



What's Happening at FMS

January 8, 2016

Happy new year and welcome back! I hope that your holiday was relaxing. I enjoyed spending time with my family in Ohio, but am always ready to be back in California! Unfortunately, the rainy gray Buckeye weather seems to have followed me! The weather forecast currently shows that we may continue to see more rain in January. On rainy mornings, plan on leaving a bit early as students who normally walk are driven which makes the traffic more congested.

You may have noticed that a turn lane was added at the Sycamore and Highland Oaks intersection. This change was made based on feedback from Foothills families and collaboration with the City of

Arcadia. Hopefully this will ease traffic a bit and we appreciate your continued efforts to improve our school community.

We have our Second Annual Ice Skating Day on Saturday, January 16 from 1-3PM at Pasadena Ice Skating. Tickets are \$15 and include ice skating rental. Tickets can be purchased at school from 1/13-1/15.

8th Grade Families:

PSAT

8th graders have the opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9. The new, revised version of the SAT begins this year. The PSAT 8/9 is aligned to the new 2016 SAT test and provides students the chance to see the format of the SAT while the questions are geared toward 8th and 9th grade content. The cost is \$20 and will be held at Foothills on Saturday, February 20. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

ASSISTEENS

Are you interested in gaining community service hours and genuinely helping people in Arcadia? If so, consider joining Assisteens. Assisteens is an auxiliary of the Assistance League of Arcadia, a chapter of the National Assistance League. Assisteens provides leadership and community service opportunities for high school students. Assisteens build friendship, earn service hours, and learn about the importance of giving back to our community. Most of our members participate in other activities like sports, music, drama and clubs at high school in addition to being in Assisteens. **Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to become part of this community service organization.**

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Weds. January 13 – Winter Band Concert. 7PM FMS MPR

Thursday. January 14 – PTSA Meeting. 8:45 Dav Care Room

Saturday. January 16 – Ice Skating. 1PM – 3PM. Pasadena Ice Skating

Friday, January 22 - END OF SEMESTER MINIMIM DAY Dismissal at 12:15

Safety and Procedure Reminders:

Parent drop offs in the morning are not permitted on Oakhaven or in the Oakhaven parking lot. All parking lots are closed for after school pick up from 2:30 – 3:15.

Thanks and have a great week!

Angie Dillman, Assistant Principal

A Message from Music Club:

Foothills Middle School Music Program Information

Next week is our Annual Band Winter Concert

Wednesday January 13th at FMS MPR

Band 6 Performs at 7:00 pm, Highlander Band at 7:35 pm. You will also get to enjoy the BagPipers!

Next we have our...[January Music Club Meeting Thursday Jan. 14th](#)
[Foothills Music Room 11:15 am – 12 pm](#)

Join us to find out about our Upcoming Events:

1. Band Vertical Concert Wed. Feb. 24th @ AHS PAC 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Highlander Band

2. Temple City Camellia Parade Sat. Feb. 27 @ Temple City – All Day Come out and watch the last Parade of the season for HB and Drill Team

3. Highlander Band Uniform Return Day – Wed. March 9 @ FMS 8:00am – Noon We need as many volunteers as possible to help sort and collect the uniforms for Dry Cleaning so they are ready for next year!

4. Can you see yourself taking on a more active role in Music Club next school year?

Come find out the many ways you can get involved in the Music Program, whether it be taking notes, organizing events, managing the finances, sending the emails, helping with uniforms...there is a place for everyone and everyone has a place! The Music Program Serves over 300 Musicians at Foothills and the more parents involved the richer the experience for our children! If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested in helping next year please email me: Margaret Aghili, Music Club President 2015-2016 at margyaghili@gmail.com

All Music Parents are welcome!!

As always please check Mr. Morton's homepage for the Up to Date Calendar!

FOOTHILLS ICE SKATING DAY

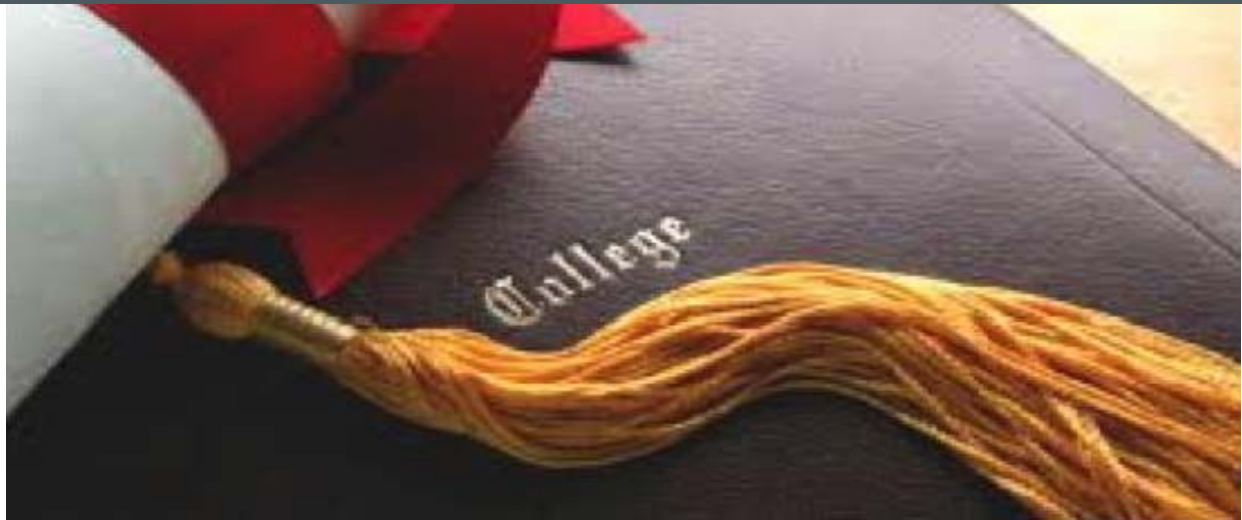


Tickets can be purchased at lunch from ASB in front of the MPR from Weds 1/13 – Fri 1/15 and at the door on Sat 1/16

When: Saturday, January 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Where: Pasadena Ice Skating, 300 E Green St, Pasadena
Tickets: \$15 for 2 hours of skating and skate rental

PSAT 8/9

The First Step to College and Career Readiness



8th Grade Students: Secure your spot TODAY!

The PSAT 8/9 (formerly ReadiStep) is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Tightly aligned with the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10, it establishes a baseline for college and career readiness as students enter high school.

Test Sections Include:

- Reading Skills
- Writing Skills
- Math Skills

For more information please visit:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>

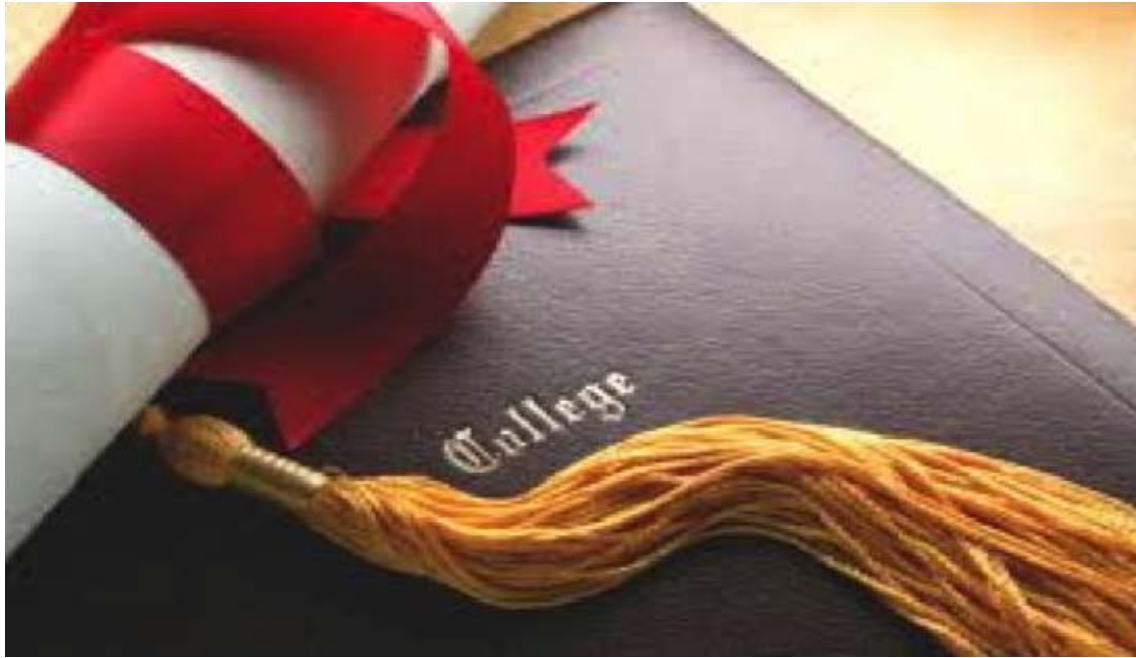
PSAT 8/9 Test Date: 2/20/2016 at 9 a.m.
Approximate testing time: 3.5 hours

- **A \$20.00 the cost of the exam**

A parent night will be held after the results are returned to review the test information and discuss next steps for the path to college and career readiness.

Please submit application by 1/19/2016

Application on reverse side



PSAT 8/9 Student Application

Please complete the information below

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Parent Contact Information:

Phone: _____

\$20 check can be made to Foothills Middle School

Memo line: PSAT 8/9. Please submit your application by 1/19/2016.

Please submit to Ms. Herrera in the ma



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Volunteer commitments begin in the summer and continue through May. The Assisteens volunteer at Arcadia Library in our Book Buddies program reading one on one with young children, at the Bargain Box Thrift Shop gaining retail experience, with the Assistance League's Operation School Bell, and much more. There are monthly dinner meetings generally held the first Monday of the month during the school year.

Parent support is part of Assisteens. Parents assist at one meeting, the thrift shop, and membership events.

More information is on the Assistance League website alarcadia.org under the membership tab, and also on Facebook at Assisteens of Arcadia.

8th graders apply in February for 2016-17 membership. Applications are available February 1, 2016, at alarcadia.org. or from Leigh Chavez, Assisteens Coordinator at assisteens.arcadia@gmail.com. Applications must be received by March 1, 2016. Space is limited.