

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 2006

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, September 1 - Football @ Stanton 7:30**  
Early Dismissal 2:30

**Saturday, September 2 - Varsity VB @ Clarinda (TBA)**  
JV VB @ Shenandoah (TBA)

**Monday, September 4 - No School - Labor Day**  
Essex Labor Day Parade

**Tuesday, September 5 - Volleyball vs. N.V. Here (JH-4:00, Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)**  
Girls' CC Meet at Clarinda 4:30

**Wednesday, September 6 - Mark Jewell Pictures (FB, VB, Cheerleaders, DanzTeam, Senior Picture)**  
Band Parent Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 7 - Volleyball at Malvern (Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30) No JH VB**

**Friday, September 8 - Football vs. Exira Here 7:30**

**Saturday, September 9 - Hamburg Popcorn Parade**

**Monday, September 11 - JH/JV Football @ South Page 4:00/6:00**  
Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Girls' CC Meet at Red Oak 5:00

**Tuesday, September 12 - Volleyball vs. Hamburg Here (JH-4:00, Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)**  
School Board Elections

**Wednesday, September 13 - SEEDS Prof. Development - No School**

**Thursday, September 14 - School Pictures**  
Volleyball @ Fremont-Mills (JH-4:00, Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)  
Girls' CC Meet at 4:30

**Friday, September 15 - Football vs. Walnut Here 7:30**  
Jr. Class Parent Tailgate 6:30 (Chicken Breasts, Brats, Chips, Drink) for After-Prom

**Saturday, September 16 - West Harrison Volleyball Tournament**

**Monday, September 18 - JH/JV Football @ Sidney 4:00/6:00**  
Late Start - 9:30 - Teacher In-Service

**Tuesday, September 19 – Girls' CC Meet at Creston 4:30**

**Thursday, September 21 – Volleyball vs. Essex Here (JH-4:00, Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)**

**Friday, September 22 – Football vs. Nishna Valley Here 7:30  
SWIBA Tailgate**

**Monday, September 25 – JH/JV Football vs. Essex Here 4:00/6:00  
Varsity Volleyball Triangular @ Lenox vs. Clarinda Academy/Lenox  
Late Start – 9:30 – Teacher In-Service**

**Tuesday, September 26 – Volleyball @ Clarinda Academy (Fr. & JV Only) 5:30**

**Thursday, September 28 – Volleyball vs. Villisca Here (JH-4:00, Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)  
Girls' CC Meet at Shenandoah 4:30**

**Friday, September 29 – Football @ Fremont-Mills 7:30**

**Saturday, September 30 – Clarinda Band Day**

## **OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, October 2 – JH/JV Football @ Villisca 4:00/6:00**

**October 3 & 5 – C.C. Volleyball Tournament (TBA)**

**Thursday, October 5 – Girls' CC Meet at Atlantic 5:00**

**Friday, October 6 – Football vs. Malvern Here (Homecoming) 7:30  
Band Parent Tailgate**

**Saturday, October 7 – Farragut Volleyball Invitational (TBA)**

**Monday, October 9 – JH/JV Football vs. Stanton Here 4:00/6:00  
Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 10 – VB @ Stanton (JH-3:30, FR-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)**

**Wednesday, October 11 – NHS Induction 7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 12 – Girls' CC Meet at Clarinda 4:30  
JH Volleyball vs. Clarinda Lutheran Here 4:00  
Volleyball vs. South Page Here (FR-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)**

**Friday, October 13 – Football @ Hamburg 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 14 – State Marching Band (TBA)  
3-6<sup>th</sup> grade VB game (TBA)**

**October 16, 18, & 24 – District Volleyball (TBA)**

**Tuesday, October 17 – CC Vocal Festival (TBA)**

**Thursday, October 19 – Girls’ District CC Meet (TBA)**

**Friday, October 20 – Football @ Essex 7:30 p.m.  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**Saturday, October 21 – All-State Music Auditions  
3-6<sup>th</sup> grade VB Tournament (TBA)**

**Monday, October 23 – Late Start 9:30 a.m. – Professional Development**

**Wednesday, October 25 – Red Cross Bloodmobile @ Farragut Community School 12:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 26 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – No School**

**Friday, October 27 – Football vs. Sidney Here (Parent’s Night) 7:30 p.m.  
No School**

**Saturday, October 28 – State Girls’ CC Meet at Fort Dodge (TBA)  
3-6<sup>th</sup> grade VB game (TBA)**

**Monday, October 30 – Late Start 9:30 a.m. – Professional Development**

## **SECONDARY PRINCIPAL NOTES 2006 – MRS. HILDING**

We have already completed a successful first week of school. Students have done a fine job making their schedules work. The Iowa Western College classes began last week and the Graceland University and Iowa Learning Online classes begin within the next two weeks.

As we start this new school year, please remember to ask your child how the school day went. Don’t be satisfied with “ok” but delve into their day with questions like, “what was the topic in English today” or “may I see your homework in math”. All Junior High students have assignment books which are checked daily at the end of 6<sup>th</sup> period. Please encourage your child to show those to you daily. Downlists come out the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school. Our after school program will begin that same week. We hope that when students are on the downlist for two weeks or more we can set up an appointment with the student, parent and teacher involved to find out what steps the student can take to improve his or her grade. If you have questions or would like to meet with us at any time, please call the school.

Another way for you to contact us is via email. In most cases, the teacher’s email is first initial, last name @farragut.k12.ia.us.

Football, Volleyball and Cross Country begin this week. We still could use some help in the crow’s nest for junior high games. If you would like to help with any of these sports, please let Mrs. Hilding know. Good luck to all the teams representing Farragut.

As we attend these events, please remember that sportsmanship counts! We are judged, not only on the playing field or court, but also as fans. We know that Farragut Admiral fans are the best in the world! Encourage our student athletes and support them in every positive way!

## **BAND PARENTS ORGANIZATION**

Every parent who has a student in Band is a part of the Band Parent organization. We try to meet the first Wednesday of each month. The Band Parents have been responsible for fund raising events and helping out at parades, to name just a couple of things. Band Parents have also helped in the past at summer band camp. Currently we do not have a President, but one is needed. This organization is very important to the success of the Band program. Come and be a part of the success and fun that the Farragut Band is enjoying. Plan to attend the next meeting scheduled for October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the band room.

## **FIFTH GRADE – MRS. JARDON**

Welcome to the fifth grade! Two students have joined the group from last year, Essie Stiverson and Shelby Eischeid. We welcome them to Farragut! Our days are filled with subjects, studying, special activities and learning to get along with others. We use many graphic organizers in our room with a variety of subjects. Graphic organizers are a study tool for the students to use when they need to recall important information. Band is a new adventure for these students as this is the first year they can belong to our band. I'm anxious to see all the instruments come to school and hear their first concert.

## **ELEMENTARY UPDATE- PENNY BREDENSTEINER**

The year is off to a great start! Everyone is working to get schedules working smoothly. All of the staff and students have found the cooler temperatures much more work conducive. It is always wonderful to see the rooms brightly decorated and the students ready to learn new things.

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents that were able to come to the Open House especially with the heat and humidity of the evening. Information including handbooks and trip release forms has been distributed to students whose parents were not able to be attend. Please return the internet permission slips and the trip release forms back to the office as soon as possible if you have not done so.

This year the classes are using new Social Studies texts by Scott Foresman. We are happy to have this updated series and all the information it offers our students and teachers.

The Wellness program is concluding that last year's 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students took part. There will be a final assessment like the one students took at the beginning of the year. With over 85% participation in the survey, the school received \$500 that was put towards a new swing set (an excellent form of exercise). We hope to have the same participation for the final assessment to receive another \$500 to help defray the swing cost.

A t-shirt order has been sent out with students. If you wish to order elementary t-shirts, they are again \$5 unless a size larger than XL is ordered, then it is a dollar for each X added. Example: XXXL would cost \$7. Sizes available are Youth (6-8, 10-12, 14-16) and Adult (S, M, L, XL). The PTO is helping with the cost of the shirts ordered. Students will be wearing school shirts or royal blue shirts for Homecoming October 6.

Picture day is September 14. Students will be given packets to bring back for any pictures parents wish to order. The money and order must be with students at the time of pictures. This is the company policy for pictures at this time of year.

This year should be an exciting year for elementary students. Several programs will be in place including a special reading incentive program. More information will be sent to parents as students start the program "Camp Out Reading" this year.



## From the Helm of the Ship

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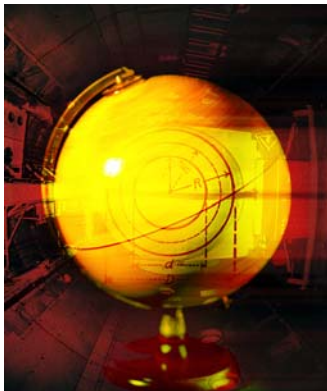
### Welcome Back To School

We are back in the swing of things for a new school year. It has been very exciting to see all the new students in the classrooms. Huge thanks for all the families that came to open house. Due to the heat of the day we realize that it was uncomfortable to stay the entire time.

### New Staff

At the time of the last newsletter article we had not hired our entire staff. Robert Urton has started teaching our automotive program. He is a veteran mechanic who has always aspired to teach his craft. Maybe that comes from his wife who is now a counselor and was a teacher in Missouri. They have two children and live south of Plattsmouth.

Mr. Urton has the kids working on cars in the shop and has lots of great ideas for the future of the program. Let him know if you have a car that you would like to donate or have repaired. If you purchase the parts, he will teach the kids the process of the repair and continually inspect their progress.



### School Board

School board elections are September 12<sup>th</sup> at Admiral Manor. We have two

members looking for reelection. Robert Lightfoot is the north District I director. Bob Lynn is the current vice president and is elected from southeast District VII.

### School Website

Remember to check out [www.farragutschools.org](http://www.farragutschools.org) for all your school news!

### ACT Scores

This newsletter I will focus on the district's ACT scores as reported back to us from the state. They have a new report system that is a little different from the past. The graphs are on the next page.

Graph #1: This shows the district's ACT scores of juniors averaged from 98-01, 02-06, and 98-06. This graph illustrates that in the past four years our students have been doing better on the ACT than the three years before.

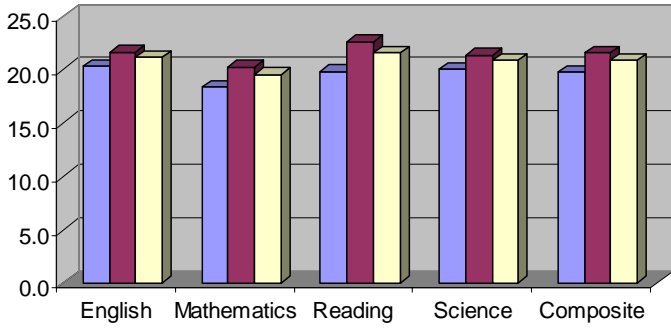
Graph #2: This graph compares the percent of our students that are ready for a college level course against the Iowa average.

Graph #3: This graph shows the Math course sequence. The first and third column shows no score because the district does not have any students that take a sequence with Calculus or Trigonometry. We offer senior math with Calculus and Trigonometry which is detailed in column two. Students in our district have taken those separate courses in high school for college credit.

Graph #4: In the past General Science has been a freshman class and that gives the district a zero average in the second column. Starting this year freshman can take Biology as a freshman.

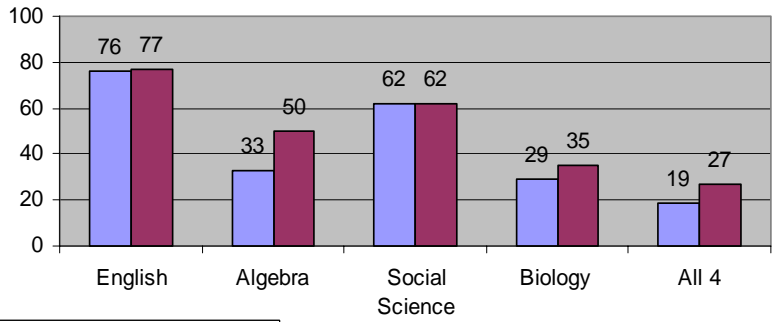
Overall, the results are very comparable to other students in the state. We rate better in some areas and the state rates marginally better in others. It is great to see our students receiving great scores on this assessment and achieving in college!

**ACT - Farragut History**

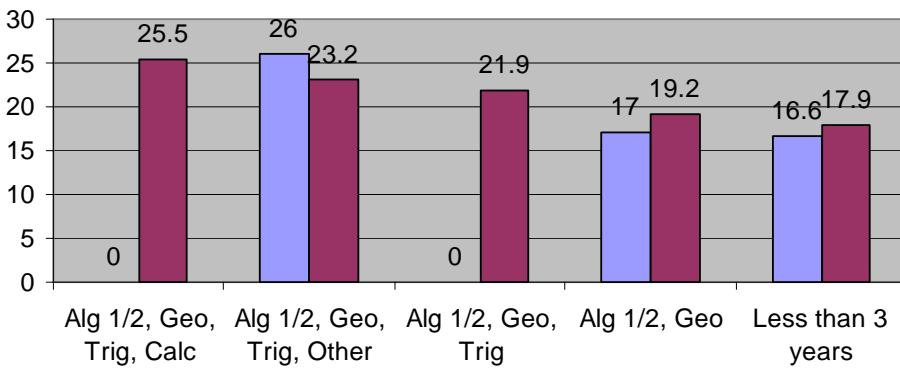


98-01 Ave. 02-06 Ave. 98-06 Ave.

**Percent of ACT-Tested Students College Ready**



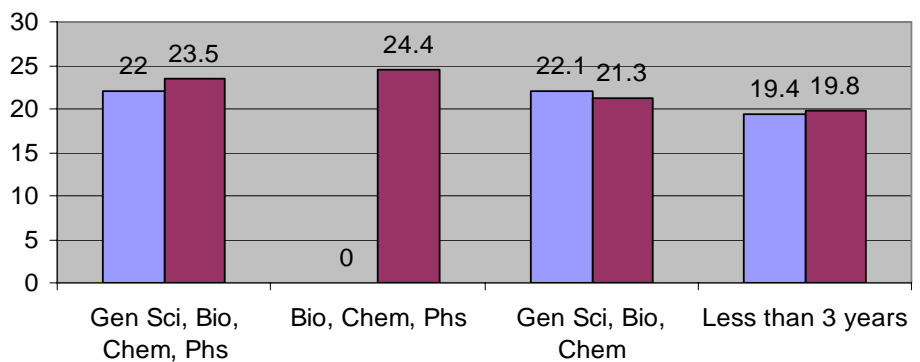
**Average ACT Math Scores by Course Sequence**



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**Average ACT Science Scores by Course Sequence**



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