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Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School

Wier's Wisdom

FSWC Students, Parents, and Staff,

I hope the first quarter of this school year has exceeded your expectations! I have many times in my career told others that “choice can be very powerful”. This is especially true here at FSWC in the following ways:

Our **families** CHOOSE to send their child to our school and trust that we are providing them with an outstanding educational opportunity.

Our **students** CHOOSE to accept the opportunity and strive for academic excellence each and every day.

Our **faculty and staff** CHOOSE to dedicate themselves to creating an innovative and supportive environment for learning to take place.

Our school models not only the power of choice but also the strength of the school and family partnership. We work together to achieve incredible goals. Not only do we surpass local and state academic performance, but we understand that the social and emotional needs of our students is critical for them to succeed. We are bridging the gap between high school and postsecondary education by allowing our students the ability to earn their Associate’s Degree and High School Diploma simultaneously. The majority of our graduates move on to pursue their college and career goals with a strong foundation and understanding of the commitment and hard work that will be required.

Most of you likely are aware that we have been designated as a “**Blue Ribbon School**” from the U.S. Department of Education. The official recognition ceremony takes place in Washington, D.C. November 14-15, 2019. I will be proud to represent our school along with Dawn Nolan at this year’s ceremony and want to congratulate each and every student and staff member on this accomplishment!

Again, I thank you for the support and encouragement you provide to our school and our students! If you have any concerns or questions, please know that we welcome your inquiries and value your considerations in school-related matters.

Sincerely,

Principal Wier

Welcome Note:

- Meghan Price

Dear fellow FSWC students, what you have before you is the first edition of the 2019 FSWC news letter, brought to you by Mrs. Teitlezweig's 7th period creative writing class. We have all collaborated and worked diligently to bring you monthly newsletters containing information on upcoming events, college advice, club news, sports, and more. For any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us at BucPridePages@gmail.com. A copy of our newsletter will be emailed out to your parents. We hope you enjoy our newsletter as much as we do!

ET's Entertainment:

We as humans should be able to sort out our differences and come up with resolutions to solve them. No two persons think alike, therefore coming together and conveying our issues before it escalates is vital. We may fight, verbally of course, at the end what matters the most is how we can come together with a solution to iron out the reason we fought.

- Officer Etienne (ET)

Students of the Month:



Pictured from left to right: Brian Magnuson (11), Camila Hildago (10), Principal Michle Wier, Shevonese Graham (11), Rachel Kidpfinger (12), Javier Aponte (12), Danielle Miller (12), Jennifer Deeble (9), Emily Legried (11), Garssair Augustin (9), and Joshua Maxson (9). Not pictured: Steven Eskander (9)



Spirit Week:

- Sarah Jack

Monday November 4: Spirit Day (BUC Pride)
Tuesday November 5: Character Day
Wednesday November 6: Career Day
Thursday November 7: Decade Day
Friday November 8: CLASH OF CLASSES

Class colors:

Freshman: Pink	Sophomore: Blue
Juniors: Red	Seniors: Purple

Bonfire /Carnival November 8th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Homecoming is November 9th from 6pm to 10pm

Theme: The Roaring 20s

Ticket sales:

October 21th to November 8th
\$20 per ticket (During Lunches)
^^ Applies to Guest Tickets^^
No tickets sold at the door. Presale only.

*DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET

DURING BOTH LUNCHES!!*

Counselor's Corner

With Mrs. Foster:

Greetings, students and parents! We are off to an amazing start to the school year! After reviewing interim grades last week, I can see that most students are really working hard and I can report that our deficiency lists are the smallest they have ever been in years past! I also wanted to mention that September is National Suicide Prevention Month and I have been working with freshmen in the PCS class all month, covering mental health awareness and signs and symptoms of suicide. In the upcoming months we will be covering this topic with sophomores as well, as this is now a required educational requirement, mandated by the Florida Department of Education. If you or someone you know is hurting, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or another trusted adult, to seek help. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK. October is National Bully Prevention Month and, in honor of that, let me say how important it is that we be kind to one another. Whether it's with a friendly hello and a smile to someone, or lending a helping hand or a listening ear to a close friend, we can make a positive difference in others' lives, every day! Join with me in intentionally thinking about how we can make someone's day, each and every day and let's all work together to continue to make FSWC a happy, positive place to be!

Clubs:

- Daniel Lustig

- Andrew Steele

HOW TO MAKE A CLUB

- 1) Start with an idea of what you want your club to be
- 2) Get a group of 5 or more friends who are interested in your idea
- 3) Ask a teacher if they would be willing to sponsor your club
- 4) Make a general plan of what your club will be
- 5) Check with SGA to make sure your club is genuinely worthwhile
- 6) Wait for Mrs. Wier's approval though SGA if approved
- 7) Then start advertising your club

Academic Advice:

- Jade E

- Phynx Yamaguchi

How to be Successful in School:

In your academic career, to be successful, learning to efficiently manage your time is crucial. There is quote that says, "Everyone has the same 24 hours." Those who make the most their time become the most successful.

Steps to Creating Good Time Management Skills

Identify your current time management skills: Take note of how you spend your time.

Set goals for yourself (day, week, month, or even year): Take time to set goals for yourself that you're working towards. Make SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time based).

Make a to-do list: Write a list of all the things you need to get done no matter how big or small the task on your phone or on paper.

Prioritize your list: Do the things that are most important and take the most time first.

Get rid of any distractions: Pay attention to what you observed distracted you in step one and eliminate these distractions.

Maintain your well-being: Make sure you sleep for about 8-9 hours a night, eat healthy, exercise, and spend time with friends and family.

Be well prepared: Have a calendar where you can keep track of dates, deadlines, and major events so you can be prepared for them.

Sources:

"How to Balance Your Time Wisely." *The Society of Torch & Laurel*, 8 Aug. 2017, <http://www.torchandlaurel.org/balance-time-wisely/>.

Potpourri:

- Jackson Morz

- Oliver Gural

Off to the Movies...

October is the spookiest time of the year, and one of the biggest staples of all things spooky, scary, or otherwise, is good film-making, which does not come in short supply. This month features a plethora of new releases and instant classics for your viewing pleasure.

- Joker:

Genre: Drama/Thriller

Coming out on October 4th, Joker follows the story of Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix), a failed comedian who finds himself disregarded and mistreated by the community in Gotham, modeled after a harsh 1980's New York. The audience gets to see Joaquin's character begin a slow but sure descent into becoming the madman that we know today as the Joker, one of the most iconic villains of all time. This film not only serves as a character study, but also as an unfortunate origin story for the deranged jester.

- Gemini Man:

Genre: Sci-Fi

Henry Borgan (Will Smith), a skilled and aged government assassin seeking to retire, ends up having to face off against a younger clone of himself, Junior, who not only appears to be just as skilled as Henry, but can also guess his every plan. Henry decides to investigate the origins of his clone, uncover the dark truth behind the creation of Junior, and end the corruption that created the clone trying to kill him, all while trying to prevent Junior from making the same mistakes that he did.

- El Camino:

Genre: Thriller/Drama

El Camino is a continuation of the Award-winning Breaking Bad TV series that aired on AMC. The show will star Aaron Paul as Jesse Pinkman and will take up where he left off.

Often regarded as one of the most captivating shows in modern television, Breaking Bad serves as an indication of the level of quality that awaits El Camino.

Teacher Interviews:

Mrs. Sellers-Spanish

I am a Colombian native, ever since I was a child I showed great talent and appreciation for foreign languages, especially English. I did memorize lyrics of songs and repeat them like a parrot without knowing what they meant. Later in life as a young adult I went to England and learned the language. I hold a BA in Journalism from Universidad de la Sabana in Colombia and a Master's of Science in Translation Studies from Manchester University UK. I also Posses good working knowledge in German, Portuguese and Italian. It is my first year teaching full time. However, I have been working as a Spanish tutor for many years since my student days in the UK and Germany. I have also experience as a professional translator and interpreter. I strive to inspire my students to choose with togetherness between mind and heart. I am elated to be here at Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School. I would love to see my students embarking on many educational trips exploring the world. Traveling contains an immeasurable source of knowledge and inspiration. I am an advocate to take a Sabbatical year before going to college and experience with younger eyes, minds, hearts and legs too! this vast, vibrant, wonderful, word that we all have the privilege to share.

Mr. Nielsen-Mathematics

I attended a small college in Auburn California and graduated with a degree in Education and History, 1985. I also attended school in London, England for one semester because I loved history and wanted to get some experience being outside of North America. I received my Masters degree from Loma Linda University in California; Educational Administration and Leadership, graduated 1991. I worked at a summer camp for several years during college and realized I loved teaching. At camp I taught photography, canoeing, waterskiing. My focus as a teacher is to make the lessons in math easily understandable for all students and to make students laugh and think with real-life stories and illustrations. Mottos I live by are "Everything is always working in my favor." and "The right people come along at the right time for the right reasons."

SGA News:

2019-2020 Class

Representatives:

Class of 2023:

- President:
Anai Roca
- VP of Social Media: Hunter Ingram
- VP of Fundraising:
Andrew Anderson
- VP of Communication:
Christine Burzo
- VP of Attendance:
Jimena Rojas
- VP of Event Coordination:
Mackenzie Crowl

Class of 2022:

- President:
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- VP of Social Media: Breanna Albertson
- VP of Fundraising:
Ashleigh Dilger
- VP of Communication:
Jackson Bopp
- VP of Attendance:
Phynx Yamaguchi
- VP of Event Coordination:
Camila Hidalgo

Class of 2021:

- President:
Grace Eaton
- VP of Social Media:
Sheila Reyes
- VP of Fundraising:
Arellius Perry
- VP of Communication:
Marche Sykes
- VP of Attendance:
Kaila Sukennikoff
- VP of Event Coordination:
Soraly Uzcategui

Class of 2020:

- President:
Yannis Roddriquez
- VP of Social Media:
Katelynn Welchman
- VP of Fundraising:
Jake Lille
- VP of Communication:
Noah Welchman
- VP of Attendance:
Caitlyn Harvard
- VP of Event Coordination:
Kayleigh Thomas

Sports: LBHS Athlete Spotlight

- Alison LaBeau

- Prisha Patel

Volleyball: Brooke Andrews is a volleyball player for Lemon Bay High School. On a volleyball team most players stick to a certain position or a certain move. For Brooke, she mostly does defensive digging and receiving, otherwise known as a libero. Brooke says she and her team are doing pretty well at the moment. The record for the team is 7 wins and 1 loss; however, they still have more games to go. One of Brooke's favorite memories from this season so far was when she ran over and got kicked in the face by a teammate. Brooke's favorite practice sets are called running quicks. These occur when a person is given a low set and they have to spike it on the other side. This move is effective in throwing off blockers. Brooke plans to play volleyball throughout the rest of high school. She is not sure whether or not she wants to continue through college; however, if she continues through college, she will most likely play beach volleyball.

Football: Everett Baker plays for Lemon Bay High School. This year he's the left tackle for his team. He says that the team is going through a rough patch, but hopefully the team will come through in the end. As of now, Lemon Bay's current football record is 1 win and 7 losses. One of Everett's favorite moments from the season so far was when he "pancaked someone" at a game against Port Charlotte. Everett plans to continue to play football for the rest of high school. If he is offered a scholarship for college he will continue to play throughout college.

Sophomores:

Brooke Andrews and Everett Baker



Upcoming Calendar Events:

November 1: Senior Dues Deadline

November 4: Spirit Day

November 5: Character Day – Pelican Fundraiser 5-8 pm

November 6: Career Day – SGA Meeting

November 7: Decade Day - Z Club 1st Meeting

November 8: CLASH OF CLASSES – Carnival/Bonfire 5-7 pm

November 9: Homecoming Dance 6-10 pm

November 11: Veteran's Day (No college classes)

November 13: SGA Meeting

November 20: SGA Meeting

November 27: NO School for Gr 9/10

November 28: NO School All – Thanksgiving

November 29: NO School All