

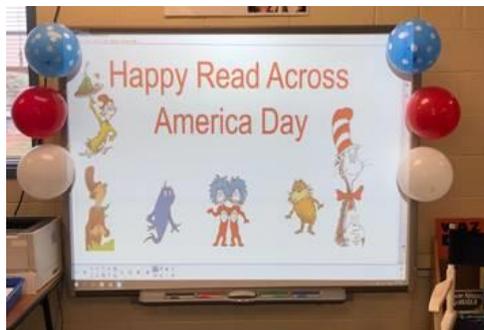
March 1, 2019

Happy Friday, Yellow Jacket Universe,

Last night, Fort Mill High School proudly hosted our annual Cabaret performance. The FMHS Cabaret features soloists, duets, and larger singing ensembles performing with a theatrical Broadway-style flair. This year's event had a theme of revival, and featured pieces from shows currently returning to Broadway, as well as old favorites that they just wanted to bring back for the night. It is a unique and fun event that allows us to showcase some of the amazingly talented performers on our campus.



This was a fun and exciting week for our Early Childhood Education (ECE) students and members of the 4 year old program, who celebrated Dr. Seuss Week and Read Across America Day. All week long our 4-year-old lab school students read their favorite Dr. Seuss stories, made Seuss-inspired crafts and snacks, and participated in games and activities based on characters from Dr. Seuss' works. The activities had a large focus on sparking an early passion for reading and featured faculty guest readers. All along the way, our high school students enrolled in ECE courses got to observe and interact with these activities. The ECE program is a mainstay of our Career and Technology Education (CATE) program, and provides our high school students with invaluable, hands-on experiences. This week just highlights some of the terrific opportunities for all of our students.



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

AP Day & AP Night—Last Tuesday, we held our annual AP Day & AP Night events. These activities are aimed at encouraging prospective students to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. While as a school and district we do exceedingly well with our pass rates in AP courses—often exceeding the international pass rate by more than 30% and not dipping below 90% overall throughout the last 5 years--we have made it a priority to continue to grow these programs and encourage more students to participate. We believe that all students should pursue the most rigorous coursework of which they are capable, and we know that providing AP opportunities is important toward that end. Each AP Day, the principal meets with prospective students and describes the nature, challenge, and opportunity of AP

coursework. Then later that evening, parents and students are encouraged to return to learn more and speak with the actual AP instructors themselves. Since instituting these events we have continued to watch the overall number of tests increase and continued our excellent achievement on AP testing.

SAT Administration—Fort Mill High School will provide a free administration of the SAT to 3rd year high school students--who opted not to take the ACT last month--on Wednesday, March 6th. Students participating in the testing will be allowed to be released after completion of the SAT with parent permission. Permission slips were distributed to students during precoding this week. March 6th will also serve as an additional college visit/job shadow day for Seniors. Earlier this school year, FMHS hosted a SAT workshop to help students get the most out of their testing opportunities, similar to the ACT workshop that was held last month.

R Wing & Annex Canopy—The students' response to challenges created by canopy issues this week has been outstanding. They adapted to different traffic patterns and sometimes longer routes during class changes without incident or complaint. They took it all in their stride and remained positive. Likewise, I would like to commend the maintenance department for their response to our needs. They responded quickly and kept student safety a top priority throughout their work. Since removing the canopy, they have continued to evaluate other structures and taken further steps to address any issues they have found.

Important Links

[The Buzz](#)—Click this link for episode 21 of our national award winning student television program: *The Buzz*.

[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

March 4	End of the M4 Grading Period
March 4	FMHS Boys Soccer vs Providence (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 5	FMHS Boys Golf vs York @ 4:00 pm
March 5	FMHS Track vs Rock Hill @ 5:00 pm
March 5	FMHS Baseball vs Carolina Royals @ 6:00 pm
March 6 month)	SAT Administration (for 3 rd year high school students that did not take the ACT last
March 6	College Visit or Job Shadowing Day for Seniors
March 6	FMHS Tennis vs Lancaster @ 5:00 pm
March 6	FMHS Softball vs White Knoll (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:15 pm)
March 6	FMHS Boys Lacrosse vs Spartanburg (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 6	FMHS Boys JV Baseball vs Carolina Royals @ 6:00pm
March 7	FMHS Boys Lacrosse vs Marvin Ridge (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity 7:00 pm)
March 8	FMHS Boys Soccer vs Dutch Fork (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 9	FMHS Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Evans @ 1:00 pm

In More Detail

- M4 Grading Period—Monday, March 4th marks the official end of the first 6 week grading period of the second semester. Teachers will be finalizing grades all week long, prior to issuing report cards the following Monday. Please consult parent portal and engage your child in conversation about their academic performance. If you have questions about how to support your child in a specific class, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teacher.

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