



Fairview High School Newsletter

Our Community Cares

Weekly Flash



11/21/2025

Calendar

November

- Mon–Fri, Nov 24–28 – No School / Conference Exchange Days & Thanksgiving Break

December

- Mon, Dec 1- 03 - Pops Audition 4:00- 8:30 PM, Auditorium
- Wed, Dec 3 - School Choice Tour, 11:00 – 12:30 PM

- Fri, Dec 5 - POPS Cast List Posted, 4:00 PM
- Tues, Dec 9 - Orchestra Concert , 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Tues, Dec 9 - Supporters of Fairview IB, 7:00 – 8:00 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
- 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
- Mon, 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

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

School Calendar

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

Upcoming School Closures & Observances

Thanksgiving Break

School Closed: Nov 24–28, 2025



Nov 24–25 (Mon–Tue): Fall Conference Exchange Days

Nov 26–28 (Wed–Fri): Thanksgiving Break

A Note from the Principal

Dear Fairview Families,

As we get ready for Thanksgiving break, I want to pause and share how truly grateful I am for our wonderful Fairview community. Each day, our students, families, and staff bring such warmth, dedication, and heart to our school. It's an honor to be part of a community where people care so deeply about one another, and I am continually inspired by the kindness and support I see in every hallway and classroom.

This season is a reminder to slow down and appreciate what matters most. I hope your break is filled with rest, laughter, and moments of genuine connection—whether you're traveling, welcoming loved ones, or simply enjoying some quiet time at home. You all work so hard, and you deserve a peaceful and joyful holiday.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Fairview family. I'm grateful for each of you, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back, recharged and ready to continue our work together in the weeks ahead.



Scarlet Chopin

Principal, Fairview High School

Key Information

Varsity Football Schedule Update

The Varsity Football game vs. **Cherry Creek High School** has been rescheduled from Friday, November 21 at 7:00 PM to **Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 1:30 PM**

Location: Stutler Bowl (Cherry Creek High School)

Address: 9300 E Union Ave, Greenwood Village, CO



Thank you for your understanding regarding this schedule change.

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 specify the exact time or period your student will be leaving

or returning. If you don't know the exact return time, an estimated time is still helpful. When calling to excuse your student and you're unsure whether they will attend school, they will be marked excused for the full day. If your student later decides to come to school, please have them check in with the attendance clerk so their attendance can be updated.

Thank you,

The Attendance Department

Headlines and Events

Mindful Moments at Home: Strengthening Family Bonds with Presence

Fairview Parent Night – *Mindful Moments at Home: Strengthening Family Bonds with Presence*

Life gets busy, and it's easy to drift into autopilot. Join us on **Wednesday, December 4, from 5:00–6:30 PM in the Fairview Library** for an evening focused on simple mindfulness practices that can bring more calm, connection, and harmony into your home.

The session will be led by the Fairview Wellness Center team—Wellness Center MHA **Mills Dancy**, Fairview Nurse **Paula Waldoff**, and Mindfulness & Meditation Teacher **Christine Dowding Schmitz**, who volunteers weekly in the Wellness Center teaching mindfulness to students.

Together, we'll explore how returning to the present moment can strengthen trust, emotional safety, and meaningful family bonds.



A big thank you to [Impact in Education](#) for sponsoring this event.

All parents and caregivers are welcome!

We'd love your input—please take a moment to [complete this brief form to help us plan](#).

Recognizing our Knights' Excellence

CSU Math Day Celebration

Congratulations to Fairview math club members Victor Garianova, Aria Moraska, Kate Oerding, Ben Wahlert, Shreyash Wakodkar, and Kevin Yang for winning first place in the CSU Math Day out of about 150 high schoolers from all over Colorado and the surrounding states!

CSU Math Day is a quiz-bowl style tournament involving three-member teams.



Congrats to our Knights - Speech & Debate

Congrats on a great start to the season and to everyone who competed! We've had a strong showing so far with our new and returning Knights! [Here are the awards](#) from our most recent novice & varsity tournaments.



Fairview Alum Henry Larson Shares Nationally Aired NPR Story

If you were listening to All Things Considered on NPR on Thursday evening this week, then you heard 2020 Fairview Grad, Henry Larson, [report a nationally broadcast story](#) about a 19-year-old Venezuelan astronomer.

The experiences Henry gained through various opportunities at Fairview, including the student newspaper and the Mock Trial Team helped pave a path for Henry to major in Journalism at CU Boulder where he served as editor-in-chief of the CU Independent. Henry graduated from CU Boulder in 2024 and his award winning talent quickly landed him as a producer for NPR and the Financial Times.



We are super proud of Henry's accomplishments!

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.



Class of 2026: Review Your Senior Achievement Packet

Please take a moment to review the **Senior Achievement Packet (PDF below)** for important information regarding graduation. 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.



Academics

Mark Your Calendars for Spring Assessment Dates

Save the Dates!

The end of our Fall semester is near and Spring semester is around the corner. As you plan your family calendar, we want to make sure you have these important assessment dates. We value student attendance daily and these assessments are an important piece of the academic picture.



Mid-November: Opt Out requests become available for State Testing. More info to come

12/1-12/18 - CommonLit and ALEKS Knowledge Check in Math and LA classes

4/14 - SAT (11th graders) and PSAT 9 (9th graders)

4/15 - PSAT 10 (10th graders) and CMAS Science (11th graders)

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

vanessa.carroll@bvsd.org

School Life

The Nutcracker – Support Fairview High!

Experience the holiday magic of The Nutcracker with the Boulder Ballet and Boulder Philharmonic at **CU's Macky Auditorium, Nov. 28–30 at 2 PM.**

5% of ticket sales (up to \$2,000) go to the school with the most sales – let's make it Fairview! When purchasing, enter "FHS" in the "Have a coupon code?" box before checkout and click Submit.

[Get Tickets](#)

If you or anyone you know already purchased tickets but didn't enter the code, please email **the ticket purchaser's name and number of**



tickets to FHS parent mcgowin.catherine@gmail.com to ensure Fairview receives credit for your previously purchased tickets.

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!



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.



Travel to Ireland, Scotland, and England Summer 2027

Mr. Hickman and Ms. Bixler are leading an EF tour to the Capitals of the British Isles and would love for you to travel with us! We will be having an **informational meeting at 6:00 on the evening of Tuesday, December 2**. We will discuss all the details about the trip, including the 2 \$500 scholarships that will be raffled! [Please use this link to RSVP.](#)

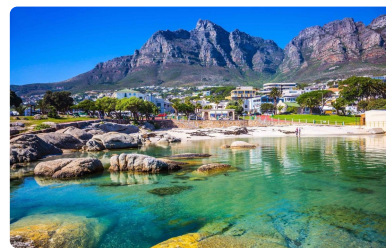
We look forward to seeing you soon!

Aaron Hickman and Amanda Bixler



Adventure awaits in South Africa - Summer 2027!

Get ready for wild safaris, powerful history, and jaw-dropping views. From Nelson Mandela's former home to Cape Town's vibrant culture, this trip will open your eyes to the story of a continent, including a safari in Kruger National Park. **Join Ms. Stirling on the trip of a lifetime** to South Africa in the summer of 2027! [Visit her travel page](#) for more information.



Lifetouch School Photo Discounts

Lifetouch is offering special discounts on school photography as a thank-you to families!

- **50% off** a purchase of \$50+ with code **50THANKS**
- **40% off** a purchase of \$40+ with code **40THANKS**
- **30% off** a purchase of \$30+ with code **30THANKS**

Valid through December 1, 2025

To order, visit mylifetouch.com, log in or create an account, locate your student using their student ID (if available), and place your order. Don't forget to claim your **FREE Digital SmileSafe card**. Learn more about the SmileSafe program [here](#).



Club Spotlights

This Week: We're Excited to Highlight the Scientific Illustration Club

The Scientific Illustration Club inspires a deeper appreciation for nature while contributing meaningful artwork to local scientific research. The club bridges the gap between the arts and STEM, giving students the unique opportunity to bring science to life through illustration.



Contact: eadanford01@bvsvd.org

Meeting Day: Bi-weekly on Tuesdays

Time: 4:00 PM

Room: 854

Website:

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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

Boulder Valley Regional Spelling Bee officials - volunteers needed

BVSD is seeking volunteers who would like to contribute and be a part of this year's Spelling Bee at the Boulder regional event on Saturday, March 7th.



Health Insurance Resources for BVSD families

BVSD Health Services is sharing the following information for families who may be in need of health insurance or would like to explore their options, knowing that preventive and supportive services provided through this coverage helps keep students healthy and ready to learn.

Open Enrollment for health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado is happening now through January 15, 2026. This is the time when individuals and families can find affordable health coverage for the coming year.

We've included helpful flyers with information about both [Connect for Health Colorado](#) and [OmniSalud](#), a program that offers health insurance options for Coloradans regardless of immigration status.

Families who would like support can contact the Boulder County Enrollment Center for free assistance with Connect for Health Colorado, OmniSalud, Health First Colorado (Medicaid), and CHP+. The Enrollment Center provides confidential, unbiased guidance in English and Spanish, and in other languages through an interpreter.

To schedule an appointment with a Health Coverage Guide, visit boco.org/HealthCoverage, call 303-441-4530, or email HealthCoverage@BoulderCounty.gov.

Questions? Contact Joanna Harrison(joanna.harrison@bvsd.org), Resource Nurse

Spanish

Recursos de seguro médico para las familias de BVSD

BVSD Servicios de Salud está compartiendo la siguiente información para las familias que puedan necesitar seguro médico o que deseen explorar sus opciones.

La Inscripción Abierta para la cobertura médica a través de Connect for Health Colorado está disponible ahora hasta el 15 de enero de 2026. Este es el momento del año en que las personas y las familias pueden revisar los planes y encontrar una cobertura asequible para el próximo año.

Hemos incluido folletos con información sobre [Connect for Health Colorado](#) y [OmniSalud](#), un programa que ofrece opciones de seguro médico para los habitantes de Colorado sin importar su estatus migratorio.

Las familias que deseen recibir apoyo pueden comunicarse con el Centro de Inscripción del Condado de Boulder para obtener ayuda gratuita con Connect for Health Colorado, OmniSalud, Health First Colorado (Medicaid) y CHP+. El Centro de Inscripción ofrece orientación confidencial e imparcial en inglés y español, además de otros idiomas a través de un intérprete.

Para programar una cita con un Guía de Cobertura Médica, visite boco.org/HealthCoverage, llame al 303-441-4530, o envíe un correo electrónico a HealthCoverage@BoulderCounty.gov.

Preguntas? Contact Joanna Harrison (joanna.harrison@bvsd.org), Resource Nurse. Se habla español

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.



A Place for All to Thrive

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](#)

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