

# Fernandina Beach Middle School



# Pirate's Log



## February/ March 2018 Newsletter

### A Message from Our P.T.O.

The first half of the school year has flown by, and FBMS is looking forward to a successful second half. Congratulations to all of the students who achieved all "A's" and "A/B" Honor Roll. We are very proud of the accomplishments of all of our students. February and March will be filled with exciting events.



Our PTO members are working diligently on our annual Desserts of Amelia fundraiser, held Friday, February 2, 2018, at the Atlantic Recreation Center. The adult-only event showcases delicious sample desserts from some of our best

local restaurants and the chance to bid on exciting prizes. The PTO volunteers deserve a sincere "Thank You" for organizing this great event. On Thursday, March 8th, our students will have the opportunity to explore multiple careers by visiting our annual Career Fair in the gymnasium. Remember to follow our school calendar for basketball, baseball, softball, and track events. Come out to support these great athletes. After all of the exciting activities and academic preparation, it is a relief to know that Spring Break will be around the corner. The last day before Spring Break is Thursday, March 15th, and students return on Monday, March 26th. This time will help all of us recharge for the final push to the end of the school year. We hope that everyone has a fun, safe, and relaxing Spring Break.

**GO PIRATES!**



Dr. John Mazzella,  
Principal

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### A Message from Our P.T.O.

PTO is off to a busy start with the new year! We have already celebrated the A/B honor roll students with a special breakfast. We also took all the straight A students to Nassau Bowling Center for a bowling/pizza party. Our biggest event of the year is soon upon us. We are busy preparing for Desserts of Amelia 2018! This is our largest fundraiser for the school and supports our wonderful teachers by providing funds that go directly to them to support the FBMS classrooms. Desserts of Amelia will be held on Friday, February 2, from 6-8 at the Atlantic Recreation Center. To make this the most successful year yet, we need your help! Please contact [fmspto@gmail.com](mailto:fmspto@gmail.com) to help solicit donations, sell tickets, and volunteer the night of the event. Other upcoming events for PTO include Teacher Appreciation Week as well as Spring Fling. Stay tuned for more details! We appreciate your help and hope to see you at Desserts of Amelia!

## Students of the Month

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	
J A N U A R Y	Ella Patrick Lea Pitois Keaton Truesdale Michael Gilsean	EJ Bennett JB Sellers Elizabeth Hernandez Sienna Perkins	Megan Howard Alix Delphs Michael Awad Taj Akins-Lee	
	F E B R U A R Y	Xavier Hutton-Corp Mattie Scruggs Kaylie Poteat Yalin Robinson	Mason Townsend Kam Hayes Kaitlyn Aarons Skye Latta Cadie Gillette	George Jenkins Caden Moyes Sofia Pittman Kylie Smith

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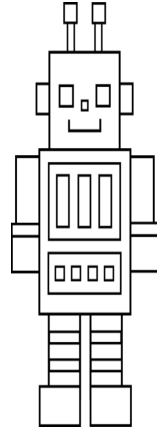
Mission Statement

*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.*



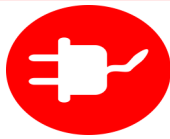


# Robotics Team



The FBMS robotics team is looking for students who are interested in working in a dynamic-group environment in order to problem solve engineering and computer programming obstacles. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:25-5:25 in the media center every week. In our spring club, you will explore engineering techniques on how to build a robotic platform through beams, axles and simple motors. Once the platform is complete, you will have an opportunity to program it with block software so that your robot will be able to complete a challenge. Applications are available through guidance and students who are accepted will be sent a notice February 7<sup>th</sup> and start on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## CHROMEBOOK TIPS



Parents,

Help us help your child be successful each day with these Chromebook tips and reminders.

Students should:

- Plug in each evening to ensure a 100% charge for each school day. 80% or below cannot guarantee a full day of usage.
- When plugged in, be sure the light is on to ensure it is charging. The charger has two parts. Be sure both ends are secure in the block.
- Sign-out of device at the end of class. Open tabs will run in the background and drain battery life during the day.
- Report any physical malfunction with the device to teachers and/or Mrs. Thompson immediately. Do not attempt to fix yourself.
- Keep all food and drink away from the device.
- Use electronic wipes (available at Wal-Mart, Staples, etc...) frequently to keep device clean and operational. DO NOT use products like Windex that use harsh chemicals like ammonia or alcohol. They can ruin a touch screen.
- Backpacks can take a lot of abuse throughout the year. Be mindful of where the chromebook is located in your backpack. Ask yourself, If I drop my backpack will it be safe from damage? Some backpacks have dedicated space for electronic devices. If your backpack has one, use it or consider a soft or hardshell protective case.
- See Mrs. Thompson in the media center if you need a replacement charger. They are \$20.



## DISTRICT HONOR BAND Congratulations!



Michael Awad  
Carmen Flint  
Savanna Barnard  
Sophia Platt  
Emily Huggins  
Margot Bell  
Cooper Thompson  
Ryan Maurer  
Lochlan Nicol  
Brett Lee



## Author's In School Visit



★ The Amelia Island Book Festival is once again ★  
★ sponsoring the Author's In School visit. ★

★ On February 16th, Patrick Kendrick, author of ★  
★ the book *The Savants*, will speak to our students ★  
★ about his book during school assemblies. Thanks ★  
★ to CBC National Bank for sponsoring the novel ★  
★ and supplying every student with a free copy. For ★  
★ more information about the Festival weekend, ★  
★ visit [www.ameliaislandbookfestival.com](http://www.ameliaislandbookfestival.com). ★



# Zaxby's Spirit Nights

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 ★ On the fourth Tuesday of each month enjoy a meal at ★  
 ★ Zaxby's and earn money for FBMS! ★  
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 ★ **Tuesday, February 27th** ★  
 ★ **Tuesday, March 27th** ★  
 ★ **Tuesday, April 24th** ★  
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On Friday, January 12, 2018, William ("Asa") Jernigan, F.B.M.S. Band Director and one of five finalists for the Nassau County Teacher of the Year, was attending the Florida Music Education State Conference in Tampa. From there, he drove all the way back to Amelia Island to attend the Nassau Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Gala that evening at the Ritz Carlton. Following the Gala event, Mr. Jernigan had plans to drive back to Tampa – all in an effort to support one of his students performing in the Florida All State Band. This dedication to both his students and his profession are what propelled him to the top to capture the title of this year's Nassau County Teacher of the Year.

Originally trained in Music Education at Troy State University in Alabama, Jernigan now shares his passion and expertise with music colleagues across the district and state through efforts such as supervising new band directors, articulating with the Fernandina Beach High School band program and serving on the Florida Bandmasters Association Small Schools and Mentoring Committees.

For 34 years, Mr. Jernigan has been teaching at both the middle and high school levels, most of those years in Nassau County. During these years (17 at Fernandina Beach Middle), his bands have earned the accolades with a total of 26 consecutive years of Superior Rated bands as well as numerous students being selected for All District and All State Bands. Many of his former students have even gone on to become professional musicians who perform around the world, including trumpet player Chris Davis who recently performed at the Grammy Awards and one of the lead vocalists who performed with the Amelia Crescendo Band at the Gala.

Jernigan is quick to share his primary goal, however – to see the success of all of his students and to instill in them the same love of music that he possesses!



**CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. JERNIGAN!**  
  
**FBMS BAND DIRECTOR**  
  
**NASSAU COUNTY  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

## Spelling Bee 2017-2018

**Ella Weepie, FBMS Champion  
& County Runner-up**  
  
 Alina Qiu, FBMS runner-up



## Florida All State Band

**Michael Awad**  
  
 Represented FBMS in the Florida All State Band in Tampa on January 10—13





# GUIDANCE NEWS

This is a very busy time at school. **We ask for your assistance in having things flow smoothly by making sure that your student is present on the testing dates and here by 8: 40 a.m.** Students that are tardy are not allowed to enter the testing site that they are normally assigned to and must then attend a make-up test session at another time. Please make sure that students are well rested and have a nutritious breakfast each morning.

**FSA Tests** Please remember the FSA (state level) testing is fast approaching. Our students and staff are very involved with preparations for the testing period. It is very important that students are attending school regularly in order to participate to the fullest in the preparations that are going on in all classes. The dates of the tests are listed in this newsletter. The writing test for grades 6-8 grade will be on March 7, 2018. Students in 6th and 7th grades will take a pencil and paper test, and 8th graders will be an online computer test. The remainder of the tests will be in April and May.

**EOC Tests** There will be Teacher EOC (end of course) exams in all classes that do not have a state assessment. This is a state level decision. State level tests/assessments are given in all language arts classes, all math classes, grade 8 science classes and grade 7 Civics classes. These are listed in the gradebooks as TEOC. These tests are developed by teachers according to the Florida State Standards.

**FOCUS** Many parents call about student progress and grades. One helpful thing to do is to ask your child to look at his/her agenda book each night to see what homework is assigned. Students are encouraged to use their agenda books daily to record assignments that are due. It is a student's responsibility to ask for missed assignments when they are absent. Students also are responsible for completing assignments as they are due. Grades can be impacted by missing assignments and turning in assignments late. Please check FOCUS for each teacher's posting of assignments and the monitoring of your student's progress.

**Time Management** Some tips about time management may be helpful for your child. Students that do their best in school study every day. Even if there is no assigned homework, reviewing what was covered in class that day, reading a book or doing some extra math problems are all helpful. Finding your child's prime time to study is also important. Some students want to study right after school while others need a little down time. Help your child figure out when he/she is most alert and then make that their study time. Scientists have done research that shows taking short regular breaks while studying helps us to remember more. Encourage your child to do this when studying for a long time. A big calendar with lots of room for recording and planning assignments is also very helpful. At the beginning of each week write down all the things (activities, doctor appts., etc.) that must be done. Then write down any big assignments or tests coming up. The final step is the planning of the regular homework that is usually assigned each week. Planning for the week ahead helps to figure out how to get things done on time.



**Registration for Middle School** We will be sending home registration forms for the school year 2018-2019 in April. Please look for these forms and return them so we can plan for the next school year. Due to class size amendment requirements it will not be possible to change schedules once they are finalized this Spring. Students' schedules are also affected by test scores. Students scoring below grade level in reading may be assigned to an Intensive Reading class. All our students' schedules are completed by the end of the current school year for the next school year.

**Registration for High School** The Fernandina Beach High School counselors will meet with the 8th graders at Fernandina Beach Middle School on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium to discuss registration for 9th grade. There will be a meeting that evening in the Cafetorium at Fernandina Beach High School for parents and students to meet with staff and Principal from the high school. A flyer will be sent home as a reminder before this date. This is your opportunity to ask questions about the high school and ninth grade. Registration forms will be coming home that day with your students. Please sit down and discuss courses with your students, and sign and have the forms returned by Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions about registration should be directed to Fernandina Beach High School Guidance Office

# FBMS

## Spring 2018 Testing Schedule

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

FSA Writing, Grades 6 – 7 minutes	PBT, 120
FSA Writing, Grade 8 minutes	CBT, 120

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

FSA ELA Reading Session 1, Grades 6 – 8 minutes	CBT, 85
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**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

FSA ELA Reading Session 2, Grades 6 – 8 minutes	CBT, 85
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**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

NGSSS Science, Grade 8 minutes	PBT, 160
Civics EOC, Grade 7 minutes	CBT, 160

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

FSA Math Session 1, Grades 6 – 8 minutes	CBT, 60
Algebra 1 EOC Session 1, Grade 8 minutes	CBT, 90

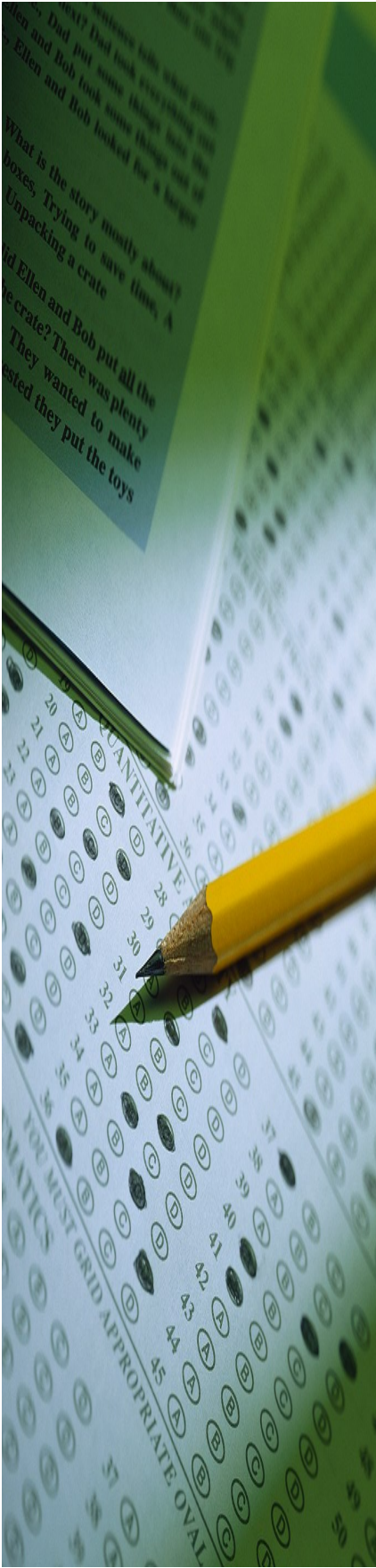
**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

FSA Math Sessions 2 & 3, Grades 6 – 8 minutes	CBT, 120
Algebra 1 EOC Session 2, Grade 8 minutes	CBT, 90

PBT = Paper Based Test    CBT = Computer Based Test

Make up tests are administered during the testing window for absent/new students

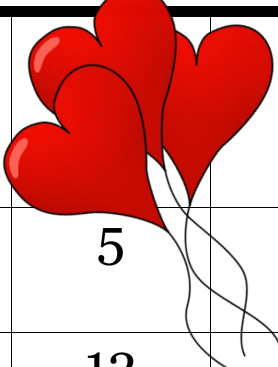




ALL FSA /Algebra 1 EOC AIR system



# February 2018



Sun    Mon    Tue    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat

					<b>1</b> Baseball tryouts	<b>2</b> Baseball tryouts <b>Desserts of Amelia at Atlantic Rec Center 6—8 pm</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Progress reports	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> NFL play 60 9 am for all 6th graders	<b>14</b> Softball @ Callahan 5 pm School Advisory Council 3:30 pm  Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> Band Solo & Ensemble Band @ Mandarin (17th too) Authors in Schools assemblies in Auditorium 1st—3rd periods Softball @ HOME vs Hilliard 4pm	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> No School – Presidents' Day	<b>20</b> Softball- @ Yulee 4 pm , Band pre-Fest 5-9 pm Spring Pictures	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> PTO meet- ing 5:30 pm Softball @ Bolles 4 pm	<b>23</b> Softball vs Camden @ HOME 4pm Drama Talent Show 6pm  Dodge Ball tournament for American Heart Association	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Softball @ Hilliard 6 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Softball vs Yulee @ Home 4pm				

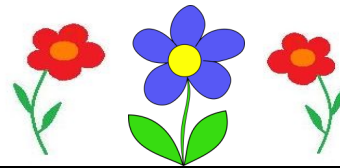
**Don't forget your  
YEARBOOK!**

**"e"Share Your Pics**



Send your photographs to the yearbook staff for possible publication. We'd love to have pics of our middle school students involved not only in school events, but also activities outside of school. It's easy to share! Go to [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com), enter our School Code (**treasure**), and follow the instructions to upload your images. THANKS!

# MARCH 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Softball vs Bolles @ HOME 4 pm	3
4	5 Softball @ Camden 4 pm	6	7 Softball vs Callahan @ HOME 4 pm FSA Writing Test all grades	8 Spring Book Fair 7th–14th	9 Softball vs St Marys @ HOME 4 pm  Band Concert Festival	10 Band Concert Festival @ FBMS auditorium
11 DST 	12 Bratsch Musical Theatre Recital 6 pm Sunday	13 Softball Semis @ Hilliard 5:30 & 6:30pm	14 School Advisory Council 3:30pm	15 Softball Final @ Hilliard 6 End of grading period Student v Staff B-Ball	16 No School - Teacher Planning	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL– March 16th–25th Spring Break						
25	26	27 	28	29 PTO Meeting 5:30	30 Report Cards issued	31

**2018**

## FBMS *Pirates' Treasures* YEARBOOK

**PAY BY CARD** Want to purchase with a credit card?

Use the Internet or phone. Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://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. The cost is \$50.00 plus a \$3.50 fee for card purchases. Hurry...online credit card purchases end in March.

Check or cash payments are being accepted in the Main Office or by Mrs. Hall until that last book is sold. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hall, Yearbook Advisor/Art Teacher: [julie.hall@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:julie.hall@nassau.k12.fl.us) - phone 321-5867.

# SOFTBALL



Jan 22 First Day For Try-Outs  
 TBA FBMS @ St. MARYS TBA  
 Feb.14 FBMS @ Callahan 5:00  
 Feb.16 HILLIARD @ FBMS 4:00  
 Feb.20 FBMS @ YMS 4:00  
 Feb.22 FBMS @ Bolles 4:00  
 Feb.23 CAMDEN @ FBMS 4:00  
 Feb.26 FBMS @ HILLIARD 6:00  
 Feb.28 YULLEE @ FBMS 4:00  
 Mar.2 BOLLES @ FBMS 4:00  
 Mar.5 FBMS @ Camden 4:00  
 Mar.7 CALLAHAN @ FBMS 4:00  
 Mar.9 ST. MARYS @ FBMS 4:00  
 Mar.13 SEMIS @ HILLIARD\* 5:30 6:30  
 Mar.15 FINALS @ HILLIARD 6:00

# Pirate Athletics



## Baseball Tryouts

January 30 & 31

February 1 & 2

# T R A C K



## Track TRYOUTS

Any student interested in trying out for the Track & Field team currently active in another school sport or activity can come out for track after the completion of that sport.

Conditioning Dates: January 22 – February 8; 3:30 – 4:30

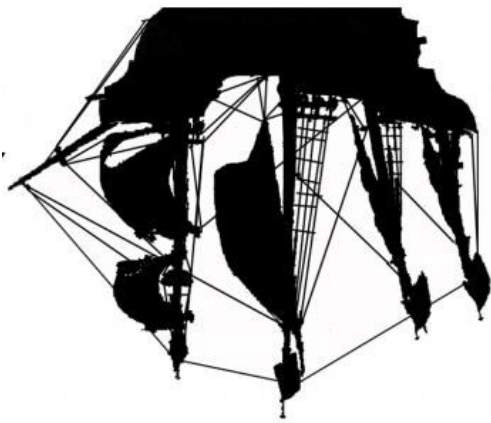
Try Outs: February 12; 3:30 – 4:30

You must have a current physical to attend.





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