

September 29, 2011

Dear Parents,

Alumni Weekend is this weekend at Fletcher Academy. People from far and near will descend on campus to celebrate fun memories from times here at Fletcher in the near or distant past. It will be a busy, but fun weekend. All the music groups will be performing, and it will be the first performance of the year for most of them, so that will be exciting. At 2:30 there will be a band concert by the gazebo. Saturday night will be the traditional games of alumni verses the academy all-stars in football, basketball, and softball. If you are an alumni come and play and join the fun. If you are not an alumni, come and root for the academy team! Football starts at 9pm and Basketball and Softball will be played at 10:30pm.

One important person will be missing from our alumni celebration this year and that is Dr. Twomley. The reason is because he will be at his 50th reunion from Andrews University and he was elected as the Alumni of the Year. There will be a parade and speeches that he will be a part of, and we are proud to see him get the recognition that he deserves for all his incredible accomplishments.

Class highlights this week include English I and II who are working on writing short stories. Miss Iuliano was very please with how creative so many of the students were on their short stories and she is reading them to the class this week. The Seniors are learning to write a Baconian style (or 5 paragraph style) essay over either Beowulf or Canterbury Tales. They are also learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Medieval time periods and the literature from that time.

In Conceptual Physics the students have had the challenge of making some sort of container that would hold a raw egg and cushion it from a fall. They have been working in groups constructing their contraptions this week and they Miss Evans will be testing the final products in class tomorrow by dropping them, with the raw egg inside, from the roof of the girls' dorm. It will be interesting to see if the students are successful in keeping the egg from breaking.

This Sunday, Campus Ministries is partnering with other local businesses in a community fund-raiser to help raise money for the *Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center* through a *Walk for Life*. Your student may have contacted you to support them in this walk. Support can come in either a set money amount or a donation per lap walked around the Fletcher Academy track. The goal is to raise \$2000 or more to be able to give to the center. This event will take place Sunday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. If every student found a sponsor for \$15 we would more than meet our goal!

Other upcoming events:

Oct. 8 Chorale to sing at Fletcher Church

Oct. 9 Community Service Day (Required School Day)

Oct. 12-15 Homeleave (begins at 12:30)

Oct. 12 PSAT for Juniors

Oct. 12-17 American History Trip

Oct. 21 College Fair for Seniors at MPA (Parents welcomed as well)

Oct. 21-22 Senior Dedication Weekend

Oct. 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences

As you can see, there is never a dull moment at Fletcher Academy! Hope you have a blessed weekend!

Sincerely,

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