

Fernandina Beach Middle School



Pirate's Log



October/November 2017 Newsletter

A Message to Our Parents

We are settling into the 2017-2018 school year here at FBMS. August and September were definitely busy months for everyone. Our annual Open House was held on August 28th and we had an overwhelming turnout. We were excited to see and meet so many new parents and welcome them to their students' classrooms. It is always fun to see parents go through their students' schedules to experience a typical day in the life of their child. You can check your students' grades and weekly lesson plans on our grade and attendance system, FOCUS and through Google Classroom. Students have their logins to access FOCUS and Google Classroom. If you have not been able to access FOCUS, please contact Guidance.

Remember, it is important to send in absence notes when your student misses school. A parent note can excuse three days per nine week period; after that, a doctor's note is needed. If your child is absent for more than one day, you can request make up work by calling the front office. Please allow at least 24 hours for teachers to gather the work needed. More information about attendance can be found in your child's agenda book.

We are excited to be in year three of the district wide initiative, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), that we began implementing two years ago. This is a multi-year grant that will change the climate at all our schools. At FBMS we are continuing with our Pirate Way of Life school wide expectations for all our students. We want students to exhibit Respectful, Responsible, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective behavior (the "5 R's"). We will be rewarding students as we see them exhibiting these expectations in classes, buses, cafeteria, hallways and thus school wide. Surveys will be completed by students, staff and parents to help us in this process and monitor the implementation.

October and November hold many exciting opportunities for FBMS parents and students. We hope you will join us for our annual Fall Family BBQ from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd. This is always a fun event for the entire family with performances by our band, cheerleaders and drama class. Please be sure to look over our calendars included in this newsletter to see all the events for October and November. We hope to see you soon and often!

PTO Fall BBQ



Dr. John Mazzella,
Principal

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A Message from Our P.T.O.

The FBMS PTO is off to a great start! We welcomed new and returning parents at the Open House and provided volunteers for Picture Day and the Book Fair.

The Fall BBQ will be Friday, November 3rd from 5-7 pm in the cafeteria. This is a fun community event and one of our biggest fundraisers. We need your help to make it a success! Please email ptofbms@gmail.com to volunteer.

We need your help! Co-chairs are still needed for important PTO committees including:

- Dances (two or three throughout the year)
- Spring Fling (a carnival for students held during the last periods of the school day, typically a Friday in late May)

Stay informed: Please ask to join the closed Facebook group for FBMS parents: Fernandina Beach Middle School Network. And please join us for the next two PTO meetings on **Thursday, October 19th** and **Thursday, November 16th**. All meetings are held in the school library at 7 pm. Hope to see you there!



6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Samantha Baranek Leslie Garcia-Torres Duncan Bell Patrick Lyden	Trinity Dawson Riley Sage Erik Huckins Dillon Wagner	Keegan Bille Ciara Cobbs Mads Burroughs Jo-Siah Rauls
Carlyle Latta Frank Owens Kaitlyn Carolino Rihanna Ware	Ben King Tyler Gillette Charlee Alboher Teal Lilly	Garrett Vitori Nadia White Cooper Thompson Renee Garner

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to be committed to the goal of continuous self-improvement, while striving to be responsive to the needs of students, parents, community, and staff.



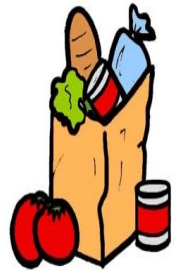
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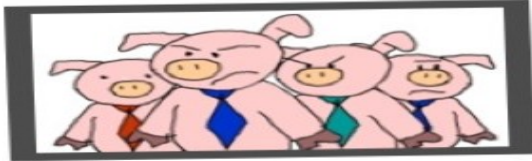
Student Council Charity Fundraisers

The Student Council will be selling ribbons in the cafeteria to support the fight against breast cancer throughout the month of October. Students can sign a paper ribbon for \$3 and it will be posted on the wall of the cafeteria. Prizes for participants! The money will be donated to the Nassau Baptist Breast Care center.

The Student Council will be accepting canned food donations until November 17th to fill the Food Bank at Barnabas. The homeroom of each grade level that collects the most cans wins a prize! The Food Bank is especially needy this year after the storm— please be generous and send in healthy cans and boxes of quality food.



Little Piggies Drama at the BBQ



Don't miss the Advanced Drama performance of the *12 Angry Pigs* at the PTO's Fall BBQ on November 3rd from 5 to 7 pm in the FBMS cafeteria. The FBMS Band and Cheerleaders will also perform during the fun family event.



Please join us on November 9th during 1st or 2nd period for our annual Veteran's Day Assembly. The FBMS symphonic band and advanced drama, will pay tribute to our local veterans. If you, or someone you know, is a Veteran, we welcome you to join in our celebration of your service. Please contact Mr. Bratsch at 491-7938 x2472 for more information. This free event is open to the public.

Science Fair



New Science Fair Dates! October 18th is the new due date for all projects. Projects are due by the end of homeroom on the 18th.

Every student in 6th and 7th grade student has been working on their Science Fair project since school started! The fair will be held in the gym as in years past.

Judging takes place on October 18th and the awards ceremony will be the evening of the 19th at 7pm in the auditorium. Winners will receive a phone call on the 18th. We will need volunteers to help set-up projects on October 17th and to monitor student visitation on the 19th. You may help out any portion of the day. A note asking for volunteers will be sent home October 10th. Projects will be collected the morning of October 20th and kept in the teacher's room until graded. Please note that all science fair projects require parent/guardian approval no matter how simple or complicated. Parents are encouraged to be the "consultant" or "advisor" for their child's project. However, we all know it's tempting to do more. Remember that when your child experiences mistakes or has to think of solutions to problems, learning occurs. Thank you for supporting the Science Department. We hope to see you all at the 2017 Science Fair!

FCA

FCA (Fellowship Of Christian Athletes)

Get your morning started right! Come out and be a part of the FCA experience. Every Friday at 8:20 in the gym, campus and community leaders come together to inspire and empower you to be a light to the world. You do not have to be an athlete to join in the activities. Come see what all the talk is about! See you there!

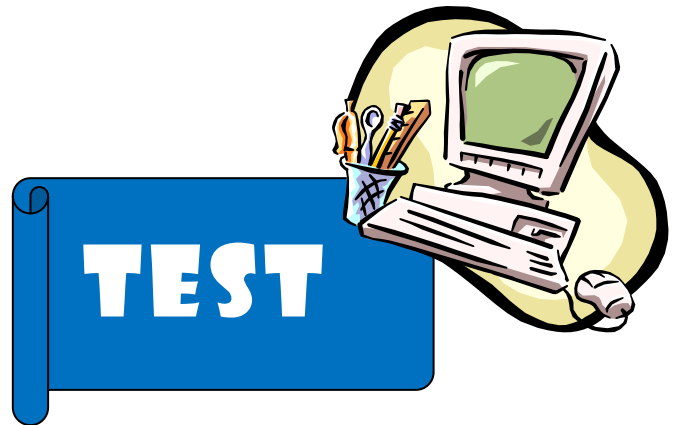
News from the Guidance Office

FOCUS



The first nine weeks is passing very quickly. We want to remind parents of the importance of students using their agenda book as a tool for organizing their assignments and time management. We suggest parents review assignments with their students and help them stay organized by reviewing their binders and backpacks. Often students will say they have completed an assignment when in fact they have not. It is important for you to see their completed work. In Guidance, we counsel students about what a zero can do to their grade. Please take the time do discuss the importance of completing all of their assignments. You can also check FOCUS to track their assignments and grades earned. The website for FOCUS is: www.focus.nassau.k12.fl.us. Many assignments and other information is available to your student through Google Classroom. Your student can access that for you by using their Thinkpad/Chromebook.

It is a challenge to find the proper balance in giving your middle schooler independence versus micro-managing their school work and time. You will have to figure out what works best for your child and your family. The most important idea to keep in mind is that if it is important to you, it will be important to them. Our Guidance Office is here to help you and your child be successful. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers or counselors. Teachers are available for conferences in the morning before school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Conferences can be set up by calling



The assessment calendar for specific dates of tests is in the process of being finalized. The following is a general time frame of testing and we will communicate the specific dates of the tests in the next newsletter and on our website:

PSAT: October 11 (8th grade only, paper-based)

1st Semester Civics EOC: mid December (computer-based)

6-8 Writing: last week in February (6th & 7th paper-based, 8th computer-based)

6-8 Reading: mid April (computer-based)

6-8 Mathematics: mid/end of April (computer-based)

Algebra EOC: beginning of May (computer-based, students not required to take FSA Mathematics test)

2nd Semester Civics EOC: beginning of May (computer-based)

8 FCAT Science: last week in April (paper-based)

For the computer-based testing, students will use their own Chromebooks. Students can take practice tests at www.fldoe.org.



RECYCLE!!!

We recycle many items at FBMS. Below is a list of items and where to take them.

Please take these items to the Front Office: Cell Phones, Ink Jet and Laser Jet Cartridges.


Please take these items to the dumpsters located behind the cafeteria on the north side parking lot: Newspapers (includes copy paper, magazines, catalogs but not phone books or envelopes); Aluminum Cans; Cardboard





OCTOBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Volley ball JV Semi's @ Hilliard 5:30 & 6:30	3 Football @ Callahan 6; VolleyB V Semi @ FBMS 5:30 & 6:30	4	5 Volleyball Finals @ Callahan 5:30 JV 6:30 V ; PTO Mtg	6 Cookie Dough fund-raiser begins	7
8	9	10 Football @ Yulee 6:00pm	11 SAC mtg 3:30	12 	13 End of grading period Homecoming Pep Rally & Dance	14
Callahan Fair Art Display 12th through 22nd						
15	16 No school for students- Planning Day	17 Football vs Bolles Home 6:00pm Sci Fair Set up Boys' Soccer Tryouts 3:30-5:00	18	19 PTO Mtg 7 pm Science Fair Awards 7:00pm	20 Reports Cards Issued	21
22	23	24 "AB" Breakfast of Champions	25	26 All "A" Lunch Band Concert - all bands 7:00pm	27	28
Student Council Pink Ribbon Fundraiser 2nd through 26th						
29	30 School Picture Retakes	31 Basketball Tryouts TBA				



Homecoming Events

BANNER COMPETITION - FBMS vs. Bolles (Bull Dogs blue and orange) begins your Homeroom Banner on Tuesday, 10/3. Banners need to be finished and hung around the gym walls by the end of first period on Friday, 10/13. The banners will be judged and the winner of the banners will be announced at the pep rally.

Wednesday, 10/11- College Day Wear your favorite college teams' colors, jersey

Thursday, 10/12 - Crazy Sock Day- Wear your craziest socks and show some school spirit.

Friday, 10/13 - PEP RALLY – Special Events Schedule

Blast From the Past Day/Hippie Day- Dress in your oldies clothes or hippie outfit and get recognized at the pep rally.

HOMECOMING DANCE 6:00-8:00. Dress it up or come casual (as long as it meets dance dress code). **\$5.00** Admission.

10/17- Blue Gold Day- Grade level competition for the most students with blue/gold attire the day of the game. Winners will receive a donut party. Winners announced at the game.

HOMECOMING Football Game starting at **6:00 PM- Admission \$5.00**



Travel Abroad 2018



Would you like to adventure to the real Cinderella castle where Disney received its inspiration, visit the historic Olympic Park in Munich, and even explore a vision created by one of the world's top automakers --BMW World?! You can see all this and more if you join us on next year's educational tour during Spring Break 2018. This incredible 8-day trip to Bavaria, Tyrol, and Switzerland is open to any middle school student as well as his or her parent(s), friends and/or relatives. To find out more details about this exciting opportunity and how to sign up, come with your parent or guardian to the travel abroad meeting held in Mrs. Schweitzer's room 06-02 Thursday Oct. 5. at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there.

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Soccer @ Camden 4 & 5	2 Soccer @ St Mary's 4 & 5	3 Cookie Dough Sale Ends PTO BBQ Band & Drama perform at BBQ	4 High School Marching MPA @ FBHS Stadium
Student Council Canned Food and Boxed Food Drive 1st through 15th						
5 Daylight Sav- ings Time Ends	6 Soccer @ St Mary's 4 & 5	7	8 School Advisory Council 3:30 PM in room 06-01	9 Patriotic Rally- Symphonic Band/ Chorus/Drama Soccer @ Camden 4 & 5	10 No School- Veteran's Day	11
12	13	14 Soccer @ Yulee 4 & 6:00	15 Progress Reports Issued Canned and Boxed Food Drive Ends	16 PTO Meeting 7pm Soccer @ Home 5 & 6:30	17	18 No School- Thanksgiving Holi- day starts
19	20	21	22	23	24	
No School—Thanksgiving Holiday 18th through 26th						
26 Thanksgiving Holidays ends	27 School Back in Session	28	29	30		

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS TBA

Basketball tryouts will begin at the end of October or beginning of November. If you are interested, see your coach and make sure to have your physical before the tryouts!

Girls' Basketball: Coach Lesoine
Boys' Basketball: Coach Leverett



Yearbook

Staff

Amanda Bennett
Brantley Nickless
Emily Pipkin
Renee Garner
Sabrina Hansen
Emma Hogan
Charlie Lanier
Shay Newman
Kristan Rix
Riley Sage
Carolyn Tyson-Guess

Breaking News: The 2017-18 yearbook staff has created a way to cherish your memories, called, well, the yearbook! We are in the process of creating another AWESOME yearbook. We also create the bimonthly newsletter. Our staff will be taking pictures of students as they enjoy walk n' talk or are learning in the classroom. We will attend many school events to capture students participating in sports, band, and other extracurricular activities. So stick around, because the yearbook's going to be a blast!

FBMS 2018 Yearbook

DISCOUNT Receive a \$10.00 discount by reserving a yearbook TODAY! Yearbooks purchased before the November 1st cost \$40.00. After that, the price goes up to \$50.00. Payments are being accepted in the Main Office, by Mrs. Hall, on the Internet or over toll-free phone. If you have any questions, please contact julie.hall@nassau.k12.fl.us. **Reserve now so you are sure you have a copy when they are handed out!**

PAY BY CARD Want to purchase with a credit card? Use the Internet or phone. Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com or call the order center's toll-free phone (1-866-750-1367 or 1-866-287-3096). Our FBMS order # is 14836. There is a \$3.50 fee for card purchase, but you will receive the \$10.00 discount if you order early.

BUSINESS ADS You may purchase a 1/8th page for \$50.00, 1/4 page for \$100.00, 1/2 page for \$200.00, or full page for \$400.00. Submit your own ad or let us design one for you.

eShare Share your pictures with us. It's easy! Go to www.hjeshare.com, enter our School Code (**treasure**), and follow the instructions to upload your images.

WEBSITE For more information and links to eShare and online ordering, check out our page on the FBMS Website ([click here](#)).

FBMS ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH - Michael Leverett
FOOTBALL TEAM

Willie Coleman
Cam Miller
Josiah Rauls
Jimmie Broughton
Jaylen Register
Nolan Wilbur
Andre Lucas
Seth Schrick
Ta'Jon Nelms
Brooks Rohe
Xavier Huttoncorp
Scott Johnson
Nelson Morris
Patrick Lyden
Jackson Pickett
Jacob Hutchinson
Talon Calvert
Jermari Johnson
Santonio Martin
Justin Russell
Brett Steffan

Tajhawn Brown
Kaleb Reddish
Chris Turner
Reed Gaines
Louis Scott
Jackson Leipau
Joey Durr
Cole Harris
Tristan Rosado
Sean Watkins
Michael Evatt
Josh Balak
Lawrence Williams
Tamari Roberts
Gauge Housley
Joshua Modupe
Nolan Humphrays
Brock Mayo
Hayden Sicotte
Tyler Ayscue
Mathis Fowler



SOCCER

VOLLEYBALL

2017 VOLLEYBALL

Junior Varsity

Ansley Cutshaw
Anna Grace Shearer
Amelia Cutshaw
Ilyssa Mendelson
Cadie Gillette
Maddie Trossen
Avery Richardson
Lydia Fertgus
Ayla Jarrard
Ella Johns

Varsity

Sophia Pittman
Talia Nichol
Katie West
Carson Weeks
Felicity Acosta
Amelia Tackett
Ella Weepie
Madison Norquist
Gracyn Frederick

Manager: Madison Funch

Varsity Coach: Carolyn Johnson

Junior Varsity Coach: Lindy Lesoine

BOYS' SOCCER TRYOUTS

Dates of Conditioning:

Wednesday, October 11th

Thursday, October 12th

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Soccer Tryouts:

Tuesday, October 17th

Wednesday, October 18th

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Place: Hickory Street fields across from the FBHS baseball fields.

What to bring:

WATER BOTTLE

SOCCER BALL

CLEATS/TENNIS SHOES

A CURRENT SPORTS PHYSICAL MUST BE ON FILE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE!

YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR PHYSICAL FORM PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS TO COACH HAMER! SEE COACH HAMER FOR QUESTIONS.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Girls interested in soccer will need to see Coach Johnson by October 17th, to sign up and receive tryout info.



Sign up for important updates from Dr. Mazzella.

Get information for **FBMS 2017-18** right on your phone—not on handouts.

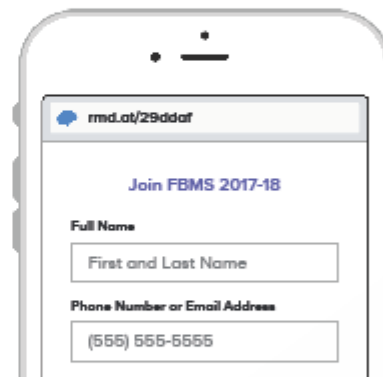
Pick a way to receive messages for **FBMS 2017-18**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/29ddaf

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@29ddaf](https://www.remind.com/@29ddaf) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@29ddaf](https://www.remind.com/@29ddaf) to **(669) 800-1509**.

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