

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



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Hello Faubion Family,

We've had a great week here at Faubion. I wanted to wait until today to send this week's newsletter because I wanted to be able to give you some FANTASTIC news. For the 6th year in a row, Faubion Middle School has won the Academic UIL Competition!!!! Once again we swept the entire competition winning the 7th grade, 8th Grade and OVERALL championship awards. I could not be more proud of our kids and teachers who worked so hard over the past few months to **DEFEND THE PRIDE!**



FMS Theatre had their UIL competition this past week. They did an incredible job! I love going to the Theatre events because its so fascinating to see our kids on stage playing a character that is so often very different from the kid I see in the hallway, cafeteria or in the classroom. As Theatre parents, you should be very proud of the work your child did on this amazing show. Several of our Faubion Lions brought home individual awards:

Tech Award: Annabelle Gibbs

Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Genevieve Hendrie

All Star Cast: Clayton Jones, Olivia Austin

Congrats to our Theatre Troupe and our Director, Ms. Riley, for putting on a wonderful show!



Parents, it is that time of year again where we start giving you information for next year. If your child is planning to participate in any activity that requires a physical (e.g. Athletics, Cheer, Drill Team, etc.) their physical MUST be completed on the new light-brown colored form that is available only through the school. Athletics has the forms for those trying out for cheerleading.

- If a 6th grader has an MISD physical dated 2/12/18 or later, that will be accepted for their entire 7th grade year for both cheer and athletics. This applies only to those trying out for cheerleading.
- If a 7th grader who has never participated in athletics or cheer has an MISD physical dated 2/12/18 or later, that will be accepted for their entire 8th grade year for both cheer and athletics. This applies only to those trying out for cheerleading.
- All other middle school athletes/cheerleaders must have physicals dated 4/1/18 or later to be accepted for the 2018-2019 school year.



It was a fun-filled evening at the District's Middle School Poetry Slam! Everyone who was there felt the excitement of hearing our students voice their own poems. Students from Faubion, Dowell, and Cockrill shared original works and awed the audience. The race was a tight one and Faubion came up a bit short of bringing home official win. Each year the Poetry Slam gets larger and larger. These poets are awesome. All of the students who were brave enough to share their artistry are champions in my book!

(From L to R: Cole Anderson, Delanie Korenthal, Caiden Shaw, Joel Ward, and Keishawn Berrios)



Attention all current 7th graders! Applications for National Junior Honor Society are now available in E220. Interested candidates must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be interested in volunteering in the community and at FMS. Applications are due by Friday, March 9 at 4:00 pm in E220. For more information, please email [Mrs. Adair](#) or [Mrs. Timpanaro](#).

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. Please take a few minutes to take the survey. The results of how many parents participated will be reported to the Board of Trustees next month and I'd like to have the highest percentage of any campus in McKinney ISD. You can take the survey on any device. Let's shoot for 100%!

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:

I will update the Mane Events for next week's newsletter. I had an emergency and had to leave on Friday. I didn't think to grab my FMS Schedules folder. Sorry ☹.

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.

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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