

May 3, 2019

Happy Friday, Yellow Jacket Universe,

In case you hadn't heard, your Fort Mill High School Yellow Jackets are the new 5A South Carolina Boys Lacrosse State Champions!

The boys defeated a very tough Wando team, who had won the last four 5A state championships consecutively. Though the two teams entered halftime tied 6-6, Fort Mill poured on the offense in the 2nd half, in route to their 13-8 victory. All 13 goals were scored by just three Yellow Jacket athletes—Zach Terry (6), Trenton Wylie (5), and Jack McGuire (2)—however, the scoring Jackets attributed the win to a whole-team effort. This was the perfect ending to a great season. We are very proud of their incredible accomplishment.



On Tuesday of this week the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools' Prize Patrol stopped by to announce the good news that our teachers and counselors had won a collective \$1,700 in Foundation grant awards. The recipients were presented with fresh local strawberries and a commemorative check for their respective awards. This year's Fort Mill High School grant recipients included counselors--Hannah Rash, Heather Aiazzi, and Celestine Peters—and art teacher Jessica Calloway. The grant awarded to the FMHS counseling office will be used support Mindfulness Week. Mindfulness Week is a week where we as a school encourage kindness and positivity towards all. Ms. Calloway's grant will be used to support the continuation of the Beautiful Hands art collaboration with Riverview Elementary School, where FMHS art students help RES kindergartners create artwork from their hand print. Each student's piece is displayed at a venue in our community. We are very proud of these educators' hard work on writing these award winning grants, and we are thankful to the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools for their ongoing work to support our school.



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

Blumey Nominees—Fort Mill High School submitted our spring musical *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* for consideration for the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center’s Blumey Awards. These awards are similar to the Tony Awards at the high school level for our region. We are extremely proud to announce that the following Yellow Jackets have been announced as finalists: Will Roque—Best Actor, Gillian Huntley—Best Actress, Emmett Froebrieh—Best Supporting Actor, and Spencer Dulin—Best Featured Performer. We are extremely proud of the recognition of these performers’ talent and hard work.

FMHS Band Featured in Black + Decker Commercial –Members of the Fort Mill High School Marching Band were afforded a unique opportunity to use their skillset in the local film industry. After seeing our band featured in the Panthers Logo challenge, representatives from Black + Decker reached out to them about a collaboration to advertise a new product. Band members participated in two days of filming and production, where they used their marching skills to creating visuals for the commercial. Click [here](#) to see the commercial.

FMSD Art Show—Recently the Fort Mill School District hosted the district-wide Student Art Exhibition “Putting the A in STEAM.” Fort Mill High School had 24 entries and all students who were on display represented the visual arts department very well. Winners from FMHS included: Emily Meltzer – 1st Place (2-D); Jillian O’Hail—3rd Place (3-D); Katherine Highfill—Honorable Mention (2D); and Jordan Morris—Honorable Mention (3D). Fort Mill High School also sent 24 artworks to the 2019 Congressional Art Competition hosted by Congressman Ralph Norman. This show and award ceremony was Saturday, April 27th from 2-4. We are so proud of these artists for representing Fort Mill High School around our community and state.

Heart of a Champion—Fort Mill High School is proud to continue its partnership with Atrium Health, who will host their annual Heart of a Champion health screening event. Heart of a Champion Day is a free sports-specific health screening and educational program for high school student athletes. The screenings include a review of the athlete's medical history, a sports-specific medical and musculoskeletal exam, a heart exam and a vision test. The program is unique because of the heart screening, where all student athletes receive an electrocardiogram (EKG), which traces the heart's electrical activity. A heart screening is performed to increase the

chance of detecting a heart problem that could affect an athlete's ability to participate in sports safely. The day to sign up for Heart of a Champion Physical is **May 5th**. Please use [this link](#) for more information and to register.

All Sports Passes and Season Tickets—This year Fort Mill High School will be selling All Sports Passes and Football Season Tickets through GoFan. Patrons wishing to purchase an all sports pass or football season tickets may do so by following [this link](#). Additionally, Fort Mill High School will use GoFan to sell tickets for all sporting events next year, however we will continue to sell tickets at the door for walk-up fans as well. We are excited about using this new system as it will provide a paperless transaction and make tickets easy to keep up with on your smartphone.

2019-2020 Parking Pass and Fees—The FMHS fees website has been updated so that parents may pay for their student's respective fees, including: PE uniform, band fee, instructional fee, publications fee, and spirit shirts (spirit week and senior t-shirts). This is also the site you may use to purchase a parking pass for next year. 2019-2020 Parking passes are available for purchase for seniors only beginning now through **Friday, May 24**. You may access the fees website [here](#) or in the Important Links section of this email.

Parent Night: School Safety—Save the date: May 9th at 6:30 pm. Next week, 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 Loudspeaker](#)—This link will take you to the 6th edition of our school newspaper: The Loudspeaker.

[FMHS Fees](#)—This link will take you to the page where you can pay fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

[Guidance Newsletter](#)—***NEW***This link will take you to the May 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

May 3	FMHS Softball Playoff vs Hillcrest @ 6:00 pm
May 4	FMHS Track State Qualifier Meet @ Spring Valley @ 10:00 am
May 4	FMHS Baseball Playoff @ Dorman @ 4:00 pm
May 6 10:00 am	FMHS Upper State Golf Tournament @ Woodfin Ridge Golf Course @

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