

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



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Hello Faubion Family,

This past week was a very tough one for our entire country. The tragedy in Parkland strikes at the heart of every American and our thoughts are certainly with those families impacted by this horrific act. Protecting our kids and making Faubion a safe environment is priority #1 for us. MISD mandates drills for many situations and McKinney PD recently used Faubion MS for active shooter training. We're so thankful to have Officer Roberts here on our campus. He is a specially-trained Officer in many areas. We also have Officer Self who is less than one minute away at the McKinney DAEP (Alternative School). We also practice lockdown drills in collaboration with McKinney PD and MISD's Director of Security. Though not always seen or communicated, MISD and McKinney PD are always in collaboration with the safety of our kids in mind.

I held off on sending this newsletter until today because I wanted to make sure I could include the Mock Trials competition that we had on Friday. Mrs. Boysen, our Mock Trials Coach, and the team didn't return until late Friday afternoon and she sent me the results over the weekend. I am proud to include and celebrate their award-winning performances at the competition this year. The competition is held at the beautiful Collin County Courthouse. We won a total of 3 Best Attorney awards and 6- Best Witness awards. Winners pictured below:



Top Row from left to right:

Arden Cravy, Best Witness
Olivia Nair, Best Attorney
Anna Green, Best Witness
Olivia Austin, TWO Best Attorney Awards

Bottom Row from left to right:

Brennan Barnes, Best Attorney
Jacob Suttle, Best Witness
Korbin Snellgrove, Best Witness
Trey Davis, Best Witness



Way to go Lions!



Please join us for Open House this Thursday, February 22nd. Unfortunately, I will be out of town, so the Assistant Principals will host the meetings. In previous years the rising 6th grader meetings have been standing room only, so to help alleviate this, we have adjusted the schedule a bit. Please see the schedule below:

Tour D' Arts - 5-6:30 pm The audience for this is rising 6th graders/current 5th graders)
5:30-6:00 pm Rising 6th grader (current 5th grade) Parent Mtg - FMS auditorium) Session I
6:00-6:30 pm Repeat Rising 6th grader (current 5th grade) - Parent Mtg FMS auditorium Session II
6:30 pm-7:00 pm Rising 6th Grade **Caldwell Dual Language** Parent Meeting (FMS Auditorium)
6:30 pm-8:00 pm FMS Open House
7:00-7:30 pm FMS Rising 7th and 8th (current 6th and 7th) Grade Parent Meeting

On February 22nd all FMS Rising 7th and 8th grade students will receive a course request sheet during math class. **These are due to your math teacher on March 1st.**

Book Fair is open at Faubion! We will be open through next Friday, February 23 when we close at 11:30. We are collecting donations to purchase books for those less fortunate through our Sucker Pull. We are also holding a daily Poster Raffle. To enter the raffle, all you have to do is purchase a book! We will be open during Open House, so parents, please stop by to see all we have to offer!



It is time for the Bright Bytes survey again! This survey helps us to collect information about technology usage at home and at school. Students and teachers will take their version of the survey at school, and we ask parents to also take the survey. Here is the PARENT SURVEY which will be available from February 19-March 9. It can be taken on any device with internet access and will be set up on several computers in the library during Open House for your convenience!

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. We had a parent meeting last night. The parent meeting went over all details for cheer tryouts and upcoming events this summer. If you could 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!



The latest edition of the MISD News Brief is out. You can read at

<http://www.mckinneyisd.net/news-events/newsletter/february-15-2018/>

Did you know that McKinney ISD hosts a series of Parent Education Meetings? Well now you do! These are wonderful Parent Education courses meant to serve as a resource to our Parent Community. I'm attaching a flyer to this week's newsletter email. The flyer will also be posted on our website. Please take a look and best of all, THEY'RE FREE!

8th Grade Parents:

Its that time of year to start preparing you for life as the Parent of a High Schooler! As you may remember, McKinney ISD has a student laptop program called "1:The World" and as part of this program each 9th grade student receives a MacBook Air laptop computer to use throughout their four years in High School. The District has a series of Parent Meetings set up this spring. You are welcomed and encouraged to attend at least one of these meetings to learn about this program and ask any questions you might have. I am attaching a flyer to this week's newsletter and will also post it to our website.

McKinney Police Department Teen Academy

Is your student interested in experiencing law enforcement first hand. The McKinney Police Teen Academy will cover aspects of law enforcement training and provide practical applications through the use of classroom instruction, hands-on demonstrations, and scenarios. The program is designed to introduce students to their local law enforcement personnel and provide a basic understanding of police work. There is no cost to attend, but you must submit an application.

For more information or to get an application, please contact our SRO, Officer Roberts at vroberts@mckinneyisd.net.

Here are a few videos on this exciting program! We hope your student will join the McKinney PD! [Teen Academy Video #1](#), [Teen Academy Video #2](#), [Teen Academy Video #3](#)

That's it for this week Lions. Have a great week and weekend!

Your Partner in Education,
Jimmy Bowser
Principal, Faubion MS



The Mane Events:

- 2/20/18 3rd Quarter Progress Reports (posted in HAC by end of the day)
2/22/18 FMS Band Middle School Ensemble Contest, @Faubion (All Bands)
FMS Open House 5:30-8pm (Please see schedule in newsletter)
2/23/18 FMS Choir Required Performance (During School Day)
2/27/18 FMS Band Symphonic I Concert (During School)

Important Notes:

End of Quarter: The 3rd Quarter will end on Friday, March 9th. Please be sure to check HAC often to keep up with your child's progress. Most importantly, be sure your child signs up for the retake of any summative where they earned a grade of less than 80. One tutorial is required before the retake. We offer tutorial buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays that will drop your child off at the elementary school nearest your house.

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. Melissa Govea at mgovea@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.



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.

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-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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