



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

# FALCON ADMIN CORNER

Fairfield Middle School

Dr. Dana N. Bost, Principal

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## **THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES . . .**

The excitement does indeed continue here at FMS as we usher in the month of May and with it a number of exciting opportunities for you to get involved!

We invite you to share in the excitement by your attendance at the very first ever **FMS Tailgating Party on Super Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**! We'll have vendors of all sorts on the premises for your shopping pleasure, and a "gently used" prom dress room full of beautiful choices to fit all sizes!!! We're cooking hot dogs and pork, hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a Wii tournament, a car wash AND a bake sale! We even have yard sale tables for sale! If you'd like to vend or purchase a table for the yard sale, please call us at 328-4020. Our spring talent showcase will take place at 1:30pm. **Won't you come?** We'll be on the campus all day, starting at 7am until 5:30pm!!!

May 7 – 11 is **International Week** and we have planned all sorts of things to highlight FMS as an IB World School! We're even hosting our first ever **International Fair!** On **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** from **6 – 8 pm**, we will host a parade of countries; foods from around the world; a fencing demonstration; a fashion show; and the FMS Jazz Band will perform. Come on out and enjoy the evening's festivities. And don't forget the **Math Fair on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00am to 12noon**. All types of fun math events will be taking place to include: **The Price is Right, Squares & Roots, Express Yourself, Graph It, Wii Bowl** and more!

Testing begins this month!! Make sure your Falcon attends any of the **Saturday content enrichment sessions** they need in order to be successful. Also, 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents, be sure to see the dates that Mr. Crowder is offering **Saturday Study Hall** as an opportunity to make up or catch up on class work. Remember, when parents get involved in learning, student achievement soars. We welcome your commitment and continue to appreciate your support of our instructional program!

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***Dana N. Bost, Ph.D., Principal***

## **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - OPERATING AT 212°**

Greetings from the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team! I hope all is well as we reach the pinnacle of our school year...SOL time. Parents if you would, please continue to have meaningful dialogue with your Falcon about the importance of taking each assessment seriously. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time and prepared to be successful. **We have been good for a long time, and now it's time to be GREAT!**

Spring Sports are still going on and FMS Athletics would love to see your support. As a reminder, at FMS/HCPSS sportsmanship takes precedence over everything else when competing.

Hopefully you've checked us out on Facebook- [www.Facebook.com/FairfieldMiddle](http://www.Facebook.com/FairfieldMiddle). Use this site in addition to our school web page, and our weekly Connect Ed calls to stay abreast of the latest news and information. And parents please – remember to check HCPSLink weekly for updated grades to monitor the progress of your child.

An apple a day keeps the teacher away or something like that!!! Have you encouraged your child's teacher? Teacher Appreciation week is this month. Take time to drop them a note of thanks; they work extremely hard each day.

Lastly, please remind your Falcon that computers belong to HCPS, and that they should be used for educational purposes only. As always, thank you for your continued support of our instructional programs. Again, we have been good for a long time, and now it's time to be great!

I would like to hear from you... [doarfield@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:doarfield@henrico.k12.va.us)

**FYI: At 211° water gets really hot; however, if you turn up the heat one degree, water begins to boil. When water boils, it creates steam, when steam is generated it has enough power to move a locomotive. THE EXTRA DEGREE MATTERS. Is your Falcon operating at 212°? It's Our Time! Right Now!**

***Damean Barfield, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal***



## SEVENTH GRADE NEWS YOU CAN USE



We are in the last two months of seventh grade and now more than ever we have to strive to keep up the great work that we began. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, we held a Code of Conduct Assembly. During the assembly, we discussed the importance of following all school rules. Please review the agenda book as well as the Code of Conduct. We need your support; please assist us in continuing to nurture excellence in behavior and academics, as it is an expectation from administration and teachers.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Falcons are working hard to prepare for testing! We are in our last nine weeks and are going to finish strong! We have been studying and plan to perform our best. Our teachers have kicked it into high gear, planning engaging lessons, preparing review games, and creating collaborative projects. The teachers are giving 100% in their preparation and their excitement is contagious!

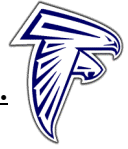
As the weather warms up, we need to make sure that we are vigilant and consistent in: completing homework, studying for tests, coming to tutoring, attending daily, and striving to be the best we can be each and every day. We have worked hard and had fun doing it; **we cannot give up now--** Let's continue to build on our accomplishments!

We have made it to May and have a lot of activities planned for the month. We have Mock SOLs, a trip to Kings Dominion with our Music Department, an International Fair, and Spring Sports are in full throttle. Please encourage your son/daughter to continue to find ways to be involved in our Falcon Family!

*"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes."* ~William James

Angela Thompson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal

## EIGHTH GRADE SOARING FALCONS.....



**It is your turn to shine!** We are now only days away from SOL testing. This is the time for you to show off what you've learned over the past year in all of your core classes. Our teachers have worked diligently to help you to become prepared for these tests. **It is Our Time, Right Now** to finish strong!

The FMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade team has promised a King's Dominion trip this June to any 8<sup>th</sup> grader that passes ALL of their upcoming SOLs...and we need your SUPPORT! On **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will host "**Super Saturday,**" a car wash, 3-on-3 tournament, food vendors, a yard sale, prom dress trunk sale, and Wii tournament. Our talent show will also be held on that day! **All proceeds will support the King's Dominion trip.** Mark your calendar and come out for a GREAT day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

**Attention to all students who are borderline in one or more classes:** Do you need a quiet place to work on schoolwork with Internet access? Mr. Crowder will host an 8<sup>th</sup> grade study hall in Cafeteria D on the following Saturdays from 9 AM – 12 PM: May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.** Students who are eligible for the dance will be notified this week. Eligibility for the dance is based on students passing all classes for Marking Period 3 as well as no disciplinary infractions during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. These requirements were put into place towards the beginning of the school year.

Thank you for all of your commitment to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year. We are looking forward to finishing the year strong. We know that with your help and involvement at home, we will succeed! Below are upcoming dates that are pertinent to you and your 8<sup>th</sup> grader as we move forward.

May 11	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
May 15	WH & Geography EOC (SOL)
May 16	Earth Science EOC (SOL)
May 15-18	Algebra I EOC (SOL)
May 30-31	SOL Testing
June 1, 5, 6	SOL Testing
June 13	Moving-Up Ceremony

William Crowder, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal