



Viking Voice

Weekly Newsletter

Fort Walton Beach High School
December 21, 2018

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****If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please send me an email (include your student's name) and I will remove you from the distribution list.**

Remember to scroll all the way through the newsletter for department information, club news, and information on athletic events occurring during the winter break.

Messages from Administration

Winter Holiday

Students and Teachers will not be in school **Friday, December 21 – Friday, January 4**. Teachers will be back at work on Monday, January 7. Students will be back in class on Tuesday, January 8.

Please be safe, make good choices, and enjoy some time with family and friends.

2nd Nine Weeks – Adjustment (due to hurricane days)

Contact: S. Horton (HortonS@okaloosaschools.com)

The adjustment to extend the second nine weeks grading period to January 9th was approved by the School Board on November 13, 2018. Keep in mind the following:

- Student attendance days or teacher work days have not been added to or changed on the calendar
- High Schools will operate full days during exam week
- All schools will have a full day on Thursday, December 20
- January 7 is still a Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
- January 8 is the students' first day returning after the winter break
- January 9 now marks the last day of the first semester
- January 10 will be the first day of the 2nd semester

School Advisory Council

Contact: P. Pinkert (peter.pinkert@okaloosaschools.com)

The next SAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 8, at 5:30pm, in Room 210.**
The meetings are open to the public.

Low-Cost Home Internet



[Cox Low-Cost Internet](#) is part of the [Connect2Compete](#) program, aimed at helping K–12 students reach their full potential by providing internet access to low-income families. Low-Cost Internet is \$9.95 per month and is available to families with at least one child in kindergarten or grades 1–12.

Eligible families must also be participating in one of the following programs:

- National School Lunch Program
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#) (TANF)
- Public Housing

To apply for Cox Low-Cost Internet, [visit the website](#) and fill out the form.

Yearbook News

Purchase Your Yearbook

Contact: S. Thetford (850-833-3300 ext. 1316 or thetfordsh@okaloosaschools.com)

The yearbook price will increase after the holidays. Now is a good time to purchase your 2018-2019 Yearbook, set for delivery in early May. The current price is \$85, and a limited number have been ordered. There are three ways to purchase a yearbook:

- *Best Way* Go to the publisher's website and pay with a credit card: jostensyearbooks.com (use the online menu to choose Fort Walton Beach High School)
- Drop off check or cash to the Yearbook room (Rm. 316) and get a receipt.
- Use Okaloosa County's online payment method at MySchoolBucks.com. The yearbook is listed for FWBHS.

Seniors, the deadline for senior recognition ads has been extended until **December 20th**. Please have ads, photos, and payment submitted to the Yearbook staff before you leave for the winter break. If you need additional time, you can email photos and content to the yearbook staff at fwbhsyearbook2019.com before **January 7th**. We must have time to design your ad and provide you with an opportunity to approve the proof before we submit it to the publisher in January.

Class of 2019

Holiday Break Closing

Please remind your senior students that Okaloosa County Schools will be closed for the Winter Holiday Break from December 21 – January 4. This means that the front office, attendance office, and guidance office will be closed during this time. There will not be any staff on campus to answer the phone, process transcript requests, sign forms, etc. Email and voice mail will not be monitored during the holiday break.

If your senior has any transcripts to request (for delivery prior to January 7) they must speak with the guidance secretary or registrar by Tuesday, December 18. If your senior has college application or scholarship information that requires input or signature from their guidance counselor (for delivery prior to January 7) they must request this information by Tuesday, December 18. Please

encourage your senior student to check their deadlines and if any information is needed prior to January 7, request that information before Tuesday, December 18.

Cap & Gown Pictures

Contact: S. Thetford (850-833-3300 ext. 1316 or thetfordsh@okaloosaschools.com)

Senior Cap and Gown Pictures will be taken on **February 13 and 14** during your senior English class. If you do not take English on campus, you will need to go to the auditorium during a study hall or no-class to have your picture taken. Honors graduates, your gown color will be determined based on your GPA at the end of first semester in January when grades are submitted. We want to feature honors graduates in their caps and gowns the Yearbook, but everyone may get their cap and gown photo taken for free. The photographers will make their money if you choose to buy photo packages.

Men should wear a white dress shirt and dark tie and clean up the shaving area. The photographers will be providing the cap & gowns for the pictures. See Dr. Thetford in room 316 or call 833-3300 ext. 1316 if you have any questions.

www.FAFSA.gov

SENIORS – complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) beginning **October 1, 2018**, at www.FAFSA.gov.

Seniors – you and your parent/guardian should go to www.FAFSA.gov now and apply for a FSA ID. Both you and a parent/guardian will need this ID in order to complete the FAFSA beginning October 1.

Students and families can check out these links in preparation for completing financial aid applications:

- How to Create an FSA ID - YouTube
- FAFSA and FSA ID Tips for Parents - YouTube

Bright Futures Information

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) – Class of 2019

The *2018-2019 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)* will be available online beginning **October 1, 2018**. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org provides the FFAA to students

seeking state scholarship and grant awards (including Bright Futures) for the 2018-2019 postsecondary academic year.

Applications can be made beginning **October 1, 2018**, for current seniors at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org .

This single application is used to evaluate the student for the following State of Florida programs (you will be answering questions during your registration/account creation that will let OSFA know if you qualify for these programs/scholarships):

- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program – Deadline Graduation, 2019
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant – Deadline April 1, 2019
- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program – Deadline April 1, 2019
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans – Deadline April 1, 2019

Seniors – Community Service Hours

Attention Seniors – Please turn your community service hours into the guidance office. In order for these hours to appear on your transcript we must enter them on to the computer.

****Bright Futures retrieves your community service hours from the school district's computer system.**

Please turn your community service hours into the guidance office!!!

Guidance News

Congratulations Dr. Dugan!

Congratulations to Dr. Linda Dugan as she was named one of three finalists for Teacher of the Year in Okaloosa County!

The Viking Family is very proud of Dr. Dugan!



Advanced Placement (AP) Students

Contact: L. Lipnicky (LipnickyL@okaloosaschools.com)



Attention Advanced Placement Students

This year you must register online for your AP Exams!

Please register for your 2019 AP exams by clicking on the link below.

Registration will be open from 6:00am on Monday, December 3, 2018 until 4:00pm on Monday, February 4, 2019.

www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/100532

Scholarship Opportunities

Contact: Julie Smith (833-3300 ext. 2151 or smithj3@okaloosaschools.com)

Scholarship opportunities for ninth through twelfth graders may be found at <http://www.okaloosaschools.com/fwb/scholarship>. Students may also come to the Media Center to find out what scholarships are available. Please check each week for updates.

Honors Graduation Criteria

The cumulative weighted grade point average is used to calculate honors graduation designation. At the end of the seventh semester, honors graduates will be determined by the following cumulative scale:

Summa Cum Laude – 4.25 and above

Magna Cum Laude – 4.0-4.2499

Cum Laude – 3.75-3.99

In order to be considered an honors graduate, students must be enrolled in the same year-long course at the same level and receive a grade for the eighth semester.

ASVAB

Contact: CMSgt Houston (833-3300 ext. 2408)

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:

On **Thursday, January 17, 2019**, the best and most comprehensive aptitude test in the country will be given in the FWBHS Auditorium beginning at **7:00am**. The test will take approximately 3 hours, and your absence from class will be classified as school leave, if students sign up through JROTC and show up for the test.

The test is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and it is **FREE!**

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who are age 16 or older – even if you are not interested in the military, can use this test for exploring careers and learning about your personal preferences and aptitudes.

Please sign up for this very worthwhile test at the JROTC room.

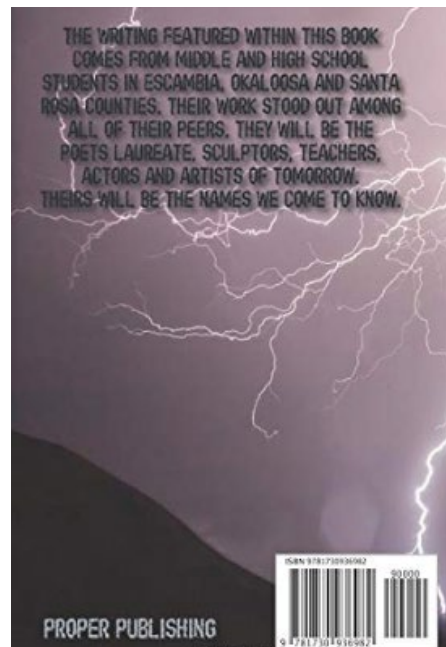
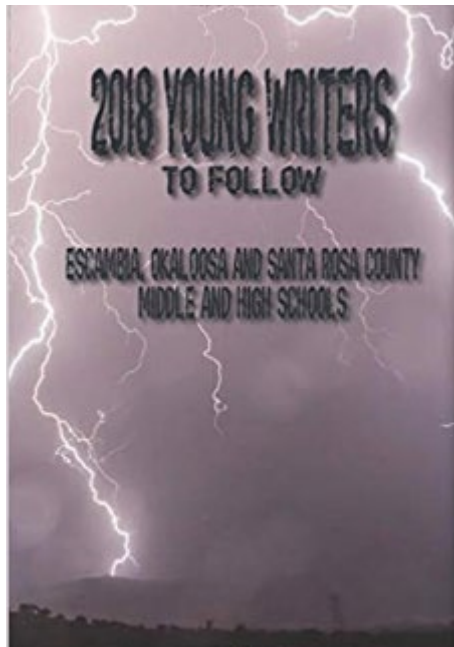
Creative Writing News

Congratulations Viking Writers!

Contact: A. Holt (850-833-3300 ext. 1142 or HoltA@okaloosaschools.com)

Congratulations to the students published in the *2018 Young Writers to Follow* book. A total of 30 authors were selected from the tri-county areas of Okaloosa, Escambia, and Santa Rosa, to be featured in this publication. Fort Walton Beach High School, by far, had the most authors represented at nineteen. We are very proud of the hard work they are doing in their Creative Writing and English classes.

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| Jada Bard | “The Spectral Beast” (Flash Fiction) |
| Cassidy Bassett | “The Wall” (Flash Fiction) |
| Savannah Beaulieu | “Sowing Sword-Lilies” (Poem) |
| Jaden Carlisle | “Flatline” (Poem) |
| Abigail Coyle | “What Kind Of Habit Is This?” (Poem) |
| Giovanni De Lanoy | “The Memories of Victor W.” (Short Story) |
| Zoe Deer | “Underwater” (Poem) |
| Caitlin Diener | “The Void” (Poem) |
| Brianna Havenda | “Drowning” (Poem) |
| Anna Henry | “Same Self, Different Mind” (Poem) |
| Alison Janetis | “Lil’ Blue” (Poem) |
| Jalena Jarvis | “Epiphany” (Poem) |
| Emma Jowers | “Faith in Society” (Essay) |
| Kaitlyn Kincaid | “Hanahaki Disease” (Short Story) |
| Tempest Makey | “25 Lines from Suicide Notes and Love Letters” (Poem) |
| Kendall Moreland | “A Series of Codes” (Short Story) |
| Quinterra Nichols | “When I dance...” (Poem) |
| Anne Marie Willis | “That Dragon Hubris” (Flash Fiction) |
| Joseph Zylack | “Half-Breed” (Short Story) |



If you are interested in purchasing copies of the book, they are available on Amazon for \$10.

Robotics Club News

Robotics Club

Contact: **F. Schwandt (850-833-3300 ext. 1825**
or Frank.Schwandt@okaloosaschools.com)

CONGRATULATIONS to the Fort Walton Beach High School Robotics team on their **FIRST PLACE WIN** at the recent AeroCoast **FIRST** League - Tech Challenge Meet 3 Competition held at the HSU Foundation in FWB on December 15th. Our rookie team here at FWBHS rose from 8th place to 1st place in the simulated finals with ingenuity, teamwork, and determination. They garnered recognition for a monumental move when in the heat of a battle they were able to **FLIP** their robot onto its wheels after it was disabled on its back, giving meaning to the phrase "Don't Give Up, Try Everything". The audience roared with applause as they recovered and won the match. In the semifinals, they formed an Alliance with the Crestview Bulldogs and rose to the Finals beating out 13 other teams for the **VIKING WIN!**

Congratulations to **Journey Washingtonhigh, Naiyar Shaman, Wesley Grannan, and Jenna Lambeth** for their team performance at this event.



Sports News

Viking Wrestling: Beast of the Beach Tournament

Contact: T. Marez (tobi.marez@okaloosaschools.com or 850-833-3300 ext. 1345 or 850-420-0111)

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

ARAB FL
ARNOLD FL
AUBURN FL
BAY FL
BRUSLEY LA
CHOCTAW HS
CRESTVIEW HS
DAVISS KY
BOZEMAN HS FL
FLORIDA HS FL



NICEVILLE FL
MOSELY FL
MILTON FL
NORTH BAY HAVEN FL
SMITH STATION AL
SOUTH WALTON FL
SPANISH FORT AL
TALLASSEE AL

27 HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS BATTLE TO WIN TITLE BEAST OF THE BEACH

FWBHS
GODBY FL
GULFBREEZE FL
HIRAM HS GA
MARIANNA FL

December 21 & 22
All Day Events Starting at 9am
Tickets: \$10 adults & FREE for Students
Fort Walton Beach High School

TATE FL
VETERANS GA
WAKULLA FL
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Viking Boys Basketball Tournament

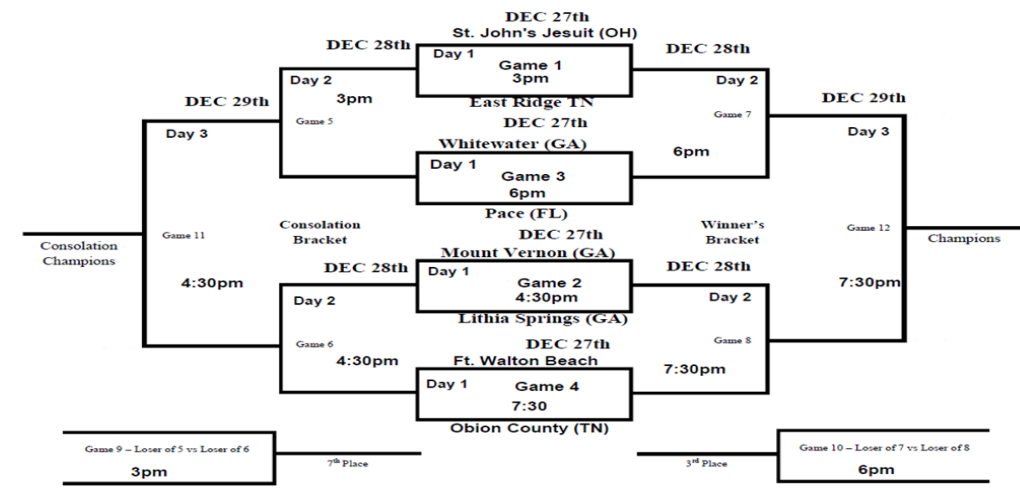
Contact: C. Carswell (833-3300 ext. 4404 or Christopher.Carswell@okaloosaschools.com)

The **Island Beach Blowout** will be held at Fort Walton Beach High School on **December 27th, 28th, & 29th**.

Fort Walton Beach High School will be joined by top notch high school teams from Florida, Ohio, Georgia, and Tennessee.

Vikings will open up against Obion County, Tennessee at 7:30pm on Thursday, December 27th. Please come out and support the Vikings.

Come out and watch excellent basketball over the holidays!! **GO VIKINGS!**



Congratulations Viking Lady Weightlifting Team!

Contact: J. Pulliam (850-217-4030 or PulliamJ@okaloosaschools.com)

Two weeks ago the ladies traveled across town and placed 3rd overall out of 10 teams competing at the Emerald Coast Invitational. And this week we traveled to Baker and got a team win! These ladies are working hard every day to better themselves and they are certainly proud to represent the Fort Walton Beach Vikings! Go Vikings!

Jera Trovato

**Ella Adams
Charlotte Elam
Sydney Kale
Michaela Stairs
Erin Brittingham
Adriana Ortiz
Shallan Lochtefeld
Sarah Sievers
Samanta Nunez-Martinez
Taryn Felde
Hailey Duke
Madison Ballard
Katie Spradlin
Ja’Nashia Lewis
Makenzie Marez
Maria Santos
Erin Boulet**

Congratulations Viking Volleyball Players!

**Contact: L. Dugan (850-833-3300 ext. 3310 or
Linda.Dugan@okaloosaschools.com)**



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Maria Santos: All Area Volleyball FIRST team
Savannah Bailey: All Area Volleyball Second Team
Sarah Duckett: All Area Volleyball Second Team
Carsyn Tillman: All Area Volleyball Second Team**

Go VIKES!