

May 31, 2019

Happy Friday, Yellow Jacket Universe,

Believe it or not, today marks the final Friday of the 2018-2019 school year. Though the fall and winter feel distant now, the school year seems to have flown by for me. With just one full day (Mon 5/3) and two half days (Tues 5/4 & Wed 5/5) left next week, our students and teachers are getting ready to close the book on this school year and begin preparations for next year.

Though next week is a short week for students, it is a busy one. After the last block of final exams next Wednesday afternoon, Fort Mill High School will honor our 8 retiring faculty and staff members, as well as acknowledge those departing teachers who will be helping to open Catawba Ridge High School. On Thursday, all eyes turn towards preparing 530+ seniors to walk across the stage at the Winthrop Coliseum with graduation practice, before Friday's big event: Fort Mill High School Graduation.

And while things will quiet down after graduation, there is still much work to be done at Fort Mill High School. The administrators and counselors will spend the summer months preparing the buildings and grounds, inventorying books and supplies, and most importantly, finalizing more than 2,000 student schedules for next year. Developing a master schedule that optimizes the opportunities for all students to receive a well-rounded education in the academic core (English, math, science, and social studies) and pursue their passions and interests is quite a task. We will spend countless hours adjusting classes and balancing individual student schedules in advance of the scheduled release date—**Thursday, August 1st**.

So as we prepare to celebrate and say our goodbyes to the class of 2019, please know that we remain committed to providing an outstanding educational experience for the next generations of Yellow Jacket graduates.

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

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.

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 rising seniors and juniors only beginning now through **June 6th**. You may access the fees website [here](#) or in the Important Links section of this email.

Important Links

[The Loudspeaker](#)—***NEW***This link will take you to the 8th 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](#)—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

June 4	1 st & 2 nd Block Exams (9-11 graders) / Half Day
June 5	3 rd & 4 th Block Exams (9-11 graders) / Half Day
June 6	Graduation Practice @ 1:30 PM
June 7	FMHS Graduation Ceremony @ 6:00 PM* (a graduation ticket is required for this event)

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