

Fruita Monument

High School



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Important Dates:

- ⇒ September 7th No School—Labor Day
- ⇒ September 21st No School— Teacher Furlough Day
- ⇒ SAT/PSAT exams coming up in October— 10/14 for seniors and 10/29 for juniors

Greetings, Wildcat Friends and Family,

I can't tell you how proud I am of our students as we embark on a new school year at Fruita Monument. Our Wildcats have done an amazing job of adapting to unique bell schedules, masks, alternating block days and one way hallways. Despite all of the adjustments to aid with social distancing, our vision for every student remains the same - "Cultivating innovation, achievement and passion through a learner centered environment." Our aim is to provide innovative courses and course work while incorporating the latest technology into daily instruction. We aim to engage our students through research, collaboration, challenge and inquiry. Our goal is to help every student discover and explore their passions and encourage them to be actively involved in classes, clubs and extracurricular activities. We ask students to commit to doing their best each day in every subject. We ask students to believe in their abilities and to be confident in their work. Our students are capable of accomplishing feats they never dreamed possible. As a staff, we are committed to helping every Wildcat find their passion and reach their full potential.

Advanced Placement Scores Reach All Time High at FMHS: Congratulations to the students and staff of FMHS for record success in Advanced Placement courses last year. 610 AP Exams were administered with 70% of our students receiving a qualifying score of 3+, which exceeds both the state (62%) and global average (60%).

FMHS AP Scholars 2019-20

		# of Students
AP Scholars	Averaged 3+ on 3 or more exams	49
AP Scholars with Honor	Averaged 3.25+ on 4 or more exams	19
AP Scholars with Distinction	Averaged 3.5 on 5 or more exams	42
National AP Scholars	Averaged 4+ on 8 or more exams	9

U.S. News and World Report Ranks FMHS as among the best high schools” in the U.S.: The rankings include data on more than 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.



PLEASE...

Students, we will have a yearbook this year. We need your help - please submit pictures from your time in quarantine on a flash drive to Mrs. Miller in room 201. Be sure to purchase a yearbook online at jostens.com or in the FMHS fees office.

Student Parking: We are working diligently to provide parking spaces to as many students as possible. We have 579 parking spaces and our current enrollment is 1,417 - up 7 students over last year. Our priority is to provide all juniors and seniors with a permit. We will offer permits to sophomores as soon as we have space available. In the meantime, students that do not have a parking permit can park on Wildcat Avenue, at the tennis courts and at Living Waters Church. They may also choose to carpool with a sibling or upperclassmen or ride the bus.

GO WILDCATS!



Todd McClaskey, Principal

Score Higher on the SAT!

FMHS will be offering the SAT on October 14 for all Seniors and October 29 for juniors. SAT Prep courses can help prepare your student to achieve the score they want. High-quality prep sessions include four sessions that are two hours in length. Each prep session only has 4-6 students so everyone receives personalized attention. For the October 13th test, the study sessions will be from 5:30pm – 7:30pm on September 14, September 21, September 28, and October 5.

Pricing is \$340 for the four sessions (includes prep book). If you would like more information or want to register your student, please text or call Suzanne Bergen at [970-433-3473](tel:970-433-3473). **SAT Prep....Dedicated to Help Your Student Succeed!**



"From the Health Office

Here is important information should your child need to take medication during the school day:

- A medication request form must be completed by the student's parent/guardian and by a health care provider with prescriptive authority before a medication can be administered at school.
- Medication request forms are available in the health office or on the school district website under Nursing Services.
- All medication (prescription and nonprescription) must be in its original container. Prescription directions must match the doctor's order on the medication request form. Ask the pharmacy for a second container for school if needed.
- Nonprescription medicines can only be given according to the directions on the medication container, unless a doctor has signed for different dosing.
- All medication should be transported to the school by an adult and handed to a school staff member.
- Students are not allowed to carry any medication (prescription or nonprescription) on campus unless proper paperwork has been filled out and signed by student, parent, doctor, and the school nurse. This includes inhalers, EpiPens, ibuprofen, Tylenol, coughdrops, cold medicine, etc. Please contact us if your student needs to carry medication.

If you have any questions please contact the Health Office at 254-6600 #5.

ALSO:

Please make sure your student has a mask to wear at school. They are required. Please remember to fill out (or have your student fill out) the symptom tracker each morning, preferably before coming to school."

Despite all the cancelled events this past spring and summer due to the global pandemic, Future **Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** continued forward offering both State and National Competitions in a virtual format.

Competition started live pre-pandemic at Colorado Mesa University with over 300 Western Slope high school students competing. FMHS had 24 students advance to the State competition by placing 4th or better in their events.

Once it was decided that State would be held virtually, qualifiers needed to decide if they wanted to compete. This was a hard decision to make as students were already dealing with the unknown and on-line remote education. FMHS had 20 students commit to competing virtually. These students took on the extra responsibility of either taking an on-line test or recording and uploading their presentations, sometimes with team members at different locations. These students definitely mastered the world of Zoom and Google Meets.

From the State competition we had 14 students in the top 10 and 6 advance to National Competition:

Evee White 8th in Advertising

Malia Recker 10th in Business Calculations

Tullulah Hill 8th in Economics

Trigg Hayward, Brayden Kelley, Jun Park 6th in Management Decision Making

Ellie Schroeder and Layne Thompson 9th in Business Plan

Nationals Qualifiers:

Jack Williams 9th in Personal Finance

Stephen Satterfield 3rd in Political Science

Shane Fick 4th in Sales Presentation

Amber Clark, Rowen Kimble and Kade Bessert

2nd in Graphic Design

Nationals was also held virtually at the end of June. Our National qualifiers competed yet again with amazing results - we had 4 students place in the Top 10 at Nationals - a huge accomplishment considering over 10,000 high school students were competing:

Our Graphic Design team of Amber Clark, Rowen Kimble and Kade Bessert placed 10th.

Shane Fick also placed 10th with his Sales Presentation. These students were recognized by the School Board at the August 18th Board meeting for their accomplishments. We are looking forward to a great 2020/2021 season!



Top 10 National Competitors at the August 18 Board Meeting from left: Shane Fick, Rowen Kimble, Kade Bessert, Amber Clark, and Adviser, Kathaleen Recker

FMHS Students, Families, and Staff-

As we start a new school year, we understand that the impacts of COVID have been difficult. If your finances are making it challenging to provide appropriately-fitting, clean school clothes for your student(s) this year, please send them my way. We have updated and expanded the available clothing and shoe varieties for students. This is a FREE resource for students and there is not an application process. If your student needs clothing or shoes for the school year, please contact Micaela Manchester via e-mail at mmanches@d51schools.org. Opportunities to shop will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:45-8:00am and 3:00-3:30pm in room 602.

Thank you!!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

Denny Squibb Athletic Director

Jeannine Smith Assistant

2020 has been a very interesting year for all of us. As we are moving forward we do have four Sports conducting their seasons. Each Sport will have unique changes to comply with. The 2020-21 School year will have Four Seasons: Season A,B,C,D.

Season A: Cross-country, Boys Golf, Softball and Boys Tennis.

Season B: Boys and Girls Basketball, Spirit, Girls Volleyball, and Wrestling.

Season C: Football, Boys Soccer, and Girls Volleyball.

Season D: Baseball, Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Girls Soccer,

Boys Swimming, Girls Tennis and Track and Field.

As of now Seasons B,C,D are proposed subject to change. As all of us were hoping, we continue to move forward with more restrictions being lifted.

Information:

- ◇ Understand (as you are getting used to) what is said today can be different tomorrow.
- ◇ FMHS, SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 ARE NOT THE DECISION MAKERS. We present a plan to the Health Department and Guidelines are approved or turned down.
- ◇ CHSAA is the same as they present plans and a Governor's Committee then approves or turns down. CHSAA' Staff has been working very hard to get approval for our schools.
- ◇ We will be attempting to increase website information and have parents and athletes sign up for notifications from this office.
- ◇ We will be doing more with Twitter. Follow us on fmhsathletics.com

With lots of false information being circulated around, please contact us at the office and we will be glad to help clear up as much as we can.

A great quote for all of us right now that comes from Dwight D Eisenhower.

"What is important is seldom urgent, and what's urgent is seldom important"



SAT Prep Workshop Starts this Month!

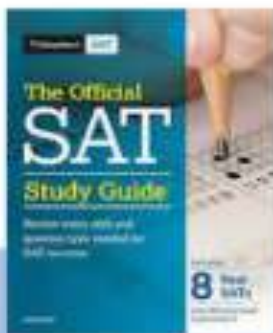


Prepare for the SAT in October!

About ACT/SAT Prep

Suzanne Bergen, M.Ed., teaches the SAT prep workshops. She has her Master's degree in Secondary Education from Regis University. Bergen has taught at Fruita Monument High School and Colorado Mesa University.

The SAT prep workshops provide: SAT tips & tricks, practice tests, content explanations and timing skills. Each workshop provides a small environment with only 4-6 students.



SAT
Workshop
Four 2-hr
Sessions
\$340 Total

"Suzanne's class helped me learn a simpler way to study correctly and manage my time when taking the test. My score increased 220 points!"
Isabelle,
Fruita Monument
High School

Call or text Suzanne Bergen to register at 970.433.3473