

Have you considered your future?



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Every year around the same time, the counselors come into English classes and give a presentation. The counselors come in, give a thorough speech about your current classes, college, graduation requirements, ways to make up credits, and new classes for next year.

"I think the presentations were beneficial to the students because it gave them a feel as to where they're at academic-wise

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and whether or not they'll be able to graduate," said junior counselor Mr. Alejandro Gutierrez.

The counselors came bearing gifts of transcripts and schedule choices for the next year. They explained that if you're failing a class you can do APEX, CHARGE, or summer school to make up the class.

CHARGE, APEX, and summer school are programs to make up credits. CHARGE is a course instructed by a teacher, while APEX is a self-directed computer course with a teacher present. Both are very effective if the student is determined to succeed in making up his credits.

Counselors also talked about the classes you might be advanced in. If you're advanced or you find a class easy, it was suggested you take an honors or AP class to challenge yourself.

"Ms. [Lori] Blackburn coming into my class was a good experience. She talked about stuff I didn't know about and I'm glad she explained it all," said Taylor Marshall, a sophomore at FHS. Overall, the presentations were both enlightening and needed for all of our students.

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Ms. Lori Blackburn informs students about the CAHSEE's importance. Photo by Julie Telles.

Tenth-graders prepare for the CAHSEE

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It's probably fair to assume that most high school students don't exactly like tests. Some however aren't sure what to think of the CAHSEE. Is it something to stress over, or feel at ease about? The opinions vary on the famous—or infamous—California exam.

The CAHSEE is a district test that is administered during the second half of California students' sophomore year. When prepping for the test, most teachers will tell you not to worry too much about it.

The math portion of the CAHSEE is based on Jr. High standards after all. Plus, it's not the end of the world if you don't pass the first time. You'll have two opportunities in eleventh grade to pass it, and three to five chances to retake it senior

year.

However, that doesn't mean that studying isn't needed. Despite the reassurances, most teachers make sure to go over the material a good two or three weeks before the test. This keeps true to the phrase, 'better safe than sorry'.

Whether you study hard or zone out during the review, the notion of a single test deciding whether or not you graduate can make almost anyone nervous.

"I've heard the CAHSEE isn't that hard, so I'm only a bit nervous," admitted sophomore Desiree Dunbar when asked about the upcoming test. "But it would be majorly embarrassing if I bragged about it being easy and then failed it."

Most of the tenth graders in our district who take the test pass with flying colors. So, odds are, if you are a determined person who works hard, that should be just the right amount of reassurance.

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Gone fishin'

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The most amazing part of high school is the weekends. Nothing is better than having a few days of break from school.

Throughout the week, I hear many plans being made for the weekend. My plans usually stay the same. I gather up my fishing stuff and head to the mountains to catch fish. Though it appears simple, fishing is not what it seems.

The evening before I go, I have to prepare all the stuff and make sure that I have enough equipment in case I lose some. Also, I always make a trip to the



The day's catches are all lined up. Photo by David Pyavka.

store to buy worms, other necessary bait, then fuel up the car. Then, after taking a short nap, I wake up at 4 a.m. and load all the fishing stuff into the car. The trip takes three hours to reach my favorite fishing hole.

Finally, the long awaited moment: I toss in my line and sit patiently. I enjoy all of nature's beauty, while my bait creates a scent in the water. Then, as the sun creeps over the horizon, the fish, aroused by the smell of worms, begin to feed. One by one all of my fishing poles start twitching, indicating that there is a fish eating the worm.

After a hard yank on the pole I set the hook in the fish's mouth and start reeling the fish in. Pretty soon, I have my first fish and it's a beauty. I continue fishing until I have caught the legal limit. The day is a success. I go home with a full limit, and after cleaning and gutting the fish, I cook it. The dinner is delicious. Now all I need is to await the next weekend to go fishing again.

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clubsdigest

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Submit information for Clubs Digest to clubs@fhspress.com or to the journalism room (T4).

ASIAN CLUB
Meets: C16
Advisor: Mr. Yeroshek

Advisor: None (run by students)

AVID
Meets: C8
Advisors: Ms. Mendoza, Ms. Machado

CSF
Meets: S12
Advisor: Ms. Daniels

CLIC
Meets: C8
Advisors: Ms. Bloemker, Ms. Mendoza, Ms. Davis, Mr. Dommer
Notes: CLIC is planning its next field trip. Attendance at the meetings is required.

DRAMA CLUB
Meets: C12 (every Wednesday)
Advisors: Ms. Dutra, Ms. McGarr
Notes: Drama club is currently working on a play that will be performed at Frontier Elementary school on February 9th. Look for more information online.

CLOSER TO GOD
Meets: Occasional Wednesday mornings, under the flag pole

ELAC
Meets: TBA
Advisor: TBA

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Meets: T4, 5th period
Advisor: Mr. Dommer

Advisor: Ms. Bare

ROTARY BOOSTER
Meets: TBA
Advisor: TBA

GERMAN CLUB
Meets: S21 (every three weeks, on Thursdays)
Advisor: Frau Freeman
Notes: German Club is currently doing an off-campus candy sale.

SPANISH CLUB
Meets: S10
Advisor: Ms. Olmedo
Notes: Spanish Club will be selling candy starting on February 20.

KEY CLUB
Meets: C13 (every other Thursday)
Advisor: Ms. Rupley

TRIATHALON
Meets: Weight room
Advisor: Mr. Mongerson

LEADERSHIP
Meets: C3, 4th period
Advisor: Mr. Slack

BSU
Meets: TBA
Advisor: TBA

LINK CREW
Meets: C10, 1st period
Advisor: Ms. Bunch

YEARBOOK
Meets: T4, 5th period
Advisor: Mr. Dommer
Notes: Seniors can bring their Senior Quotes to the yearbook room (T4) up to February 17. After that, there will be no guarantee it will be in the yearbook.

MESA
Meets: S16 (every Friday after school)