

March 8, 2019

Happy Saturday, Yellow Jacket Universe,

With our district-wide focus on STEAM education, there is a great deal of emphasis at Fort Mill High School on the 5 Cs of STEAM education: collaboration, creativity, communication, critical thinking, and caring. These are not new or novel approaches for our teachers, but rather serve as core values which anchor and focus our approach to instruction. Our school's annual collaboration with Riverview Elementary for the Beautiful Hands Project is an example of STEAM education at its finest.



“What will your beautiful hands do today?” asks the authors, Bret Baumgarten and Kathryn Otoshi, in their book *Beautiful Hands*. This question was answered as Teacher Cadets and Art students used their artistic talents to serve our community. Yesterday 112 kindergarteners from Riverview Elementary School gathered in the foyer of our gym, enthusiastically waiting to turn their handprints into a variety of imaginative creations. Our high school students sat next to these kindergarteners interacting with, inspiring, and creating together. The pride displayed by these young artists over their new creations and the joy expressed by our high school students as they used their talents and passion to positively impact the lives of these children creates an experience for all involved. The student artwork created during this event will be showcased throughout local businesses from mid-April through May.



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

2019-2020 Schedules—This week our amazing school counselors wrapped up their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) conferences, which began in September and continued daily throughout the school year in order to serve our more than 2,300 students and their families. This is the first step in the process of creating student schedules for the upcoming school year. During IGP meetings students and parents selected courses which they are officially requesting for the upcoming school year. 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. It is for these reasons that students are held accountable for the requests they make and no elective changes are permitted after the end of the current school year. Students and their families will undergo an important course request validation process before the end of the school year, where they will review and make any necessary edits to the course requests which they entered during the IGP process. This means that students and parents should carefully consider all primary and alternate requests, as these are the classes which we will build student schedules upon.

Important Links

[The Buzz](#)—Click this link for episode 22 of our national award winning student television program: *The Buzz*.

[The Loudspeaker](#)—***NEW***This link will take you to the 5th edition of our school newspaper: The Loudspeaker.

[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 11	Report Card Distribution
March 11	FMHS Girls Lacrosse (Varsity vs Providence @ 5:30 pm & JV vs Charlotte Latin @ 7:30 pm)
March 11	FMHS Varsity Baseball vs Nation Ford @ 6:30 pm
March 12	FMHS Boys Tennis vs Northwestern @ 5:00 pm
March 12	FMHS Soccer vs York Prep (Girls Varsity @ 5:30 pm & Boys Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 13	FMHS Girls Lacrosse vs Dorman (JV @ 5:30 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 14	FMHS Boys Golf Tri-match @ 4:00 pm

March 14 FMHS Softball vs Clover (JV @ 5:00 pm & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 14 FMHS JV Baseball vs Nation Ford @ 6:00 pm
March 14 FMHS Girls Lacrosse vs Clover (JV @ 5:30 & Varsity @ 7:00 pm)
March 15 FMHS Varsity Baseball vs Nation Ford @ 6:30 pm

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