



Fairview High School Newsletter

Our Community Cares

Weekly Flash



12/05/2025

Calendar

December

- Fri, Dec 5 - POPS Cast List Posted, 4:00 PM
- Tue, Dec 9 - Orchestra Concert , 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Wed, Dec 10 - Fire Drill, 9:40 AM
- Wed, Dec 10 - IB TOK/ EE Celebration, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Library
- Thu, Dec 11 –13 - Thespian Conference, Colorado Convention Center

- Thurs, Dec 11 - Cocoa & Cram , 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- Thurs, Dec 11 - Band Concert Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Sat, Dec 13 - Marching Band at Boulder Parade of Lights Saturday, Pearls Mall
- Mon, Dec 15 - FET Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, CCC
- Tue, Dec 16 - 19 Final Exams
- Thurs, Dec 18 - Choir Concert, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Fri, Dec 20 - End 1st Semester
- Mon, Dec 22 - 31 - No School / Winter Break

January

- Thur, Jan 1 - 2 - No School/ Winter Break
- Mon, Jan 5 - Non-Student Contact Day Teacher Plan Day
- Tue, Jan 6 - 1st Day of 2nd Semester
- Tue, Jan 13 - Supporters of Fairview IB, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Mon, Jan 19 - No School MLK Holiday
- Thu, Jan 22 - School Accountability Committee (SAC), 5:30 - 6:30 PM in CCC
- Thu, Jan 22 - College Night, 6:30 – 8:00 PM in CCC
- Mon, Jan 26 - FET Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 PM in CCC
- Tue, Jan 27 - SpEd Knight of Transition, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- Wed, Jan 28 - Coffee with the Principal, 5:30 - 6:30 PM in CCC
- Wed, Jan 28 - Parent Class of '27 TOK Meeting, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Thu, Jan 29 - Fire Drill, 1:12 PM

[FHS 25-26 Important Events Schedule](#)

School Calendar

[Click here](#) to view the full calendar

A Note from the Principal

Dear Fairview Families,

With Final Exams scheduled for Tuesday, December 16 through Friday, December 19, this is a great time for students to approach studying with clarity, balance, and confidence. I've heard from our students how they are feeling pressured. I visited our Student Council on Monday where I asked for one word to describe how you are feeling right now. Words I heard included, "stressed, exhausted, overwhelmed, cooked..." We don't want Fairview to feel like a pressure cooker, but Finals ARE a stressful time for our kids. I provided students with one strategy for managing stress. I encouraged them to take a pause to name three small actions they can take to do something positive for themselves, others, or their community, such as sharing a note of gratitude with a teacher, helping out at home with a chore like dog walking, or taking a quick walk in nature. There are many stress - management tools and techniques. I encourage you



to talk to your child about how you manage your stress. Teach them a strategy that works for you! Please, share your stress - management strategies with me in our [Fairview Feedback Form](#). We do have support for our students, such as the National Honor Society will be hosting our annual Cocoa & Cram in the Library on Thursday, December 11, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Whether students are seeking peer tutoring or simply want a quiet place to study with classmates, we've got them covered—cocoa and cookies included. Here are some testing tips to review with your child.

Testing Tips

1. Prioritize Rest and Balance

High-achieving students often push themselves hard. Encourage them to get consistent sleep, take breaks, and maintain a healthy balance between schoolwork and downtime. A rested mind performs at its best.

2. Focus on Understanding, Not Just Memorization

Deep learning comes from truly understanding the material. Reviewing concepts out loud, teaching someone else, or practicing higher-level problems can strengthen mastery.

3. Practice Effective Time Management

Even confident test-takers benefit from pacing strategies. Students should preview the test, keep an eye on the clock, and avoid staying stuck on one question for too long.

4. Don't Skip the Basics

Sometimes high performers overlook foundational review because it feels familiar. A quick refresh of key formulas, vocabulary, or core concepts can prevent simple test-day mistakes.

5. Use Stress-Reduction Strategies

Breathing exercises, stretching, quick walks, or moments of mindfulness can help students stay calm and focused—especially during longer exams.

6. Maintain a Healthy Perspective

Remind students that no single test defines their abilities or their future. A balanced mindset can relieve pressure and improve performance.

As always, we are here to support every student in reaching their full potential—academically, socially, and emotionally. If you have any questions or feel your student could use additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor or teacher.

Wishing all of our students confidence, calm, and success this testing season!

Warm regards,

Scarlet Chopin

Principal, Fairview High School

Key Information

Maximize Your Success: Student Support During Office Hours

Students Support During Office Hours: Families and students are encouraged to [refer to this document](#) to know how student can access support from all departments and teachers during the school day here at Fairivew.



District Expectation for Attendance During Finals

All students are expected to attend all review and finals sessions during finals week. If a student misses the review and attends the final, they should be marked as a partial absence. **Students should attend in person review and finals during their scheduled times.** If a student must miss a review or finals session, families need to call the attendance line and follow our typical excusal protocols. Students who miss a final are expected to communicate with their teacher to schedule their make-up.

If a student wants to visit another class/teacher during a review period, they must first attend the scheduled review period for attendance. They must utilize Minga for passes to another review period.

Teachers will not start finals early during the review period unless it is for a specific student and their accommodation of extended time. No final will be longer than 2 hours unless the student has a specific accommodation for extended time.

[Access the Finals Schedule Here](#)



Attendance Reminders from the Fairview Attendance Office

- Please leave only **one message** when reporting an absence—there's no need to leave a voicemail after updating attendance in Infinite Campus, or vice versa.
- Remember, calling or emailing to excuse your student does **not** automatically update their attendance. The parent portal is **not** a live, interactive link.
- All attendance records are processed manually by the Fairview Attendance Department and may take **24–48 hours** to update in your student's record.



Thank you,

Headlines and Events

Fairview Thespians Hit the Stage at Colorado Thescon!

Exciting news! Our Fairview Thespians will be attending **Colorado Thescon** at the Colorado Convention Center from **December 11 – 13**. Join us in celebrating their talent, creativity, and hard work as they take part in this incredible theater festival!



City-Approved Reflexology Walking Track: A Student-Led Initiative

My name is Sieun (Sara) Jang, a junior at Fairview High School, and I am leading a city-approved community health project to bring a **Foot Reflexology Walking Track to Harlow Platts Community Park (South Boulder Rec Center)**. This student-led initiative is designed to support mental wellness, blood circulation, stress reduction, and overall health by reconnecting people with nature through gentle acupressure pathways. We are now entering the fundraising stage, and once the necessary funds are secured, the track is scheduled to be installed in April 2026 in partnership with Boulder Parks & Recreation. Learn more or support the project by visiting the [project website](#), and the [donation site](#).



Thank you for your support in helping make this wellness resource available to Boulder families.



Academics

IB Diploma Candidate Celebration

Next week's (December 9) SFIB board meeting has been cancelled.

Our next meeting will be January 13.

Please consider attending our **December 10th IB celebration in the**

FHS Library from 6-7:30 pm. It's an excellent way to see the

culmination of the IB Diploma work from our class of 2026

students, and an opportunity for our rising class of 2027 students to be inspired for the beginning of their IB Diploma journey.

Welcome to all interested FHS students and families, and in particular those in 11th and 12th grades who are pursuing the IB Diploma. Our 12th graders will display synopses of their Extended Essays, Theory of Knowledge Exhibition & Essay, and summaries of their Creativity, Activity, and Service work.

Please join us to celebrate our students, and for informal presentations, music by members of FHS Orchestra, food & drink!

- Hosted by the Supporters of Fairview IB and the FHS Honors Office



Dual Enrollment University of Colorado Classes at Fairview

CU Succeed courses are courses taught at Fairview by Fairview teachers who are also adjunct UCD professors. Students earn weighted high school graduation credits, and they can also choose to purchase UCD credit for \$71/credit. **CU Succeed courses offered at Fairview this year = College Algebra / College Trig., AP Statistics, AP Calc AB, IB/AP Elementary Functions, IB/AP Calc I, Calc II, Calc III, and AP Psychology.**

Completion of a CU succeed course also grants students automatic admission to CU Denver – no application fee necessary!



Vanessa Carroll, Fairview's Grad+ site lead

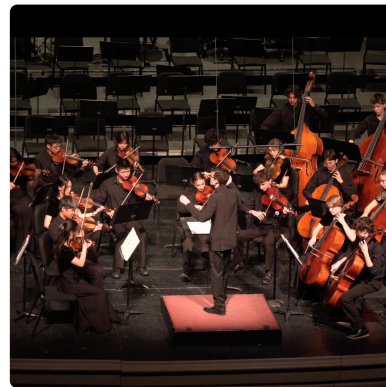
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Recognizing our Knights' Excellence

A Night to Remember: Fairview and CU Symphony Join Forces at Macky Auditorium

On Thursday, November 20, The Fairview Chamber Orchestra performed at Macky Auditorium in collaboration with the CU Symphony Orchestra, featuring guest conductors Dr. Renee Gilliland and Travis Keller. They performed their program that they will be playing at The Midwest Clinic in Chicago as one of four nationally-selected orchestras. Bravo all!

If you did not get a chance to hear them yet, mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 9th at 7pm in the Fairview Auditorium. You won't want to miss their sendoff concert!"



Thank You for Helping Our Community Thrive!

We are very thankful to all of you who donated food for our **Holiday Drive** to support families in our community. Your overwhelming generosity will provide meals for Fairview Families. Thanks to Grace Commons Men's Group, St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Sandy Bainbridge), FHS National Honor Society and StuCo. Special gratitude to our Fairview parents Margaret Selby, Lisa Chase and Megan Dec who brought turkeys, hams, pies and produce! **It really does take a village.**



The Senior Zone

Class of 2026 – Diploma Name Verification Needed

It is time to order diplomas for the graduating class of 2026. We ask all seniors, **please review your name in Infinite Campus** and [complete this form](#) by **Dec 12, 2025** to ensure that your diploma is printed correctly. Any changes after your diploma is printed may result in additional costs to you.



Don't Miss Out: Early Bird Discount for Class of 2026 Graduation Orders Ends Jan. 1

Please take a moment to review the **Senior Achievement Packet** (PDF below) for important information regarding graduation. **Don't forget: the Early Bird Discount deadline is January 1st!** If you have any questions after reviewing the packet, you can reach out to Herff Jones at (866) 238-5336 or urachievements@herffjones.com.

Thank you, and congratulations to our **Class of 2026!**



Senior Achievement Package.pdf

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4.0 MB

Senior Panoramic Pictures – Order Now!

Senior panoramic photos are here! **Order your copy [here](#).**

- **Laminated photos** come with a **5-year money-back guarantee**.
- **BOTH package** (formal + funny) **saves 20% automatically**.

Order by Friday, Nov. 21 to avoid the \$10 late fee.

Photos will be mailed in about 4 weeks.

Questions? Email BestClassPicture@gmail.com.



School Life

Support the ILC Team: Candy Cane Fundraiser!

From **December 8–12**, our ILC students will be selling candy canes –and introducing **Candy Cane Grams**–to raise funds for field trips, community-based learning, weekly cooking activities, and classroom supplies. Donations of candy canes (fun flavors welcome!) or monetary contributions are greatly appreciated. Sales also give students a safe opportunity to practice money-handling, customer service, and teamwork.

Thank you always for your support

Jana, Pete, and the ILC team



Share Smiles This Season with Student-Designed Holiday Cards

Celebrate the season with art that makes a difference! The Holiday Greeting-Card Art Contest winners have been selected, and the winning designs are now available for purchase. Each pack of 10 cards is \$20, with net proceeds benefiting Operation Smile and helping provide free cleft lip and palate surgeries for children. To purchase your cards, email csmagee01@bvsd.org.

Share smiles, spread joy, and support a great cause!



Holiday Toy Drive Is Here!!

Fairview is once again partnering with the **Cheyenne River Youth Project** to support **Lakota youth through the Wo Otuh'An Wi Toy Drive**. Students can sign up to sponsor a child by stopping by the StuCo table at the bricks or scanning the QR codes around school, then purchasing and returning the unwrapped gift(s) to the collection box **by Thursday, December 11th**. Any contribution – whether a gift or a monetary donation – helps brighten the holiday season for children on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

Thank you for helping us make a meaningful impact this year!

Cheyenne River Youth Project

Attn: Toy Drive

702 4th St., Eagle Butte, SD 57625

(606) 964-8200



Cocoa and Cram for Finals Preparation

It's that time of the year again where students are studying hard for their finals! For anyone looking for last minute help, **National Honor Society** is hosting our annual Cocoa and Cram in the library on **Thursday, December 11th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.**

Whether you're seeking a peer tutor or just a place to study with classmates, we've got you covered! Cocoa and cookies will be provided.



\$500 Scholarship for EF Trip to Ireland, Scotland, and England!

Enroll by Friday, December 12 to be entered into a raffle for a \$500 scholarship for our trip to Ireland, Scotland, and England during the summer of 2027. Please find our itinerary and all registration information for this fabulous trip at [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Hickman (aaron.hickman@bvsd.org).



We look forward to seeing you soon!

Aaron Hickman and Amanda Bixler

Club Spotlights

This Week: We're Excited to Highlight the Aviation Club

The **Aviation Club** inspires the next generation of aviators by offering hands-on resources, expert insights, and a supportive community. Members gain access to guest speakers from across the aviation industry, flight planning tools, simulator experience, trips to airports and museums, and guidance for FAA exams. The club also hosts workshops on aircraft systems, navigation, weather, and flight safety, while engaging in community outreach and discussions on current aviation news. **Whether pursuing a career in aviation or a passion for flight, the Aviation Club gives students the tools and opportunities to take off toward their goals.**



Contact: afghafoori01@bvsd.org

Meeting Day: Bi-weekly on Tuesdays

Time: 4:10 PM

Room: 402

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fhs-aviation>

At Fairview, students can join over 75 diverse clubs or start their own. Explore existing clubs like Student Council, Fairview National Honor Society, Speech and Debate and more by [clicking here](#).

District News

Reduce Emissions - Turn off Your Car While Waiting

BVSD buses turn off instead of idling while waiting for students. You can too! Because vehicle idling is a significant source of air pollution, BVSD has an operating procedure that prohibits buses and transportation support vehicles from idling for more than 5 minutes within any given 1 hour period.

Although it is tempting to keep cars and buses running, especially during colder weather, please turn off vehicles while waiting to pick up students. (*An exception to this is Food Service vehicles with refrigeration that need to remain on to maintain food quality.)



Reducir las emisiones: apague el auto mientras espera

Los autobuses del BVSD se apagan en lugar de pararse en ralentí mientras esperan a los estudiantes. ¡Tú también puedes! Dado que los motores de los vehículos en reposo son una fuente considerable de contaminación atmosférica, el BVSD cuenta con un procedimiento operativo que prohíbe que los autobuses y vehículos de apoyo al transporte permanezcan en ralentí durante más de 5 minutos en un período de 1 hora.

Aunque es tentador mantener los autos y autobuses en marcha, especialmente durante el clima más frío, por favor, apaga tu vehículo mientras esperas para recoger a los estudiantes. (*Una excepción a esto son los vehículos de Servicio de Alimentos con refrigeración, que deben permanecer encendidos para mantener la calidad de los alimentos.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to make a difference in your community? Explore volunteer opportunities at Fairview! Whether you're passionate about education, event planning, or student support, we have a variety of roles available to suit your interests and schedule. [Click here to learn more and get involved!](#)



Fundraisers

Excited to support Fairview High School? Join us in making a difference through our fundraisers! From bake sales to charity events, there are plenty of ways to get involved and contribute to our school's success. [Click here to explore our current fundraisers](#) and find out how you can help make a difference!



Student Conduct

As part of the Boulder Valley School District, Fairview High School adheres to the district's rules, policies, and regulations. We highly recommend that students and families familiarize themselves with the [Rights and Responsibilities: Student Conduct and Discipline Code](#).

Meet Your Fairview High School Support Team

Discover the dedicated team at Fairview High School who are here to support your academic and personal journey. Our counselors and assistant principals are committed to providing personalized guidance and care, helping students navigate academic planning, college preparation, and personal growth. Meet your [case managers today](#) and get the support you need to succeed academically and emotionally.



Student Family Handbook (English)

Manual del Estudiante y Familia (Spanish)

Contact us

Email: fairviewfridayflash@gmail.com

Fairview Website: <https://fah.bvsd.org/>

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[Important Contact Numbers](#)

[Quick Links](#)

Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) would like to continue connecting with you via email. To set preferences for which types of messages are sent to your email address, activate your free [InfoCenter](#) account. If you prefer to stop receiving emails from BVSD, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#). Please note that if you unsubscribe, your email address will be placed on the "blocked list" for the remainder of the current school year and will no longer receive BVSD school or district emails that are distributed through our SchoolMessenger service. SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.



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