

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



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Happy Friday Faubion Family,

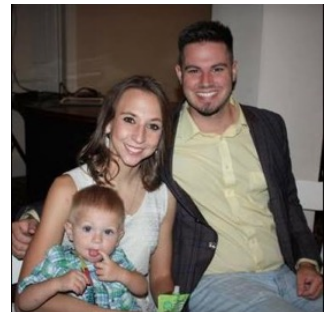
I hope you all are having a wonderful week. This has been a bit of a busy week for us. It seemed to go by really fast! We had our science fair this week. Congratulations to all of our winners. The list of winners for each category is listed later here in the newsletter.

Last week we announced our 2018 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Brittany Neal. This week we'd like to share a bit more information about from Mrs. Neal as she is truly honored to have been chosen by her peers:



My name is Brittany Neal and I have accepted the honor of serving as Teacher of the Year for Faubion Middle School. I want to take a moment and thank my fellow staff members for the nomination and helping me grow into the teacher I have become. To the parents of my students, cheerleaders and Fellowship Christian Students (FCS) thank you for allowing me to help your child grow in wisdom and confidence.

I have had the privilege of working at Faubion Middle School for two and half years. Every day when I come to work I know I have the opportunity to encourage someone. As an educator, my goal every single day is to help my students gain wisdom, grow in confidence, and know that they are loved. As much as I share my love and passion for science and cheer, I want them to know first I care about them as much as I care about my own son, Jett. I tell my students that my door is always open if they need someone to talk to. I will do whatever it takes to help my students become successful, in and outside of our classroom.



Drill Team:

There will be a drill team informational meeting Tuesday February 13th at 6:30pm in the Faubion Library. This is a great opportunity to learn what activities the drill team participates in, what is expected of the members, and any fees associated with participating. Packets to sign up for drill team will be available for students to pick up from the front desk starting Tuesday February 6th, and will be due back Tuesday March 6th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kiefer (chkiefer@mckinneyisd.net) or Mrs. Villavicencio (evillavicencio@mckinneyisd.net) and/or call 469-302-6900.



New Counselor at FMS:



Christie Thompson's greatest passion is removing barriers to students' academic success. That has been her mission for the 20 years she spent in the classroom, the 2 years she served as the Dowell 504/RTI Coordinator, and it will continue to be her emphasis as she embarks on a new phase in her career as a school counselor here at Faubion Middle School.

A native of Arkansas, Christie began her teaching career in Sherman, TX as an English teacher after graduating from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. During her time at Sherman High School, she was awarded New Secondary Teacher of the Year for the district and was recognized for Excellence in Teaching. She then moved to the Plano Independent School District where she taught 7th grade English and wrote curriculum for Plano's Middle School Project.

Christie earned her Master's Degree in English at Southern Methodist University. Upon graduation, began her career in the McKinney Independent School District where she taught English at Dowell Middle School for fourteen years. Christie was voted Dowell MS Teacher of the Year in 2011 by her peers and served as a campus leader in various roles throughout her tenure.

Having a desire to reach more students, Christie decided that she wanted to pursue her school counseling certification. When asked about why she became a school Counselor, Christie said

*"As a school counselor, I get the opportunity to work with **all** students in the areas of academic success, career exploration, and emotional and social development. I get to help problem-solve with and for students; I get to empower students to problem-solve for themselves and to manage their own lives; and I get to collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to remove barriers to students' academic success. Intervention and prevention at its best!"*

Christie and her husband (Julius), whom she met in college, will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary this summer, and they have two children. Jay is an 8th grader who will attend McKinney Boyd next year, and Sam is a junior at Davidson College in North Carolina where she plays volleyball and majors in Economics with a minor in Communications.





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!

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 begun 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.



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My Alerts | My Account | Doylestown | Change Student

User Options

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



2018 FMS Science Fair Winners

Physical Science: (Split Division due to size)

- 1st Place: Tegan Swinfen (8th Grade)
- 1st Place: Kiana Swinfen (7th Grade)
- 2nd Place: Sarah Czuwala (8th Grade)
- 2nd Place: Cayden Anderson (8th Grade)
- 3rd Place: Zach Bell (8th Grade)
- 3rd Place: Maya Panday (7th Grade)

Life Science:

- 1st Place: Blair Sayers (8th Grade)
- 2nd Place: Mia Humphries (7th Grade)
- 3rd Place: Regan Young (7th Grade)
- 3rd Place: Jessica Suttan (7th Grade)

Other Sciences: (Environmental, Earth, Behavioral):

- 1st Place: Dylan Perry (7th Grade)
- 2nd Place: Cecilia Moro (8th Grade)
- 3rd Place: Zelinn Fiore (8th Grade)
- 3rd Place: Payton James (8th Grade)



The Mane Events:

- 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>

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