

High School Announcements - Week of October 20, 2025

Upcoming Dates

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| ❖ Wednesday, October 22 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Friday, October 24 | Blood Drive |
| ❖ Wednesday, October 29 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Monday, November 3 | Academic Achievement Awards - 6:00 p.m. (<i>Invites will be mailed home</i>) |
| ❖ Tuesday, November 4 | Bond Proposal Vote - Polls open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| ❖ Wednesday, November 5 | Delayed Start |
| ❖ Saturday, November 8 | 5th Quarter Party Fundraiser sponsored by Fruitport Education Foundation |
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In order to maintain a safe and secure environment we do not allow students to wear costumes to school on Halloween. This includes face painting, masks, etc. Students who do not meet this expectation will be asked to change or sent home.

General Announcements

- ❖ Red Cross Blood Drive Friday October 24 8:30AM-2:45PM. Students and parents interested in donating should use this link to register. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=fhs>
If you are under 18 and would like to donate there are waiver forms in the office that need to be picked up/filled out before donating. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Rogers.
- ❖ Fruitport Bands is sponsoring a Spooktacular fundraising event on Sunday, October 26 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fruitport High School. There will be musical performances from the band, carnival games, raffles, baked goods, craft show (35 vendors confirmed), trunk or treat and costume contest. Admission is a non-perishable thanksgiving food donation or \$1.00. All entry donations will go to a local charity.
- ❖ Attention ARTISTS -You are invited to submit your student artwork for the annual Michigan Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest! The theme for 2025-2026 is **“The World Needs Art”**. Flag designs MUST incorporate the theme and include our state name “Michigan”. Designs should include **“Youth Art Month”**. If you wish to create a flag design contact Mrs. Jacobson. You will need an entry form. The size of the design is slightly smaller than 8.5 x 11 paper. You can use any media, marker, pen, watercolor, acrylic painting, pastel color pencil..... You need to get the flag to her by Nov 19- it is due to the state Deadline to submit designs is November 24, 2025.
There are generous art supply prizes for the student and art educator for each level (elementary, middle school and high school) as well as an additional prize for the overall student winner and their art educator! The overall winner will have their design made into a high-quality fabric flag to represent Michigan in the Youth Art Month exhibit displayed at the NAEA Conference in March.

- ❖ Fruitport Schools along with the Fruitport Lions Club will be working to provide Thanksgiving dinners for Fruitport families in need. If you are interested in receiving a Thanksgiving meal for your family, forms are available in the High School office. One form per family is required and must be received by November 1st. *No late forms will be accepted.*
- ❖ Fruitport High School PBIS team has asked for help and support from the community to gather rewards for students who exhibit our three "R's": Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. Like other local districts, we like to use an Amazon Wish List to make this possible. Below, you will find the link to our Wish List. There are a ton of items on there already, and as some are purchased, we will continue to update it with items students are interested in and would want! Please check the shipping before buying, but it should be sent directly to the high school automatically! [Amazon Wish List](#)

NOTE: Parents have asked if it is okay to purchase these items from places other than Amazon and then drop them off at the school themselves. This is fine! Amazon just felt like the most convenient option for most parents, but feel free to donate from whichever business you like! Please reach out to Sam Gautraud at sgautraud@fruitportschools.net with any questions.

- ❖ Trojan Travelers: Our October Chick-fil-A cookie fundraiser has started. Please stop into Mrs. Ruch's room to get an order form.
- ❖ The tennis teams are selling popcorn buckets again this fall. The bucket costs \$20 and provides popcorn through 2025 and all of 2026. See one of the team members on the boys or girls teams to secure your buckets now.
- ❖ The Trojan Travelers are heading to France and Spain in June of 2026! We still have a few spots available for travelers and parents/guardians. Trip details are available [here](#). Please see Mrs. Ruch with questions.
- ❖ Parents and Guardians of the Graduates of 2025: Your Senior Yearbooks have been delivered and are now available for pickup! Please read the instructions carefully so there is no confusion. All questions can be directed to Mr. Gautraud at sgautraud@fruitportschools.net.
 1. If your graduate has a sibling here at the high school, we will give the Yearbook to that sibling. If it wasn't already distributed to them this past Wednesday during their second hour, they can pick it up from Mr. Gautraud in the computer lab after school.
 2. If you purchased a "regular" Yearbook, it can be picked up by a parent or the graduate in Student Services during school hours. Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. Winkas can assist.
 3. If you purchased a "personalized" Yearbook, you MUST EMAIL MR. GAUTRAUD BEFORE PICKING IT UP. He will drop it off to the Student Services office for you to pick up.
 4. Another student can pick up the Yearbook ONLY IF you have informed Mr. Gautraud first.

New Yearbook Orders:

1. If you'd like a 2024-2025 Yearbook, they are \$65 plus tax and can be purchased directly from Mr. Gautraud at sgautraud@fruitportschools.net. You can pay in cash or with a check made out to "Fruitport High School Yearbook".
2. If you'd like to purchase a Yearbook for the upcoming year (2025-2026), this can be done through the [Josten's Yearbook website](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Mr. Gautraud at the email address listed above.

School Counseling Office

- ❖ **After-School Homework Help – NHS Tutoring** -Parents, please encourage your students to sign up! Starting **Tuesday, October 7**, NHS members will provide after-school homework help in **Math, English, Social Studies, and Science** every Tuesday (some exceptions). Sessions run **2:45–3:30 PM in the Media Center**—students must check in with Mrs. Finnerty when they arrive. **Sign up by Sunday night** before each session via the link provided in your student's email or Class Google Classroom; space is limited, so early sign-up is encouraged. An email reminder will be sent the Monday before the session. Encourage your students to bring their class materials and come ready to focus!

- ❖ **Career Education:** As part of our Career Readiness work, your child has a new **REQUIRED Xello lesson** called *Parent Check-In: Exploring My Career Interests*. This lesson is designed to encourage meaningful conversations between students and their families about future goals and career exploration.

What to do: Ask your child to log in to Xello and open their **About Me** page and locate their **Career Matches**.

1. Make sure you are **linked to your child's account through Xello Family**. If this is your first time, you'll receive an email invitation from Xello to set up your parent account.
2. Spend a few minutes reviewing your child's top careers together. Talk about which careers seem like a good fit, and share any questions or ideas you may have.
3. After your discussion, your child will record a short reflection in Xello.

Your insight and guidance are extremely valuable in helping your child shape and achieve their future goals. Thank you for partnering with us in this important step.

- ❖ **Seniors** - If you are interested in learning more about Muskegon Community College, please consider signing up for the MCC College Visit day event. This event will take place October 30 (2nd - 5th hour). Lunch is provided. The sign ups will close Wednesday, October 22. Email confirmation and additional information will be sent to all students who are able to attend on October 23. **The first 30 students to have a parent permission slip signed and returned to the guidance office, will secure a spot. Sign up today!**
- ❖ **Students,** If you are planning to explore your future options this year, you can complete this form to receive school related absences. The form can also be found on our school counseling website.

ATTENDANCE REQUEST FORM Students attending a college, military, or job shadow need to complete [this form](#) completely, and return it to the school counseling office for school related absence approval. A printed copy can be found in student services.

Athletics

- ❖ Winter athletes should start the process of filling out their final forms account and turning in a physical to the Athletic Office. Athletes will not be allowed to try out without a physical on file in the athletic office and their final forms account completed.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date:

November 26 -28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 22	No School - Holiday Break begins

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Monday, February 16-20	No School - Winter Break
Thursday, April 2 -10	No School - Spring Break
Saturday, May 16, 2026	Junior/Senior Prom - Grand Haven Community Center
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Graduation 2026 - Trinity Health Arena