here 4:00  
Senior Parent Night for Volleyball

Thursday, October 16 - JV/V Volleyball at Essex 6:00/7:30  
JH Volleyball at Essex 4:00  
Picture Retakes

Friday, October 17 - Varsity FB vs. Villisca Here 7:30  
Jr. Class Tailgate prior to game

Saturday, October 18 - State Marching Band Contest TBA

Sunday, October 19 - Community Pot Luck for SWI Honor Band Students in Concourse 12:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20 - National Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 24 - Varsity FB vs. Essex Here 7:30  
Jr. Class Parent Tailgate prior to game  
Senior Parent Night

Saturday, October 25 - All-State Auditions

Tuesday, October 28 - Farragut Bloodmobile 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

### FARRAGUT BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile at Farragut Community Schools will be held on October 28, 2008, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. All donors are needed to achieve our goal. If you are under 18, you need to get a parent permission slip from Mrs. Sanders. Please make an appointment with Pam or Mrs. Sanders. Your blood can save lives.

Sponsored by the National Honor Society and FCCLA members.

### ELEMENTARY UPDATE - MRS. BREDENSTEINER

It is great having everyone back at school! The year is off to a wonderful start. The month of September will see many traditions continue as well as see some changes from in the past.

We are glad to welcome back students and staff. This year we are pleased to welcome Melissa Irwin to our staff as the third grade teacher. She recently taught at Malvern. We also welcome back Tammy Schaaf in the Resource Room after her absences due to her son's accident and recovery. Another addition is Robin Lynn as an associate to assist a student. We are happy to have her join us to work with the elementary students. Sara York is the new elementary custodian and works the late afternoon shift. You may see her helping on game nights during the volleyball and basketball seasons.

Teachers will have SEEDS day for Professional Development on Wednesday, September 10, at Farragut so there will not be school that day for students. The elementary staff is working more in depth on comprehension and vocabulary strategies. Some of the teachers will take on leadership roles on the Reading Cadre.

Homecoming is Friday, September 12. The elementary students will be a part of the Homecoming Parade at 1:00 that travels down Hartford Avenue. I would like for the students to wear their royal blue elementary shirts or a royal blue shirt for the parade. Following the parade the elementary students will return to school to continue classes until dismissal time.

Parent Teacher Conferences have been changed to Wednesday, September 24, which is mid-quarter rather than at the end of the semester. Conference sheets will go out to parents. If there is a conflict, please contact the elementary office (385-8131) to make changes. Conferences are an important home-school connection that we want to see continue for the benefit of each and every student.

We look forward to the 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten students and the 3 year old preschoolers starting school in September. Mrs. Stuart has enjoyed visiting with the preschool parents and students at their homes setting the stage for all those students to begin Preschool.

### SEPTEMBER 2008 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

School has started and I would like to commend the faculty and students for having a successful start to the new year. All students should have their class schedules set and are ready to learn. Please thank our teachers when you see them, most of our teachers are doing extra work by either having two classes at once or teaching during their prep period in order to help Farragut students receive the classes they wanted or to solve scheduling conflicts.

Fall events will be starting soon, if anyone is interested in helping out with any event, please call the school. We are always looking for more support to make all events a better experience for our students. For those of you that have already volunteered your time, thank you.

## POP TABS - FARRAGUT LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

PLEASE help our friends at the Ronald McDonald House Charity by donating your pop tabs so they may redeem them to help defray expenses while families stay at the home. If we reach the 1 million tab donor list, the Farragut School will be placed on the 1 million tab list at the Ronald McDonald House. Please keep saving your tabs for this very worthwhile cause.

Currently the school has donated 110,000 tabs to date, and we hope to reach the million tab list by May of 2001. Thanks for your support - Farragut Leadership Students (Amanda Griffith, Colton Cooper, Janae Shough, and Chelsea Nebel).

## SECONDARY RESOURCE ROOM

Many of the students who have a part of their day in the resource room also receive direct instruction in English and literature in that room as well. A good portion of that time is spent in improving reading ability. While a variety of reading materials is utilized, a majority of the school year is focused on reading from modified classic novels. The essential story is the same, but the reading level is slightly lower. Novels likely to be covered this year include The Grapes of Wrath, The Scarlet Letter, A Tale of Two Cities, and A Christmas Carol. In the reading vein, students will also have opportunities to read from newspapers and books of their choice. When having free reading time approximately two weeks each quarter, the students and teacher read silently from a book of their choice. Towards the end of the class period, each person tells the group about what they have read that day. Finally, time is spent during the year working on writing and public speaking skills as well.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Juniors and Seniors with a 3.2 grade point average from the previous spring semester have been invited to apply for induction into the Farragut Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Applications were handed out during the first week of school. Copies of the application are available from Mrs. Sanders. Please stop and get one if you are interested in applying for membership.

Applications must be written in the library during the week of September 15-19 before school or after school. These applications will be written in the presence of Mrs. Sanders and handed in immediately after writing.

A committee of faculty members will then meet to judge the applications.

The formal induction ceremony and installation of officers will be held on October 20, 2008, in the Concourse at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the ceremony—parents, students, relatives and friends.

## **From the Helm of the Ship**

**Jay D. Lutt,**

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### **Start of School**

We are two weeks into school and things are running smooth. There are many new faces in the hallways this year and that is a refreshing site. As of today's count we have seven more students than last year at this time.

### **School Elections**

Voting for the Farragut precinct is at the Admiral Manor on September 9th. Please call the school if you need directions. Voting districts available:

- District 1: Rob Lightfoot 9/09
- District 2: Kelly Carey - 9/08
- District 3: Staci Scroggie - 9/08
- District 4: Dee Owen - 9/08
- District 5: Jeff McQueen 9/10
- District 6: Monica Whitehead 9/10
- District 7: Bob Lynn 9/09

### **Possible Changes to School Elections**

This summer the school board discussed changing from a seven-member board to a five member board. Within this change there was the discussion of whether to have district directors or if they could be picked by at-large status. The board would like to gather feedback from the patrons of the school district on what direction they should take. After the board considers the feedback a resolution will be developed and voted on by the board. put to the community for a vote.

Following that, the district holds an election, so the patrons of the district decide which way to go. Board members want to see what the community reaction is first before they do anything. The item

will continue to be discussed at future board meetings, and they hope to have a decision, one way or the other, in a year's time.



### **Reminder**

For safety reasons, the elementary doors will be locked at 8:45 each morning. Families can access the elementary before school, but once school begins the main entry to the high school must be used.

### **My Blog**

<http://educationatfarragut.blogspot.com/>

### **The Sailor's Wharf @**

[www.farragutschools.org](http://www.farragutschools.org)

I encourage you to check out the school store on the website for all your school needs; lunch and breakfast tickets, clothes, yearbooks, and even thumbdrives for as little as \$9. Purchases can be made online by check, debit card, or credit card. It is safe, secure and easy to use.