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MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Happy Friday Faubion Family,

Texas weather is certainly unpredictable if nothing else. To go from 80-degrees on Monday to 22-degrees by Friday morning. Brrr.... Well, all is great here at Faubion. We are proud to announce that the Faubion Middle School Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Margaret Parry, Science Teacher of the Gifted and Talented students here at FMS! Mrs. Parry is a 27-year veteran teacher who received both her Bachelors and Masters Degree from Texas Tech University. Margaret says that her passion for science came at an early age. While growing up, her bedroom was full of Saturn 5 rocket cut-outs, moon maps and pictures of astronauts. She even wrote a letter to NASA at age 9! Mrs. Parry enjoys teaching and relishes to opportunity to instill a passion for love for science in all of her students.

Mrs. Parry is a Texas Master Naturalist and an 8th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a heavy background in competition. In her spare time, she enjoys fast cars, motorcycles, scuba diving, and camping. She has a wonderful husband and two awesome adult children. When asked how she felt about being named Teacher of the Year by her peers, Mrs. Parry responded by saying, "I am humbled by being selected Teacher of the Year and consider it to be quite an honor."

Congratulations to Mrs. Parry is this deserved great honor!



Its registration season in MISD. Now that 8th graders' high school schedules and 4-year plans are complete, it's time for us to focus our attention on current 6th and 7th graders. Counselors will be going into math classrooms to hand out registration paperwork for next year during the week of Feb. 19th-21st. **The forms are due back to math teachers by February 25th.**

Please click here for more information: <https://fmscounselors.weebly.com/course-planning.html>



Course selection for next year is just around the corner. During the week of Feb. 19th through Feb. 22nd, FMS counselors will be meeting with students during math classes to discuss course options for the 2019-2020 school year. **Course selection sheets must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to math teachers by Monday, February 25th.**

We encourage all families to review the Academic Planning Guide to assist in this process. The APG is located on the McKinney ISD main website, [English version](#) and [Spanish version](#). If you want additional information or recommendations for classes for the upcoming year, please contact your child's teachers or speak with a counselor. The window is open for elective classes that require an application for current 6/7th grade students. These classes include PALS, AVID, Yearbook, Partners PE, and Spanish for Spanish Learners. You can go to <https://goo.gl/CKCbGt> to complete the form by March 8th. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

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Additional information about course selections and registration can be located at <https://fmscounselors.weebly.com/>

We do want all of our incoming 6th grade students to be able to see our fine arts and other programming. Fine Arts puts on a **Tour de Arts** during Open House. It is wildly popular! So please be sure to come out for that program. It runs concurrently with Open House and is from 5pm-6:45 in the Fine Arts Hallway.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to our **Open House on Thursday, February 21st**. Based on feedback we've received from parents and teachers over the past few years, we are altering the schedule a bit this year. Please take note of the schedule below:

Open House (Current 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Graders and their parents) – 5pm-6:30pm

Incoming 6th Grader Parent Meeting (Current 5th Graders and their Parents) – 7pm (Auditorium)

Open House is a come and go event where parents and their students can visit their teacher's classrooms. Some teachers will have student work product on display in the halls or in classrooms,



some teachers have a PowerPoint that plays over and over and shares information on what students have learned or will learn in that course. We find that keeping it casual and informal leads to a very high level of attendance and allows families to best decide how to spend their time while they are here. We also schedule Open House during the course registration period so parents can visit core and elective classes that their child might have an interest in taking next school year. Current 8th grade parents had the opportunity to attend the High School Showcases earlier this month to help decide which classes to take in high school next year. Keep in mind Open House is not the time to talk about your child's individual grades. Schedule a meeting with the teacher for that discussion.

The incoming 6th grader parent meeting will be held in the auditorium and begin promptly at 7pm. During this meeting we will share information on some of the finer details that are different at the middle school level, walk you through what you and your child can expect throughout the day, and share information about academic and other middle school requirements. This presentation is currently posted on our website along with welcome letters in English and Spanish. We look forward to see you all here on the evening of February 21st. Be sure to mark your calendars! ☺

McKinney ISD held the annual Cheer & Drill Team informational meeting last week at McKinney Boyd HS. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can find some pertinent information at <https://departments.mckinneyisd.net/finearts/secondary-cheerleading-drill-team/>

- High School **Cheer** tryouts for current 8th grade students will be held February 25 – 27 at McKinney Boyd.
- High School **Drill Team** tryouts for current 8th grade will be held April 15-18 at each high school campus (Be sure you know what high school your child is zoned for before going for tryouts.)
- Faubion Middle School Cheer tryouts for current 6th and 7th graders will be held March 18th-22nd here at FMS. Information for next year's FMS Drill Team will be distributed around the time of 2019-20 registration in March.

If you have any questions regarding Cheer, you can contact [Coach Neal](#) or [Coach Winsor](#). If you have any questions regarding Drill Team, you can contact [Coach Muniz](#) or [Coach Kiefer](#).

Well, that's it for this week. Have a great weekend and try to stay dry and warm! ☺

Your Partner in Education,
Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Principal
Faubion Middle School