

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 2009

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 3 – National Honor Society  
Induction 7:00 p.m. in the concourse

Wednesday, November 4 – Shared Board  
Meeting for Athletics – Open to the Public @  
Hamburg Elementary Building 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5 – Parent-Teacher  
Conferences 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – No  
School

Friday, November 6 – No School

Monday, November 9 – Regular School Board  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10 – Veteran's Day Program  
11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 12 – NHS Bloodmobile  
12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 16 – C.C. Vocal Festival @  
Farragut – Early Dismissal 1:30

Monday, November 23 – Boys' BB Jamboree @  
Villisca TBA  
Girls' BB Jamboree @ Stanton TBA

### DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 1 – JV B/G Basketball @  
Clarinda Academy 6:15

Thursday, December 3 – JH Basketball vs.  
Sidney (Girls There, Boys Here) 4:00

Friday, December 4 – B/G Basketball @  
Riverside (Oakland) 6:15

Tuesday, December 8 – JH Basketball vs.  
Hamburg (Girls There, Boys Here) 4:00  
Varsity G/B BB @ Hamburg 6:15

Wednesday, December 9 – Elementary  
Christmas Concert 1:30

Thursday, December 10 – JH G/B BB @ Clarinda  
Lutheran 3:30  
JH/HS Winter Concert 7:00

Friday, December 11 – JH Basketball vs. Essex  
(Girls Here, Boys There) 4:00  
Varsity G/B Basketball vs. Essex Here  
6:15

Monday, December 14 – Varsity G/B Basketball  
vs. South Page Here 6:15  
JV B/G Basketball vs. South Page Here  
(2 qtrs. ea.) 5:00  
JH B/G Basketball @ South Page 4:00

Tuesday, December 15 – JH Basketball vs. F-M  
(Girls There, Boys Here 4:00)  
JV/V G/B Basketball vs. F-M Here 4:30

Thursday, December 17 – Varsity G/B  
Basketball vs. AHST Here 6:15

Friday, December 18 – JH Basketball vs. East  
Mills (Girls @ N.V., Boys Here) 4:00  
Varsity G/B Basketball @ N.V. 6:15

December 23 – January 3 – NO SCHOOL –  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Monday, January 4, 2010 – NO SCHOOL –  
Staff Development

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Begins ☺

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – MRS. SANDERS

All students, staff, parents, and patrons of the Farragut School District are cordially invited to attend the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Concourse.

Students to be inducted this fall are: Jacob Blevins, Amanda Griffith, Emily Hartman, Carroll Heitshusen, Chelsea Nebel, and Janae Shough. Officers will also be installed at the ceremony. They are: Megan Lightfoot, President; Betsy McQueen, Vice-president; Rebecca Jardon, Secretary; and Jordan Laughlin, Treasurer.

Existing members of the NHS are these officers.

Ms. Dianna Johnson, former missionary to Turkey, will be our speaker. Refreshments will be served by the CLAS members and provided by the PTO.

## ELEMENTARY UPDATE-MRS. BREDENSTEINER

Everyone looks forward to November! Fall is definitely in the air; Daylight Savings time will change back giving us an extra hour; and it is Thanksgiving time.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be no school for students on both November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

November 11, there will not be school for a SEEDS Staff Development day. Since that is Veterans' Day, Farragut will observe Veterans' Day on Tuesday, November 10, at 11:00.

There will be no Late Start days for Staff Development in November. November 16 has been changed to a regular start day because Farragut is hosting the Corner Conference Vocal Festival. There will be a 1:30 dismissal that day.

Everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving Vacation November 26 and 27.  
I wish everyone a wonderful holiday!

## NOTES FROM MRS. McCALL

I would like to thank all the parents and students for another wonderful Marching Band Season. We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hamburg, 1<sup>st</sup> at Shenandoah, 7<sup>th</sup> in Parade and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Field Show at Clarinda. Then we went to State to receive our 5<sup>th</sup> in a row State I. I cannot express enough how proud I am of all of you and our awesome support from the parents, teachers, administration, and community. We would not have the band program we have without all of you. Also, I would like to congratulate Emily Linder for making All-State Band for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. This is a tremendous achievement, and very few achieve it. Way to go, Emily. The Concert will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Coliseum at Iowa State University. Emily will be recognized, as will our school, for making it for 4 years. If you would like to attend this concert, let me know and I will get you tickets.

## FARRAGUT BLOODMOBILE

The Farragut Bloodmobile will be held in the concourse on November 12, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To schedule your appointment, please call 385-8131. This event is sponsored by the National Honor Society and FCCLA.

### Top 10 Reasons to Give Blood

10. You get free juice and snacks after you donate.
9. You can sport your bandage like a badge of honor.
8. It's easy and convenient – it only takes about an hour and you can make the donation right here **at Farragut High School on Thursday, November 12 from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the gym.**
7. It's something you can spare – most people have blood to spare ... yet, there is still not enough to go around.
6. You get a free mini-physical – we'll take your blood pressure, pulse, temperature and a small sample of your blood to determine whether you are healthy enough to donate.
5. You will walk a little taller afterwards because you will feel good about yourself.
4. You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when you or someone close to you may need it. Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
3. It's something you can do on equal footing with the rich and famous – blood is something money can't buy. Only something one person can give to another.
2. You will be someone's hero – you may give a newborn, a child, a neighbor, a grandparent, a mother, a father, a sister or brother another chance at life.
1. It's the right thing to do.

#### **To be eligible to donate blood you must:**

- be at least 17 years old (16 for whole blood with signed Red Cross parental consent form in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri)
- weigh at least 110 lbs. (Donors under the age of 19 must meet additional height & weight requirements)
- be in good health (but many medical conditions and most medications do not prevent you from donating)

#### **Changes in eligibility:**

- **most tattoos and piercings, if done in a licensed facility, no longer prevent you from donating.**
- most cancer patients (other than blood cancers) who are treatment and cancer free for twelve months can donate.

#### **Prior to donating you should:**

- get a good night's sleep
- drink extra fluids (water and juice are best, caffeinated drinks deplete your iron)
- eat an iron-rich meal (cereal, raisins, red meat, are just a few iron-rich foods) within 2-3 hours, you can eat right up to the time you donate.

#### **Be sure to bring your:**

- Red Cross donor card or a government or school issued photo I.D.
- parental consent form if you are a 16-year-old donor (can be obtained at [givebloodgivelife.org](http://givebloodgivelife.org))

#### **After you donate you will:**

**Leave with a smile on your face, knowing you have helped give the gift of life!**

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

**Jay D. Lutt,**

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### **Shared Board Meeting for Athletics**

The announcement: On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Farragut and Hamburg Boards of Education would like to invite their communities to a discussion on shared athletic programs. The discussion will be at the Hamburg Gym starting at 6:30 p.m. Please see both districts' websites for an agenda and more information.

[www.farragutschools.org](http://www.farragutschools.org) and  
[www.hamburg.k12.ia.us](http://www.hamburg.k12.ia.us)

### **10% Cut**

As you know the governor has cut the state's budget by 10%. This is a harsh cut to school districts. Rest assured, we will continue to offer all the successful programs that we have for decades. The district will work through this setback. If you would like to hear more about this cut, Governor Chet Culver did an interview on Iowa Public Television on October 16, 2009. It is being rebroadcast on television and can be watched with transcripts at <http://www.iptv.org/iowapress/transcript/detail.cfm?ipShowNum=3706>.

### **After School Education Help**

Don't forget, the state of Iowa pays for the best websites for students and parents to use at Iowa AEA Online (link below). This wonderful resource can help you with almost any homework assignment. Login: farragutes or farraguths Password: aea13

<http://www.iowaaeaonline.org/>

### **Corner Conference Music Festival**

Due to the Corner Conference Music Festival, there will not be a late start on November 16<sup>th</sup> but students will be released at 1:30 p.m.

### **Blogs**

Check out my blogs:

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

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

I hope to start updating them every other day!

### **A Special Thank-You!**

I would like to send a special thank you to the Fremont County Community Foundation through the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa for approving our grant for \$4,640. Those dollars will be used to merge our physical education curriculum with exciting technology! This will be putting the power of Wii technology into our fitness program. Purchasing of the equipment has started and we hope to have everything set up before Thanksgiving.

***Shared Board***

***Meeting for***

***Athletics***

***November 4, 2009***

***6:30 p.m.***

***Hamburg Gym in***

***the elementary***

***building.***

***Discussion with***

***the community***

***will be set around***

***future athletic***

***sharing.***