# Efficient Ways to Use FAWeb/BlackBaud

**Requirement:** Use Firefox **EVERY TIME** you go into FAWeb!!

## **Suggestions:**

#### The Setup

- 1. Open 3 different windows:
  - a. Open FAWeb in Firefox Window #1, and go to *Gradebook->Netclassroom->Report Card* (OR open the PDF of your class report cards from the Winter semester)
  - b. Open FAWeb in Firefox Window #2 by right clicking on the Firefox icon on the taskbar and selecting "Open New Window", and go to Gradebook->"Enter Skills Rating" or "Enter Grades by Student"
  - c. Open a Microsoft Word document that contains possible comments for each skill rating
- 2. You can "Snap" your windows to either side of your screen in order to arrange them in the most efficient way possible
  - a. To snap the windows into these side positions either drag them to the desired edge or click  $\mathbb{H} + \longrightarrow$  or  $\mathbb{H} + \longleftarrow$
  - b. I would put Firefox Window #1 with the report cards on the left side of my screen, Firefox Window #2 where I am entering grades on the right side of my screen, and the Word document that contains possible comments for each skill rating behind Firefox Window #1 on the left side of my screen

#### **The Process**

- 1. Go to "Enter Skill Ratings" for one class/subject at a time
  - Use the "Fill Down" feature to give every student the most common grade (a '2', for instance)
  - Change individual students up or down as needed
  - Repeat for each class/subject...just don't forget to click SAVE often!!
- 2. Go to "Enter Grades by Student"
  - Choose whether to complete all of one students' classes/subjects OR all of the students for one subject at a time
  - Collapse unneeded fields by clicking the minus symbol to make space
  - Copy and paste prewritten comments from Word document into the appropriate fields...just be sure to tailor to individual students
  - To switch between Firefox Window #1 and the Word document for reference as you fill
    out the grades in Firefox Window #2, either click on the icon on the taskbar or use Alt +
    Tab (hold Alt and tap Tab as many times as needed)
- 3. Repeat for each student or class/subject...just don't forget to click SAVE often!!

## **Extra Tips and Tricks**

- 1. You can make Firefox your default browser by Firefox->Options->Advanced->Check Now
- 2. You can access FAWeb on Eaglenet by going to <a href="mailto:eaglenet.grcs.org">eaglenet.grcs.org</a> and clicking on the FAWeb tile
- 3. You can make Eaglenet or FAWeb your homepage in Firefox two different ways
  - Drag and Drop the icon beside the URL onto the "Home" button
  - Go to Firefox->Options->General->Use Current Page
- 4. When you are in the Report Card view of FAWeb (Gradebook->Netclassroom->Report Card)
  - You can search for each student as needed to see their Winter Report cards and each on should open up as a new tab. So you could in theory have several students' Winter report cards easily accessible at one time.
  - You can go to the menu that should fade in at the bottom of this screen to save each individual report card as a PDF if you would prefer to have them all saved this way for easier access
- 5. You will always see one of these two things in the top left corner of the window if you are in Firefox like you are supposed to be:
  - the orange "Firefox" button
  - the smaller orange and blue Firefox icon
- 6. If you are not in Firefox, you can copy and paste the URL from Internet Explorer, Chrome, or Safari into the Firefox address bar to open FAWeb in Firefox
- 7. If you are using a different browser than Firefox, you may not even notice that things are not working correctly
  - It might not save your work
  - Certain buttons just might not be visible
  - You might not be able to click and type in required fields
  - You might get pop-up errors that don't make sense to you