

April 12, 2019

Happy Spring Break, Yellow Jacket Universe,

Yesterday evening the Fort Mill School District hosted its annual teacher of the year banquet. This event recognizes each school's respective teacher of the year and highlights the extraordinary impact these educational leaders are making in our community. Over the last several years, the district has recognized five outstanding educators from the district-wide pool of teachers of the year as Honor Roll Teachers for the Fort Mill School District. This year's Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year—Celestine Peters—was recognized as one these select few.

Ms. Peters serves as our director of counseling. It should speak volumes about her talent that she is the first school counselor to win the award in my 14 year history at the school, and she may very well be the first school counselor to win it in the entire history of Fort Mill High School. I have personally observed her work with students, teachers, and families. Regardless of the circumstances—from helping high achieving students apply for college to supporting families in crisis—Ms. Peters embodies the Fort Mill mission of “children first, every day.” Her profound impact as an educator extends far beyond her responsibilities as a counselor and has earned her the respect of her supervisors, peers, and students. She is humble, kind, and hardworking, and she is a shining example of what an educator in our school district and state should resemble.



Another week and another group of region and district champions are declared at Fort Mill High School.

Last night both the varsity boys and girls lacrosse teams won their respective district championship with wins over Nation Ford. The boys won on the road 12-9, and the girls won at home in Bob Jones Stadium with an incredible second half come from behind effort. Earlier this week, the boys tennis team continued their undefeated season and clinched a region championship as well. We are very proud of these teams and all of our Yellow Jacket athletes. We wish our playoff-bound teams good luck as they get right back after it following the break.



On a personal note, I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

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

Prom—The Fort Mill High School Prom will be held on the Saturday after we return from Spring Break (April 27) at the Glennon Center in Tega Cay from 8:00 pm-12:00 am. Our prom is held each year for junior and senior Fort Mill High School students and their guests. This year's theme is Midnight In The Garden, and the event will feature a live band: Steel Toe Stiletto. Members of local law enforcement agencies, including officers from the York County Alcohol Enforcement Team, will be on hand to help ensure the safety and security of our students. All students and outside guests attending the prom must be under the age of 21. Any student in possession of alcohol or found to be under the influence of alcohol at the event will face school disciplinary and legal charges. In short, any amount of alcohol is too much if they are under the legal drinking age. Please talk with your children about their plans for the evening. Learn where they are going, how they are getting there, and who they will be with. We will also hold an assembly during 2nd block on Friday, April 26th to communicate the importance of student safety regarding the prom. We want this to be a fun and memorable event for all involved, but our chief priority is student safety.

International Art Travel—Both the FMHS Chorus and Band will be traveling internationally over the break. The chorus will take part in a *Sound of Music*-inspired Austrian experience. They will get to listen to the Vienna Boys Choir perform, take waltz lessons, and perform at a venue in Vienna. The Fort Mill High School Band is traveling to Scotland and England on a tour of castles and cathedrals before performing in the Harrogate Youth Music Festival. We wish these groups safe travels and great performances.

Kits of Kindness—The Red Cross Club is sponsoring a donation drive to collect items to make “kits of kindness” for our community’s homeless population. Items needed for donation should be travel size and include the following: deodorant, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, and toothbrush/toothpaste. Donations will be collected from April 22 – May 1 and can be turned in to Room E 105. Please consider supporting this drive.

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.

2019-2020 Course Requests and Schedules—Students received course request verifications in March. These course request verifications list the primary and alternate courses that students and families selected during the IGP process. These courses serve as the official request by your child to be enrolled in the classes listed on that form. We use these requests to generate student schedules this summer. The careful selection of courses by students and parents (both primary and alternate) are very important because students will not be able to make changes after the end of school this year. We treat this process very seriously, because we spend the spring and summer months analyzing student 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 27 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 15-19	Spring Break (No School)
April 16	FMHS Girls Lacrosse 1 st Round State Playoff vs Woodmont @ 5:30 pm
April 16	FMHS Boys Lacrosse 1 st Round State Playoff vs Hillcrest @ 7:00 pm
April 22	FMHS Boys Tennis vs Rock Hill @ 5:00 pm
April 22	FMHS Softball vs White Knoll (JV @ 5:00 & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 23	FMHS Softball vs York (JV @ 5:00 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 23	FMHS Baseball 1 st Round State Playoff; Opponent & Time TBD
April 23	FMHS Boys Soccer vs Clover (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 25	FMHS Boys Tennis 1 st Round State Playoff; Opponent & Time TBD
April 25	FMHS Softball 1 st Round State Playoff; Opponent & Time TBD
April 26	FMHS Boys Soccer vs Westside (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
April 27	FMHS Prom

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