

Happy Friday Yellow Jacket Universe,

The neon, spandex, and wild costumes of Spirit Week have officially departed, but the positivity and relationships are stronger than ever. For those feeling immediate nostalgia for last week's spirit week festivities, The Buzz has an epic Spirit Week Montage that captures several of the moments that make this one of the most memorable weeks of high school for our students. (Click [here](#) for the video).

The transition back to business as usual has gone very well for our students. Students are doing their part—settling down, studying, and attending FLEX. The administration has been in classrooms throughout the week and we are excited to share that our teachers are continuing to push the pace academically and get the very best out of our students.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this week was that we held a fire drill today during 4th block. The students and staff responded perfectly, and we were back in the building within 6 minutes of the initial bell.

All in all, it was another great week at Fort Mill High School.

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

Fort Mill School District High School Attendance Area Public Meeting—The Fort Mill School District will host a public meeting to share about the proposed high school attendance areas on **Monday, October 1st at 7:00 pm** in the Nation Ford High School Auditorium. With the transition to three high schools next year, our district has been working diligently to create attendance areas proposals that meet the needs of our rapidly growing community. The proposed attendance areas will be shared with parents and community members for feedback to shape decision making moving forward. I encourage you to attend this meeting to stay informed about the potential changes regarding which neighborhoods and community areas will attend Fort Mill High School and the impact these changes will have on our school enrollment.

Teacher Communication—At FMHS we strive to make authentic and lasting relationships with our students and their families. We believe that effective and frequent communication is essential to achieving this goal. Beginning in the month of October, our teachers will be reaching out to families with a brief monthly email blast which keeps families in the loop regarding the content being covered, upcoming tests and projects, and the general state of affairs. This will be a general email from each teacher to all the families of students in a given course. We want to ensure we are investing in the relationships we as a school hold with our students families and improving the overall school-home relationship. Look for these emails beginning next month.

Important Links

- [The Buzz](#)—Click this link for Week 5 & Spirit Week Edition of our national award winning student television program: *The Buzz*.
- [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 1 st	End of the 1 st 6 Week Grading Period
October 1 st	FMHS Girls Tennis vs Blythewood @ 5:00 pm
October 1 st	FMSD High School Attendance Area Public Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Nation Ford High School Auditorium)
October 2 nd	FMHS Cross Country vs Nation Ford @ 5:00 pm
October 3 rd	FMHS Volleyball vs Cuthbertson (JV @ 5:00 pm & Varsity @ 6:30 pm)
October 3 rd	Jostens will meet with Seniors during 4th block. Seniors with a free 4th block should stay on campus for this meeting.
October 4 th	College Application Day 12:00-3:00 pm
October 4 th	FMHS Girls Tennis vs Nation Ford @5:00 pm & FMHS Football vs Nation Ford (9 th Grade @ 5:30 pm & JV @ 7:00 pm)
October 16 th	School Board Candidate Forum @ 7:00 pm (FMHS Auditorium)

In More Detail:

- College Application Day is an event sponsored by the FMHS School Counseling Office where counselors and college representatives work with seniors to complete college applications. Trained professionals provide tips and feedback as students prepare to submit their materials for consideration by colleges and universities. Participating students may even be able to receive application fee waivers from participating schools. We have reached our maximum capacity for the event this year awesome event. Parents of juniors will want to remember to sign up early next year.

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