

Welcome to Jack C. **FAUBION** MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Happy Friday Faubion Family,

What a great week here at Faubion! I hope you all are doing great. Our kids have been so wonderful this week. Thanks for all you do to help get them here everyday and encouraging and motivating them to do their best.

We have some great news this week:

Teacher of the Year:

Congratulations to FMS 8th grade Science teacher, Mrs. Brittany Neal, on being selected as the 2018 Faubion Middle School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Neal also serves as the Head Cheer Coach and co-sponsor of Fellow Christian Students (FCS). Brittany is a committed and dedicated educator whose talents extend to many areas beyond the classroom. We are so proud of Mrs. Neal as she will go on to compete for the MISD Secondary Teacher of the Year and have the opportunity to advance to the State and National Teacher of the Year!



MISD Spelling Bee Champ:

Congratulations to *Rosalie Solorio* for being the Spelling Bee Champion for the entire McKinney ISD. This year's District Spelling Bee went 10 rounds, but Rosalie finally emerged as the eventual winner! Rosalie will go on to represent McKinney ISD at the Collin County Spelling Contest on February 1st at Lebanon Trail HS in Frisco. Good luck, Rosalie!



UIL Invitational

The MISD UIL Academic Invitational was held last weekend and I'm proud to announce that our kids excelled once again, coming in 1st place. The next closest school was 174 points behind FMS! Thank you for ensuring your child was there to compete. We are the 5X consecutive district champions. We need everyone there to help us bring home our 6th consecutive championship trophy in February!



Last Chance to Get Your Yearbook:

Order your 2018 yearbook now! The final deadline to get your 2017-18 yearbook is February 2nd. Don't miss out on memories. You can order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or pick up an order form in the front office. Drop your order form and payment in an envelope into the large Yellow box in the front office labeled "Yearbook Orders" by February 2. Make checks out to Faubion Middle School.

Cheer Tryouts:

Tryouts for the 2018-19 FMS Cheer Squad has been tentatively scheduled for March 26th-29th, with the results being posted on March 30th. As it stands right now, the cost for cheer next year is \$550 and the payment will be due by April 18th. We realize this is quite a way off; however, since there will be no options for payment plans this year, we wanted to give parents plenty of time to start saving money. **There will be a parent meeting February 1, in the Library starting at 6pm.** The parent meeting will go over all details for cheer tryouts and upcoming events this summer. If you can not make the meeting please email Brittany Neal at bneal@mckinneyisd.net or Stacie Winsor at Swinsor@mckinneyisd.net. Good Luck to all of our aspiring cheerleaders!

Winter Illnesses:

Unfortunately, Faubion has not been immune from the typical winter illnesses that occur this time of year. We would like to remind all parents of the importance of keeping sick children home. When a child comes to school ill, he/she can spread illness by coughing, touching his/her nose/mouth and then touching objects that other students come in contact with. Remember that fever is not the only sign of true illness and that fever is usually a late sign of an illness, or an illness that is progressing. If your child is out sick remember to always send in a note from the Dr. or a parent note. MISD Health policies are in place to help insure a healthy school where students can learn and grow. Guidelines for when a sick student can report back to school can be found in the student handbook.

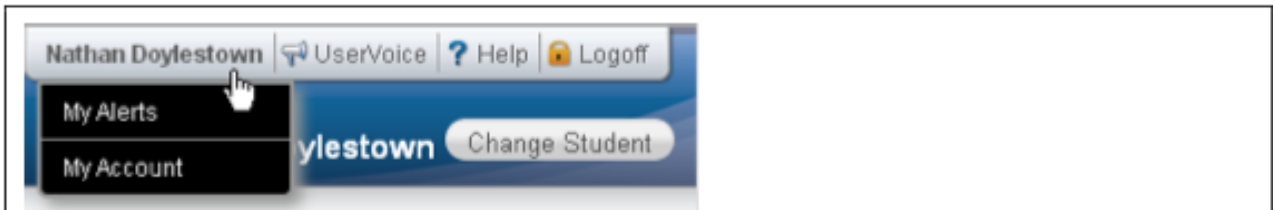
Canvas

Many of our teachers have began using Canvas this year. Canvas is a great learning management tool that we are starting to use at the middle school level this year. Students and parents each have access to Canvas, but get to it slightly differently. Parent's access is limited in that they are enrolled as observers. To get to Canvas, parents go to canvas.mckinneyisd.net and login using the Guardian username and password for HAC. For students, the best way to get to Canvas is to go to sso.mckinneyisd.net. There they will use the username and password that they use to access a computer at school. SSO stands for Single Sign-On and it will enable them to have quick access to Canvas, Google Drive, the Library Catalog, and several of their textbooks.



Stay in the Know

If you're not following us on Twitter, please follow us @FaubionMS and LIKE US on Facebook to get information real-time. By the way, did you know that you can subscribe to alerts in HAC? You can receive an email alert for attendance, course average, grades on classwork, or alerts when an IPR or report card is available. To set up your alerts, visit HAC, click on your child's name and click on MY ALERTS. For a description of each alert, see page 20 of the attached HAC user guide.



User Options

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| My Account | Allows guardians and students to change their HAC passwords and modify the challenge questions that are asked when users forget their passwords. |
| Logoff | Closes the current HAC session, and returns you to the Log On page. |
| Change Student | Allows guardians who have two or more students to display a pop-up window for selecting another student. |

Our SRO, Officer Roberts, asked me to thank you all for following the laws about not parking in the fire lanes. Just know that he watches that fire lane like a hawk, so please avoid parking there. He also asked me to remind you all to be sure you are driving the posted speeds while in the school zones, stopping at all stop signs near our campus and perhaps one of the most important reminders: Handheld usage of a cellphone while driving in a school zone during school hours is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and punishable by a fine of up to \$200.

Have a great week and weekend!

Your Partner in Education,
 Jimmy Bowser
 Principal, Faubion MS



The Mane Events:

- 1/11/18 FMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Rogers, @Rogers, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Rogers, @ Faubion, 5pm
- 1/13/18 **Report Cards Available in the Home Access Center**
- 1/5/18 *****Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL*****
- 1/16/18 FMS PTO Meeting in the Teacher’s Lounge @9am
- 1/17/18 FMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball vs Reynolds, @Faubion, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Reynolds, @Reynolds, 5pm
- 1/18/18 FMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Reynolds, @Faubion, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Reynolds, @Reynolds, 5pm
- 1/19/18 **Lion’s Pride & Merit Scholar Award Program, @FMS Auditorium, 3pm**
FMS Men’s Choir Macho Nacho Social Event, 5pm-10pm
- 1/22/18 FMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball vs Highland Park, @Highland Park, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Highland Park, @Faubion, 5pm
- 1/25/18 FMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Highland Park, @Highland Park, 5pm
- 1/29/18 FMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball vs Dowell, @Faubion, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Dowell, @Dowell, 5pm
FMS Orchestra Dinner Concert/Silent Auction, @Cafeteria, 5pm
- 2/1/18 FMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Dowell, @Faubion, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Dowell, @Dowell, 5pm
- 2/1-3/18 FMS Theatre Presents: *Peter Pan or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up*, 7pm
- 2/3/18 FMS Orchestra Beginner Solo and Ensemble Contest (During School, All Groups)
- 2/5/18 FMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball vs Johnson, @Johnson, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Johnson, @Faubion, 5pm
- 2/8/18 FMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Johnson, @Johnson, 5pm
FMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Johnson, @Faubion, 5pm
- 2/10/18 FMS 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball District B&C Team Tournament, TBA, TBA
FMS 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball District B&C Team Tournament, TBA, TBA
- 2/17/18 FMS 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball A Team Tournament, TBA, TBA
FMS 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball A Team Tournament, TBA, TBA
FMS Orchestra Pre-UIL (During School Day), @ Auditorium
- 2/22/18 FMS Band Middle School Ensemble Contest, @Faubion (All Bands)
- 2/23/18 FMS Choir Required Performance (During School Day)
- 2/27/18 FMS Band Symphonic I Concert (During School)



Important School Information

****ACTION ITEMS**:**

Proof of Residency – We have the PORs for approximately 100% of our kids! Thank you for helping us fulfill this state law requirement. We realize this is a bit of a hassle, but students must provide proof of residency each year under state law.

Attendance – Students are required be at school each and every day. Please note that if a student is absent, he/she must bring a signed note within 72 hours documenting the reason for the absence. You may remember that our attendance rate goal for this year is 97%. The official daily attendance is taken during 2nd period (roughly 9:30 -10:30). Please avoid scheduling appointments during this time if at all possible. We appreciate your partnership. All notes must be turned into their House Office. You may also scan and email the note to the House Secretary.

- For students with last names beginning with A-K, notes should be brought or emailed to Ms. Laurie Kiley at LKiley@mckinneyisd.net or call 469-302- 7005.
- For students with last names beginning with L-Z, notes may be brought or emailed to Ms. Omie Dedman at odedman@mckinneyisd.net or call 469-302- 6917.

Tardies - If a student is tardy to class, the student will go to their House Office to receive a tardy pass. The tardy will be documented, and the student will be given a pass back to class. All students are given one free tardy per nine weeks. Students who are tardy will receive the following consequences per nine weeks:

- 1st - Warning
- 2nd - Administrative Detention
- 3rd - Administrative Detention
- 4th – Friday School (3:45-7:00)

Buses/Transportation Information - For questions regarding bus transportation, please contact Durham Transportation directly at 972- 542-8316 or visit the District's transportation site at <http://www.mckinneyisd.net/transportation/>.

Dress Code - The Faubion Middle School staff is committed to enforcing the dress code. You may also visit the District's website for specific information on the MISD Dress Code. Please download and read the [MISD Student Dress Code](#)



Cell Phones – MISD Student Code of Conduct prohibits the personal use of cell phones during instructional time. Students may use their cell phone before school, after school and during their lunch. Please avoid calling your student during the instructional part of the school day. If you need to get a message to your student, you should call the FMS main office or the student’s House Office and we’ll work with you to get a message to them right away.

Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct - Please go online to the [MISD Rules and Regulations](#) website to view the MISD Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy, please stop by the front office or call our front office at 469-302- 6900.

Home Access Center (HAC) – The Home Access Center or HAC is where you will login to monitor your child’s academic progress for any/all of their classes. Please note that your child’s grade is calculated based on a combination of their Summative (70%) and Formative (30%) grades. Here at FMS, we are expecting that each student will have a minimum of three (3) summative grades and ten (10) formative grades per quarter. The Home Access Center will open over the next week or so, so this gives you enough time to contact Ms. Laurie Kiley at LKiley@mckinneyisd.net to get your HAC Log In information.

Food – Under the rules established by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), we are not able to allow you to bring cupcakes, pizza, etc. to the cafeteria or classrooms for lunch or birthdays. However, you are more than welcome to bring items for your child. Also, we love when parents come to eat lunch with their child here at Faubion. But, please remember that you can only bring lunch for your child only—not others. I’m sorry. ☹

Books –The evolution of technology and the richness of other resources have caused changes in the way schools use the traditional textbooks. In many cases, textbooks are a scarcely-used supplemental resource of today’s classroom curriculum. Our students will have access to a class set of books in each classroom. This year, many of our teachers are moving to an online curriculum management environment called Canvas. Student can receive, download and submit assignments online, negating the need for a textbook outside the immediate classroom. We are looking forward to the continued roll out of Canvas over the next few years. We believe parents and students will find this one-stop-shop for find assignments and feedback on assignments very convenient and easy to use.



FROM YOUR FAUBION PTO BOARD!

-Want to Get Involved at Your Child's School? Here is your chance!
The Lion's Den needs Volunteers! Sign up to help! If you have questions contact Julie Weaver at juliemweaver1@yahoo.com. The Lion's Den is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 11:30am-1:50pm during lunchtime as a convenient way for your FMS Student to purchase everything from cool Faubion Lions t-shirts, to approved PE Clothing, to school supplies and more!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-lions1>

-Copy Room Volunteers

Volunteer to Help Make Copies for Staff

Helping make copies is a great way to give of your time to help the teachers & staff at Faubion Middle School! Shifts are just 1 hour long on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each week. Times are flexible & you are welcome to help at another time on those days, if necessary to fit your schedule. Volunteers will make copies for any of our teachers or staff at FMS that submit requests for help. Copy requests/job directions are located in the Workroom. Just check in at the Main Office & you will be directed to the Workroom.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-fmsworkroom

-Let's Help our FMS Staff

Sign up to bring homemade treats

Please help us feed our wonderful FMS Faculty at their monthly meetings for the 2017/2018 school year. Let's show them how much we love them by providing them **HOMEMADE** goodies! This is the one thing they've all requested they'd love more of!!! Homemade brownies, cookies, or finger foods...we'll take it all!!! We will also need plates, napkins & cases of bottled water.

You can drop off your goodies to the front office starting at 9 am and their meeting starts at 3:50. Please bring your items in throw-away containers or serving plates! If you have any questions, please contact Christy Bickerstaff at cbickerstaff@mckinneyisd.net.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aba828ab9-fmsmonthly>

-ORDER YOUR FMS SPIRITWEAR AND 6TH GRADE UNIFORMS TODAY!

You don't want to miss out on showing your Lion spirit! Order your spiritwear today!

Are you a parent of an incoming 6th grader? You can order their P.E. uniform today! Click on the link below for more ordering information!

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