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Happy Friday Yellow Jacket Universe,

Fort Mill High School academics and athletics continue to make headlines.

Yesterday evening, Fort Mill High School was honored to receive the York County Sports Hall of Fame Excellence in Sports Award. This award is presented each year to the high school in York County that has the superior overall athletic performance. The winner is determined by a point system, recognized by the SC Athletic Administrators Association, based off of the performance of schools in 20 boys and girls sports. Fort Mill High School won the award for the 7th time in the award's 8 year history. We are very proud of the contributions of our student athletes and coaches as well as the support of our parents and community members that made winning this award possible.

Last week, it was announced that the Fort Mill School District once again exceeded the state and national averages in the ACT and SAT. More impressive than that is the fact that our district outperformed every other K-12 school district in the state. Only the South Carolina Governor's School scored better. Fort Mill High School's composite average on the SAT—1150—set the pace for our district and exceeded the state's average of 1064 and the national average of 1049. Fort Mill High School's composite average on the ACT—21.6—was again good enough for best in the district honors and exceeded the state average of 18.3 and national average of 21. While we do not tie our academic identity to any one metric or standardized testing in general, we are proud to be recognized for the achievement of our scholars.

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

Bee STEAM Driven Day—This past Thursday Fort Mill High School highlighted career paths centered on STEAM concepts and fields of study. The event kicked off with engineering and aeronautics in action, as the student body witnessed a medical evacuation helicopter landing on our lacrosse field. Then student groups broke out and traveled to different stations with demonstrations of how STEAM correlated to various career fields. The event was also covered by renowned television personality John Wilson of *Wilson's World on WCCB News Rising*, click [here](#) to see the coverage. Numerous community partners helped make this event possible including:

- Carolina Panthers
- Atrium Health
- US Army
- Southtown Watersports
- York County Coroner
- MacLean Power
- Carolina Aviation Museum
- BetaBox
- Schaeffler
- Zspace
- Johnson & Wales University
- LOOM Coworking

We are very grateful to these partners and for the leadership of Ms. Logan and Mr. Beam who helped make this event a success.

Fort Mill School District High School Attendance Areas—On Tuesday, October 23rd the district put forth their recommendation to the school board to adopt plan C-1 regarding the future high school attendance areas. Click [here](#) to view the presentation from October 23rd's board meeting. Click [here](#) for

a map of the proposed attendance area C-1. To provide feedback on C-1 please click [here](#) to access the district form. The school board will vote on the proposal at their next regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, November 6th.

Important Links

- [The Buzz](#)—Click this link for episode 10 of our national award winning student television program: *The Buzz*.
- [The Loudspeaker](#)—This link will take you to the **2nd** edition of our school newspaper. (**NEW**)
- [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

October 29 th	FMHS School Improvement Council Meeting @ 4:30 pm
November 1 st	FMHS Red Cross Club Blood Drive
November 8 th -10 th	<i>The Wedding Singer</i> @ 7:00pm (FMHS’ Fall Musical)
November 9 th	FMHS Veterans Day Assembly
November 11 th	<i>The Wedding Singer</i> @ 3:00pm (FMHS’ Fall Musical)
November 16 th	End of the 2 nd 6 Weeks Marking Period (M2)

In More Detail:

- Our school’s performing arts organization Studio E will put on their fall theatrical production of the musical *The Wedding Singer* November 8th through November 11th. The show starts at 7:00 pm each night in the Fort Mill High School Auditorium, with the exception of a matinee performance on Sunday November 11th which begins at 3:00 pm.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter at [@MrScroggs](#) and [@fmhsnews](#), visit our website at <http://fmhs.fortmillschools.org/>, and like us on Facebook at We Are FORT MILL.

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