

April 5, 2019

Happy Monday, Yellow Jacket Universe,

The arts and athletics at Fort Mill High School continue to represent our community in incredible ways.

This week Fort Mill High School proudly presents our spring musical: *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. This theatrical adaptation of the 1950s film of the same name will be a toe tappin' good time for all that come to see it. As recently described in an article for the Fort Mill Sun by Greg Rickabaugh, "The musical tells the story of seven backwoodsmen brothers who decide they need wives. The oldest brother Adam (played by senior Will Roque) successfully marries Milly (played by senior Gillian Huntley), a pretty, smart, capable town girl, after a super quick, song-length courtship, but the other brothers aren't so immediately successful. Impatient Adam convinces his brothers to kidnap six town girls and a preacher so the rest of them can get married, too. In the confusion of the kidnapping, the boys forget the preacher. Sealed off from town by an avalanche and with no preacher to marry them, Milly banishes the brothers to the barn for the winter." (www.fortmillsun.com) Click [here](#) for Greg Rickabaugh's entire article.

We are exceptionally proud of these talented performers, who will entertain and amaze you with their acting, singing, and dancing. This year's spring production is up for consideration for a Blumey. The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center sponsors the Blumey Awards, which are our region's high school equivalent to the Tony Awards. This production is in consideration for: Overall Direction, Ensemble/Chorus, Choreography Execution, Set Construction, Costume Creation, and Overall Best Musical. Individual students are also up for awards for: Best Actor/Actress, Best Supporting Actor/Actress, and Best Featured Performer. We are excited about the possibilities for these young stars and are proud of all the hard work they have put in thus far. Please consider coming to see them tonight (April 5th) through Sunday (April 7th). The show starts at 7:00 pm April 5th and 6th with a 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 7th. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for adults.



This has been a great week for Yellow Jacket athletics. Yesterday alone, however, was an outstanding example of our athletes hard work paying off at one time. The varsity softball team secured the region championship with a home win against Nation Ford. Just a hundred yards away baseball kept their incredible season going with yet another win--completing the sweep of the series--against Clover. The baseball team clinched the region title earlier this week. Across the student parking lot the boys lacrosse team put up an incredible statement win against Clover, winning 19-3. While all this was going on at home, the boys tennis team—who are undefeated in region play—continues to zero in on a region championship with their win last night against Nation Ford. The varsity girls soccer team traveled across the river and shut out Rock Hill, 4-0. And the track team brought home no fewer than 6 county championships last night (Boys and Girls 4x800M Relay, Dalton Jones 800m and 1600m, Reece Peters 400 Hurdles, and Taniyah Thomas Shot Put). If one evening of Yellow Jacket athletics deserves a “YES!” chant, I’m pretty sure it was yesterday.

It is important to note, that just as we say about academic awards—that they are nice acknowledgements which highlight the great things we are doing at FMHS—wins and championships are not the ultimate measure of what our athletes and coaches achieve. We know that the lessons learned, the determination that is shaped, and the character that is forged through athletic involvement at our school is far more lasting and important. It’s just nice when the stars align and we get to boast about both.



Below are several resources and items of interest that I would like to share.

Parent Night: School Safety—Save the date: May 9th at 6:30 pm. Next month, our school will host an evening presentation on important things for parents to know regarding school safety. This event will be led by Rich Todd, our district coordinator of safety and emergency services. The event will take place in the Fort Mill High School Auditorium. More information to follow in coming weeks.

Course Verifications and 2019-2020 Schedules—Students received course verification forms during homeroom last month and had until March 22 to return these forms to guidance. Course verification forms list the primary and alternate courses that students and families selected during the IGP process. The courses listed on your child’s verification form serve as an official request to be enrolled in that specific class. We will use these requests to generate each student’s schedule this summer. It is imperative that students and parents carefully consider all of these requests (both primary and alternate) because they will not be able to make changes after the end of school this year. Please note that we take these requests very seriously, as we spend the spring and summer months analyzing these requests to determine the number of course sections offered and in turn make staffing decisions based off of the number of sections needed.

Important Links

[The Buzz](#)—Click this link for episode 26 of our national award winning student television program: *The Buzz*.

[The Loudspeaker](#)—This link will take you to the 6th edition of our school newspaper: The Loudspeaker.

[Guidance Newsletter](#)—This link will take you to the April edition of the Guidance Newsletter.

[Faculty & Staff Directory](#)—This link will take you to a directory of teacher and staff email contacts.

[Parent Portal](#) – This is the window for students and families to access our online gradebook system. If you need a login or assistance please contact your child’s counselor.

[Athletic Information](#) –This website has links to schedules for all our athletic teams, forms, and booster club information.

[Weekly Announcements](#)—This link will take you to a list of weekly announcements about club meetings, upcoming events, important guidance information, and other activities on campus.

Important Dates

April 5	FMHS Boys Soccer vs Rock Hill (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 5	Seven Brides For Seven Brothers @ 7:00 pm
April 6	FMHS JV Baseball vs Nation Ford @ 12:00 pm
April 6	FMHS JV Baseball vs York @ 5:00 pm
April 6	Seven Brides For Seven Brothers @ 7:00 pm
April 7	Seven Brides For Seven Brothers @ 3:00 pm
April 8	FMHS Varsity Baseball vs Charlotte Royals @ 6:30 pm
April 9	FMHS Boys Golf Tri Match @ 4:00 pm
April 9	FMHS Boys Tennis vs Rock Hill @ 5:00 pm
April 9	FMHS Girls Soccer vs Northwestern (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 9	FMHS JV Baseball vs Northwestern @ 6:00 pm
April 10	FMHS Boys Tennis vs Clover @ 5:00 pm
April 11	FMHS Boys Golf vs Northwestern @ 4:00 pm
April 11	FMHS Boys Varsity Baseball vs Chester @ 5:30 pm
April 11	FMHS Girls Lacrosse vs Nation Ford (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 12	FMHS Baseball vs Indian Land (JV @ 4:45 pm & Varsity @ 7:30 pm)
April 12	FMHS Boys Soccer vs Nation Ford (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 15-19	Spring Break (No School)

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Go Jackets!

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