

February 8, 2019

Happy Friday, Yellow Jacket Universe,

One of the most essential elements of our continued success at Fort Mill High School is the outstanding overall quality of our teachers. These dedicated individuals give freely of themselves to our school and more specifically our students. They work before and after school, in the building and at home, and on weekends and breaks so that our students have every support and advantage to achieve their very best. They even sacrifice time and attention with their families to take care of the members of the Fort Mill High School Family. Considering all this, we get very excited when we are afforded the opportunity to shine a special spotlight on an outstanding individual that encompasses these qualities. This Wednesday it was our honor to announce our counseling department chair--Celestine Peters--as the 2019 Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year.

Additionally, we recognize that while we have fantastic teachers, they are not the only ones that go the extra mile for our school and students. There is a team of unsung heroes that help keep the school running smoothly. Our support staff members keep us safe, keep the school clean, take care of us when we are sick, keep up with our records, and generally keep the school running in order for our teachers and students to focus on instruction and learning. Just as we were proud to highlight an outstanding Yellow Jacket educator in Ms. Peters, we proudly announced Coach Dammeon Chisholm as the 2019 Fort Mill High School Support Staff Member of the Year.



The recognition of hard work continued on Thursday as our attention turned to student athletes that are pursuing their passions at the collegiate level. Four Yellow Jacket athletes—Jakob Bohland, Sebastian Lach, Zoe Newell, and Kyle Romenick—took part in national signing day, where they officially signed their letters of commitment to compete for their respective

universities. CN2 covered the event and you can see video the footage [here](#). We are so very proud of the hard work and dedication of not only these students but of the team of teachers, families, coaches, and supporters that helped them all along the way.



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

[FMHS Band Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction](#)—The Fort Mill High School Band will host a pancake breakfast and silent auction tomorrow February 9th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at Philadelphia United Methodist Church. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$6 of senior citizens and children (12 and under). Tickets are available at the door or by following this [link](#).

[Polar Plunge](#)—***Last Day to Donate***Fort Mill High School has joined forces with the Fort Mill Police Department, Tega Cay Police Department, and the York County Sheriff's Department to raise money to support Special Olympics in South Carolina. Participating organizations are raising money to send a representative plunging into the icy cold waters of the Baxter YMCA pool. We have already reached our minimum goal to ensure my participation, but if you would like to support our efforts, you may do so by donating at [this link](#). If you would like to support the Yellow Jackets, please consider donating.

Important Links

[The Buzz](#)—Click this link for episode 19 of our national award winning student television program: *The Buzz*.

[The Loudspeaker](#)—This link will take you to the 4th 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

February 8	FMHS Basketball @ Nation Ford (Girls JV @ 5:00 pm, Girls Varsity @ 6:30 pm, Boys Varsity @ 8:00pm)* <i>please note this event is held at NFHS</i>
February 11	M4 Midterm Distribution
February 11	Junior Civitan Induction Ceremony @ 6:30 pm
February 12	Wind Symphony Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm
February 13	National Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony @ 6:00 pm

In More Detail

- Midterm grade reports will be distributed in all blocks on Monday, February 11th. While the semester is still very new, please check these reports and discuss your child’s academic performance with them. As always, you can have 24/7 access to grades via Parent Portal. If there are concerns about your child’s performance please feel free to reach out to their teacher and encourage your child to seek extra help during the teacher’s office hours and FLEX.

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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