

**"It's Our Time! Right Now!"**

FMS...Get Involved!

What's your thing???



**Fairfield Middle School  
Home of the Falcons  
2011-2012**

**Clubs and Activities**

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

At Fairfield Middle School, it is our mission to educate the whole child. We believe in providing opportunities that allow our students to grow academically, socially, and personally so that they may achieve success now and in the future. During the Middle School years, students are developing a sense of self, striving to achieve their place in the world, and it is our goal to offer activities that promote positive social interaction, community service, citizenship, a healthy lifestyle, and a desire to learn.

At FMS, we want our students to be well-rounded and involved! Please read over the following clubs and activities with your child. We always need volunteers so if your child is interested in participating, we hope you will also be interested in helping out!

**Dear Students:**

This school year at FMS, we want you to get involved! Share your creative talents, let your voice be heard, and just HAVE FUN! We know you are passionate about many things...art, the environment, helping others, leadership, business, technology, games, athletics, and even academics! Read over the exciting ways for you to get involved this school year and choose the ones that are just right for you! Remember, involved is awesome, overcommitted is not...Choose something that speaks to your passion but still allows school work to come first!

Contact the club or activity sponsor for an application today!

**Art**

**Community Service**

**Leadership**

**Technology**

**Environmental**

**Sports**

**Writing**

**P.R.I.D.E.**

- **P**ositive—Display a positive attitude
- **R**espectful—Respect yourself, others, and your surroundings
- **I**ntegrity—Be honest in all you do and lead by example
- **D**isciplined—Follow expectations and get the job done
- **E**xcellence—Strive to be your BEST!



### **Do Something Club -Ms. Hall, Mr. Kalafatis, and Mrs. O'Connor**

The **FMS Do Something Club** is a service learning branch of the national service organization "DoSomething.org". We focus on making a difference by improving ourselves, our school, our community, and our world through education, awareness and volunteer efforts. We will have one year-long "Go Green" project (this year we will complete a school garden/greenhouse/alternative energy project) and each month students will choose a community service project in an area they feel passionate about (hunger, human rights, education, etc). There is a \$10 participation fee per school year which allows each member to receive a club t-shirt and to participate in a cool end-of-year club trip. This club is student organized/student led and all members receive community service hours. **FMS is making a difference...are you???** Applications are open to all students and a teacher recommendation is required. Some after school and weekend activities will be required throughout the year.

### **World Languages Club- TBA**

Do you have a knack for foreign language? Are you interested in different cultures and faraway places? If so, then the World Languages Club is for you! Join our club and immerse yourself in a global community of diversity and language. The club will meet once per month, there is no fee to participate, and applications are available to all students enrolled in a year-long foreign language course.

### **FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)- Mrs. Carter**

The driving goal of FBLA-MI is to train future business leaders to be contributing members of society. Members benefit from leadership and training, contact made through networking, and opportunities to apply their knowledge through business-related activities. FBLA members participate in community service activities as well as business-related competitions throughout the school year. There is a \$7.00 fee per school year which covers the cost of student National FBLA dues. Applications are open to all students.

### **Forensics -Mr. Glotfelty**

Welcome to the Fairfield Forensics team! We are looking for some dedicated students who:

- Can read well
- Write effectively
- Are natural leaders in their classes
- Aren't afraid of speaking in front of others and are looking for new opportunities to grow

Applications are open to all students in the categories of Original Speech, Poetry, and Prose to compete in the Optimist's Club Competition and the HCPS Forensics Meet. There is no fee to participate and practices are held on Mondays after school.

### **Art Club -Mr. Kalafatis and Mr. Epps**

The FMS Art Club's mission is to serve the school and community using our artistic talent. We meet once a week to work on projects that support the various needs of FMS, such as school fundraising/event banners and posters. There is no fee to join and applications are available to all students.

### **Creative Writing Club -Mrs. Schwieder**

If you are a budding poet, playwright, or creative writer, this club is for you! We meet to share ideas, practice writing techniques, and critique each other's work. This year you will have a chance to enter your best writing in local and national contests. There is no fee to participate and applications are open to all students. English teacher recommendation required. Meetings will be held after school every other Monday.



### **Chess Club -Mrs. Schwieder**

Calling all kings, queens, and rooks! Chess Club is a new club at Fairfield that promises fun, healthy competition, and exciting play. You will have the chance to work with members of Henrico High School's Chess Team to learn their strategies and award-winning moves. There is no fee to participate and applications are open to all students. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday after school.

### **Peer Helpers -Ms. Johnson**

Are you Mature? Responsible? Trustworthy? Do you have a desire to promote individuality and acceptance of differences? Peer Helpers is a student organization that strives to improve Falcon relationships. Students are trained in Prejudice Awareness, Conflict Resolution, Multicultural Appreciation, Leadership, Mediation, and New Student Orientation. These skills will be used in peer mediation sessions and in elementary school visits that help prepare rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to life at FMS. Students will also participate in a year-long prejudice awareness project related to bullying. There is no fee to participate and applications are open to all students. Teacher recommendation is required.

### **Project Citizen -Mrs. Pierpont and Ms. Adams**

Are you interested in make a positive change in your community? Project Citizen is a program where students work cooperatively to identify a public policy problem in their community. They then research the problem, evaluate alternative solutions, develop their own solution in the form of a public policy, and create a political action plan to enlist local or state authorities to adopt their proposed policy. Participants develop a portfolio of their work and present their project in a public hearing showcase before a panel of civic-minded community members. There is no fee to participate and applications are open to all students.

### **Yearbook -Ms. Hill**

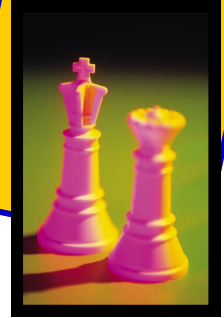
Crazy, smart, athletic, creative, fun...What is FMS? The yearbook team allows you to use your creative talents to create memories that will last a lifetime! As part of the yearbook team, you will get to document every facet of life at FMS. Students with strong writing skills and a creative side are encouraged to apply. Applications are available to all students and there is no fee to participate. Teacher recommendation is required.

### **Newspaper -Mrs. Schwieder and Mrs. Sharpe**

Do you enjoy photography? Do you like to interview people and know what's happening on campus? Then, the Newspaper Club is for you! We publish 5 issues a year, all on-line. This is a fun and hard-working club that helps you get to know lots of creative and talented people around school. There is no fee and applications are open to all students. English teacher recommendation is required. Meetings are held every other Wednesday after school.

### **Go For The Goal -Mr. Dublin**

Provides a leadership program for students and their parents to expose, explore, encourage and think beyond middle and high school in order to prepare for the future. A variety of enriching opportunities, complemented by specific expectations, will include Career exploration [use of Virginia View including career assessment tools], Communication and public speaking [debating; small and large group discussions; presentations], Personal management skills [social skills; financial literacy], Team building [problem solving; collaborative skills], and Service to others [organizing and managing community service projects]. There is no fee to participate and membership is limited. Qualified students will be notified of application eligibility.



### SCA -Ms. Fitzgerald

**Student Council Association** allows students the ability to learn the proper protocol in conducting formal meetings. The SCA goal is to discuss, discover, and define ways to continuously foster a positive perception of FMS both on and off campus. Student leaders of the organization are elected by peers through a formal campaign process at the beginning of each school year. The elected officials are 8th grade President, 7th grade Vice-President, 8th/7th grade Secretary, 8th/7th grade Treasurer, 8th/7th grade Advertiser, 8th/7th grade Parliamentarian, 6th grade- Members at Large (3 students) and all grade level homeroom representatives (elected by each homeroom).

REQUIREMENTS: All members will pay dues of \$8.00 per school year and must maintain a C average in all courses and have no behavioral infractions during their term in office.

### HYPE Club -Ms. Fitzgerald

**Helping Youth Pursue Excellence** is a student incentive/mentoring program that promotes school spirit and Falcon P.R.I.D.E. This club is open to all grade levels and a \$1 donation allows students to participate in selected home/away sporting events as members of the HYPE team. This club also allows members the opportunity to help organize and participate in school-wide incentive events throughout the year.

### FMS Jazz Club -Mrs. Storrs

The FMS Jazz Club is for talented musicians who like to perform jazz and popular music. Applicants must have previous musical experience in playing instruments and we are especially interested in solo singers, piano, bass guitar, and lead guitar players! Singers must audition. There is no fee to participate and applications are open to both students and teachers.

### Drama Club -TBA

If you've got a flair for the dramatic, love being in the spotlight, or dream of being the next big star...Drama Club is for you! This club is still in the planning stages so listen throughout the year for exciting updates and application info. We hope to see you on the FMS stage this year!

### FMS Athletics -Mrs. Whitlock

Fall sports try-outs begin Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and ALL students must have a current physical and active health insurance in order to participate. Please contact Ms. Whitlock or the head coach if you are interested in trying-out. Practices are held Mon-Fri 3:30-5:30.

Year-Long:

FMS Cheerleaders – Head Coach-Ms. Jackson, Asst. Coach- Ms. Davis \*Try-out packets are in the main office

FMS Step Team –Head Coach-Ms. Christian

Fall:

Girls Basketball – Head Coach-Ms. Whitlock, Asst. Coach- Ms. Gross

Boys Soccer – Head Coach-Ms. Hall, Asst. Coach- Mr. Dunaway

Girls Tennis - TBA

Football – Head Coach-Mr. Harmon, Asst. Coaches-Mr. Winston and Mr. Edmonds

Winter: Wrestling, Gymnastics, Boys Basketball

Spring: Girls Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Boys Tennis, Track & Field

