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Home of the Eagles!

Eagle's Nest



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Our Mission

Francis Scott Key High School serves an ever-changing, rural community, rich in tradition. As a school community, our mission is to help students as they mature intellectually, personally, and socially while inspiring them to achieve academic excellence. We recognize and value the dignity of each student. Through a diverse program of study, we provide the students with the skills and confidence to successfully address the challenges of adult life.

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Principal's Message

Greetings:

The school year has started on a very positive note. As I walk the halls of the building and attempt to visit classrooms daily, I see students actively engaged in their education and teachers working hard to see that the needs of every student are met. Interims were issued October 1st and Parent Conferences were held October 8th. If for some reason, you did not receive an interim or were unable to schedule a meeting with your child's teachers, please contact their School Counselor so that we can be in communication. The 1st marking period ended October 29, 2009 and report cards will be issued Friday, November 6th with another set of conferences to be held November 18th. The time to ask questions about achievement and performance is now!

H1N1 flu is a concern that Carroll County Public Schools is taking very seriously and Francis Scott Key is also addressing the possibility of a flu epidemic this fall. In a recent faculty meeting I requested several things of our staff in preparation for a possible outbreak.

1. Common sense must prevail. Treat everyone the way you would want to be treated.
2. Students, develop a network within every class to get assignments if you are absent.
3. Teachers, be prepared to be absent.
4. Coaches, give every athlete an opportunity to try out for your team.
5. Schools are not likely to close.
6. Vaccine Clinics will be at Elementary Schools, not at Middle or High Schools.

County plans can be found in detail at the CCPS Website.

A final thought, the economic situation in the country, state, county, and the school system continues to be threatening. The best way for our students to prepare for the world they will be graduating into, is to maximize their education. The key is what they learn more than the grade they earn. Encourage your children to challenge themselves and work harder than they think is necessary in all their classes.

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

2009-10, Year One of the Next 50

Sincerely,

John B. Seaman

Francis Scott Key High School 2009-2010 Calendar of Events

2009

November 9	Two-Hour Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal – Professional Meeting Day Faculty Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the cafeteria
November 19–21	Fall Play
November 17	SIT Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the Media Center
November 18	Parent Conferences – 4:30-7:30 PM (Please call for an appointment)
November 19	Blood Drive
November 23	Schools Closed for Students
November 24	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Development Day
November 25-27	Schools/Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1	Faculty Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the cafeteria
December 9	Band Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
December 17	Chorus Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
December 23	Two-Hour Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal – Last Day before Winter Holiday
December 24-31	Schools/Offices Closed – Winter Holiday

2010

January 1	Schools/Offices Closed – Winter Holiday
January 4	Schools/Offices Reopen
January 5	Faculty Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the cafeteria
January 11-14	High School Assessment Exams
January 14-15	Dance Concert – 7:00 PM
January 15	Final Exams for Semester One Classes – Mod 3A only
January 18	Schools/Offices Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 19	Final Exams for Semester One Classes – Mod 2B
January 20	Final Exams for Semester One Classes – Mod 1 & 3
January 21	Final Exams for Semester One Classes – Mod 2 & 4
January 22	Marking Period Ends – Two-Hour Forty-Five Minute Early Dismissal
January 25	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Day for Teachers
January 28	Meet the Teacher Night – Time 4:30-7:30 PM
January 30	Chorus Cabaret—7:00pm
February 2	Faculty Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the cafeteria
February 3	Madrigal Dinner – 6:00 PM
February 4	8 th Grade Visitation; 8 th Grade Parent Night (Snow date: Feb 11 th)
February 15	Schools/Offices Closed – Presidents' Day
February 16	Schools Closed for Students
March 2	Faculty Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the cafeteria
March 9	SIT Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 in the Media Center
March 10	Parent Conferences – 4:30-7:00 PM (Please call for an appointment)
March 12	Talent Show

*Please note that all
dates are subject to
change!*

ADA Compliance Statement

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, (410) 751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at (410) 751-3020, or publicinfo@carrollk.12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Public Notification of Career and Technology Education Offerings

Carroll County Public Schools offers career and technology education programs in business, agriscience, allied health, trade, industrial and technical education, family and consumer sciences, and technology education. Business, agriscience, family and consumer science and technology education programs may be offered in each of the county's eight high schools. Trade and industry and technical programs are offered at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center and South Carroll High School. An allied health program is available at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center. These programs are open to students who are in the grade levels served by the programs and who are interested in and qualify for these educational program options.

At the Carroll County Career and Technology Center and at the Career and Technology Center at South Carroll High School, students receive specialized career training and education, as well as earning credits toward high school graduation. Students may enroll in grades 11 and/or 12 in the centers' competency-based programs, provided they meet prerequisites for specific courses. Students enrolled in the programs at the centers are also enrolled concurrently in their home schools in order to complete graduation requirements and participate in extracurricular activities. School bus transportation is provided for the students from the home schools to and from the centers. A support service team is available to work with those disadvantaged and handicapped students who need additional assistance in order to be successful in their career and technology education program. For details about programs, contact the counseling department at each high school.

Carroll County Public Schools provides career and technology education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, religious belief, national origin, or disabilities. The Title IX Coordinators are Judy Klinger and Jim Rodriguez; the Section 504 Coordinator is Ray Prokop. These coordinators may be reached at Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, 410-751-3000.

A local application for career and technology education programs has been prepared and submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education for approval. The application is available for review and/or comment by the public. Contact Marjorie Lohnes, Supervisor of Career and Technology Education, Carroll County Public Schools, (410) 751-3104 to review this application.

Changes In Your Phone Number



Parents, please call and notify us when you change your phone numbers. Please keep us in mind when you get those new cell phones at holiday time. The numbers we have on file are the only ones we have to contact you in case of emergency or illness.

Early Dismissal From School

Students leaving for reasons other than medical or an approved appointment are considered attendance ineligible for the day. **If a student must leave school before the end of the school day, a written request from the parent or guardian must be submitted to the attendance clerks in the cafeteria prior to 7:40 a.m. of the day for which the request was made.** Students must report to the office attendance window and follow the sign-in/sign-out procedures before leaving and/or returning to school.

MVA Requirements for Learner's Permit

Effective July 1, 2007, any student applying for a learner's permit who is under the age of 16 years must present to the motor vehicles administration a certified copy of their school attendance record. The MVA will not issue a learner's permit if the school attendance record indicates more than ten (10) unexcused absences during the prior school semester. Students who need this documentation for MVA will submit to the attendance secretary a completed MVA form. (These forms must be obtained from the MVA.) **The school will need 24 hours to verify and process the information required to complete the form.**

Attendance Procedures

Students who are absent from school must provide parental verification of absences. FSK will accept a written note signed by the parent/guardian, fax signed by the parent/guardian, email from the parent/guardian, or phone call initiated by the parent/guardian explaining the reason for the absence. Upon return to school, all students should report to the attendance clerk in the cafeteria before 7:40 a.m. and fill out an absence form. The attendance clerk will indicate on the student's form the absence code as defined by Maryland State Law. It will be the student's responsibility to provide the approved, coded form to their teachers and obtain the teacher's signature. (See Student Agenda Book)

The student must follow the procedures as outlined within two school days upon their return from an absence in order for their absence to be considered as excused. In addition, students who are absent three or more consecutive days are expected to provide documentation from a physician. Absences will be considered as unlawful if a written lawful excuse is not provided and the student may be denied credit for any work missed. Failure to bring in a note may be considered truancy and may result in disciplinary action.

Students arriving late or leaving early must report to the attendance officer. Students missing any part of the school day will be coded tardy or absent according to the county attendance policy. Students involved in extra-curricular activities who miss any part of the school day **must have administrative approval** in order to participate in practices, games, or events. (See County Eligibility Policy).

Carroll County Public School Volunteer Program

The Carroll County Public School System encourages and welcomes volunteers. Volunteers strengthen ties with families, community members, and business partners by involving all citizens in the crucial matter of educating our youth. For the professional educator, the volunteer is a valuable resource who provides an extra pair of caring hands to support meaningful student learning. In addition, volunteers may share varied and unique experiences that help encourage students to strive to reach their highest potential.

The volunteer program in Carroll County Public Schools utilizes the talents of all interested citizens in the following capacities:

- Level I volunteers (guest speakers, business representatives, concession stand workers, etc.) must annually register at a school site before volunteering.
- Level II volunteers (classroom helpers, chaperones, mentors, etc.) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering. In addition, all Level II volunteers selected as chaperones for overnight trips/activities will be subject to a background check prior to beginning the trip/activity. Background request forms must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled overnight trip/activity.
- Volunteer training is available at local schools or regional sites throughout Carroll County. A comprehensive schedule of 2009-2010 training sessions will be available through school newsletters/bulletins, local newspapers, Carroll Educational Television Channel 21, and/or the school system's website.

If you need more information about becoming a volunteer, please contact a local school or the Carroll County Public School Volunteer Program Coordinator at 410-386-1536. Below is a list of days that the volunteer training will be held at Francis Scott Key:

Wednesday, November 18th	5:00pm– 5:30pm	and 6:30pm–7:00pm
Thursday, January 28th	4:30pm–5:00pm	and 5:30pm–6:00pm
Wednesday, March 10th	5:30pm–6:00pm	

Obligation Policy

Students who have a school obligation will not be issued textbooks, library books, lockers, parking permits, etc. until all debts are cleared. If you know that your student has an outstanding obligation, please encourage him or her to come to the school office to return materials or pay any monies owed.

Consent and Release Information

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media covers certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received.

Deliveries for Students

The administration strongly discourages the delivery of balloons, flowers, etc. to students during the instructional day. For obvious reasons, we do not interrupt classroom instruction to make deliveries to students. **All deliveries will be held in the main office until the end of the school day.** At that time students will be called down to the office to pick up their item(s).

If the student rides a bus, the item(s) must be easily transportable on the bus or the student will need to call a parent or guardian to provide transportation.



Payments to FSK



The administration strongly encourages parents to pay by check or money order when sending monies to school. This will alleviate the possibility of the student losing the cash or having it stolen and provides a paper trail for the parent. In the event the payment is not recorded, a cancelled check is easily traceable. Checks should be made out to FSK and please indicate on the Memo line what the payment is for, ex. Class of 2010 fundraiser, prom tickets, PE uniform, etc. We appreciate your cooperation.

Driving to School

Driving to school and parking on the student lot is a privilege. Since parking space is extremely limited, seniors and juniors must purchase and display a valid Francis Scott Key High School Parking Permit. **Driving privileges for freshmen and sophomores will not be available.** Students must be academically eligible and have at least 90% attendance from the previous semester in order to apply for and maintain a parking permit. Permits will be sold on a semester basis at a cost of \$10.00 per semester.

Permits will be available for purchase by juniors and seniors during the school year as available.



Help FSK While You Shop

Did you know that when you shop, you can help FSK get valuable equipment and supplies. This is one of the easiest fundraisers that benefits the students and the school. All you have to do is register to donate your points when you shop at the following stores:

Giant - A+ Bonus Bucks

Register at the store or at www.giantfood.com/aplus or 1-888-448-4642. School ID#01760

Safeway—E-scrip

Register at the store or at www.escrip.com or 1-800-400-7878. School ID#650

Martin's - A + School Rewards Program

Register at the store or at www.martinsaplus.com or 1-888-448-4642. School ID#01317

Target—Take Charge of Education

Register at the store or at www.target.com or 1-800-316-6142. School ID#57808

Thank you for your support!!!

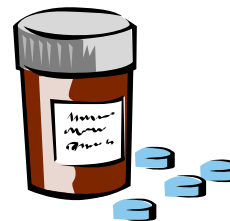
Medication During School Hours

Nurses can administer medications (prescription and over-the-counter) ONLY when ordered by a licensed practitioner (physician, nurse practitioner, etc.) The medical Director of the Carroll County Health Department has agreed to give a standing order to the school nurses to administer Ibuprofen (Advil) and Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in over-the-counter doses to students in Carroll County Schools with parent consent. This means that no additional doctor's order is needed for these two medications. All other medications must have a doctor's order and written permission from the parents if the medication is to be administered in school. A medication consent form signed by the appropriate individuals must accompany all medication.

Only Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are to bring medication to school. Medications should be in their original containers. See Mrs. Blasco, School Nurse for the medical consent form.

The following items are not considered to be medications and therefore students may carry them without being in violation of our drug and alcohol policy:

- Chapsticks/lip balm
- **Non-medicated** cough drops (example, Ludens', Halls)
- Saline eye drops or Saline nose spray
- Hand creams and lotions
- Sunscreen
- Individually wrapped antibacterial hand wipes



Please contact Mrs. Blasco if you have any questions, 410-751-3320.

Note: The medical consent form is needed if your son/daughter is required to take medicines during school times. This includes all over-the-counter medications, as well as prescription drugs. A doctor's signature is required for prescription drugs. PLEASE FILL OUT THE MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS COMPLETELY. Students are not allowed to carry medicine in school except for approved inhalers. The school cannot administer prescription drugs without a written doctor's order. PLEASE REVIEW THE COUNTY HANDBOOK FOR REGULATIONS ON ALL HEALTH-RELATED TOPICS.

Residence Address Changes

Very often students' addresses change during the course of the school year, and parents/guardians are unaware of the procedures necessary to change their child(ren)'s records. Be advised that all address changes must be documented by an appropriate proof of residence as mandated by state guidelines. Acceptable documents for proof of residence include:

- A current rent receipt (dated within 60 days)
- A recent bill for a service delivered to the residence (electric, cable, water, sewer, land-line phone, trash, etc.- dated within 60 days, we can not take cell phone bills, auto insurance bill, your license, paystubs, turn off/termination notices).
- A mortgage statement/bill (dated within 60 days)
- A signed settlement document (dated within 60 days)
- A property tax bill from the current fiscal year indicating "primary residence"
- A Deed (must show house # and street name)
- A notarized Resident Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residence, as indicated above, for the owner/leasee of the property.

Once the proper documentation has been received, the student's records will then be updated. You may send your documentation in with your student and Mrs. Bassler would be happy to verify the item to make sure it is acceptable, make a copy of it and give it back to the student to return to you. You may visit the Carroll County School website (<http://www.carrollk12.org>) to find out more information or contact Rita Bassler, Registrar at 410-386-4589.

School Information—School Web Site and AlertNow Communication

School Website—Did you know that our SCHOOL WEBSITE contains valuable up-to-date information for our students, parents, and community? You can find the school's mission and goals, individual staff's e-mail addresses, school calendar activities and links to up-to-date athletic schedules, etc. The school website is: <http://www.carrollk12.org/fsk>.

AlertNow Rapid Communication Service—The Carroll County Public School System is now using the AlertNow Rapid Communication Service to provide parents with information from their child's schools and the school system. AlertNow replaces eSchoolnewsletter and is capable of delivering both e-mail and phone alerts at no charge to parents. You do not have to sign up for the new system. All information is taken from emergency procedure cards. AlertNow was piloted at FSK and in five other schools last year and we have had very positive feedback. We are excited about the capabilities AlertNow offers and believe it will continue to greatly enhance our communication with parents and our school communities..

School Office Hours and Phone Numbers

The school office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the days in which school is in session. During these hours, our office staff will be available to answer phones and greet guests at the school. Our main office telephone number is 410-751-3320. Our school fax number is 410-751-3325. Please feel free to contact any of our office staff members listed below with any questions or concerns you might have.

Ms. Cyndi Romeo, Office Manager

Ms. Lydia Fine, Administrative/Receptionist

Ms. LuAnne Jarrett, Administrative Secretary/Data Clerk

Ms. Donna Roop, Administrative/Attendance Secretary

Security Cameras at FSK and on School Buses

In a continuing effort to provide a safe and orderly environment, security cameras exist both inside and outside at Francis Scott Key High School. All persons using our facility will be subject to this surveillance. Everyone's cooperation in understanding and supporting these measures is appreciated. Most Carroll County high schools now have some form of electronic surveillance to provide a safe environment for our school community.

Video/audio cameras are placed on school buses to protect students and staff and provide for a safe and orderly environment. The privacy of students and the recordings are kept secure and are reviewed only by the authorized Carroll County Public Schools personnel.

Students Staying After School

Students should only stay after school for school sponsored (and supervised) activities. They must remain with a staff member and be supervised at all times. Students waiting on a ride after an activity are to wait in the gym lobby and are not to be out in the building after 3:00 p.m.

For students who do not ride a school bus, please note that our instructional day ends at 2:35 p.m. and arrangements should be made to pick the student up at that time.

Last year, we had many students "hanging around" to socialize or waiting for athletic events. We ask that parents realize that we do not have staffing to provide supervision for students after school hours unless they are with a particular program or activity. For safety and security reasons, students must take their regular means of transportation home and then return to school at the designated time the athletic event or program is due to begin.

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements, please contact an administrator for prior approval. We appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Transcript Fees

Please be aware that effective immediately, the fee for high school transcripts of previous students is \$5.00 each. This change in policy has been posted on the Carroll County Public School's website.

Use of Office Telephones

The use of office telephones by students is limited to emergency phone calls only. Students are encouraged to notify parents of their after school activities and to arrange transportation prior to arriving to school. We have had problems in the past with our phone lines being tied up for forgotten items, permission to stay after school, and transportation issues. It is important that we keep our telephone lines open for official school business and emergencies. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Web Site for Locating Sex Offenders

To locate registered sex offenders residing in Carroll County and surrounding areas, please refer to the following web site:

www.dpscs.state.md.us and click on Sex Offender Registry.

****College Tour for juniors and seniors****

November 5th—Penn State

November 11th—Stevenson University

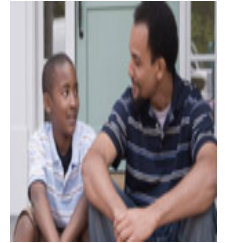
See Ms. Ndaka in the Counseling Dept.



Not My Child

“Help and Hope for Carroll County’s Youth”

September 2009



Not My Child is a prevention program that endeavors to educate and support families in raising healthy, drug-free children. This initiative began with a local parent who lost a child to drugs and is passionate about helping other parents avoid tragedy. Parents want to believe that their children would never “do drugs.” But the reality is that in 90% of cases, children get drugs from their friends! We need to get past the “not my child” mentality and be proactive by talking to our children and staying current about the drug culture.

According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, the use of illegal drugs is going down. However, the use of prescription and over-the-counter medications is going up among teenagers and young adults. These drugs are readily available to children who may believe these medicines are “safe.” Children of all ages need to understand the dangers of misusing even the most commonly taken medications, such as ibuprofen or cough syrup.

Look for **Not MY Child** columns in future school newsletters to receive up-to-date messages regarding current areas of concern, contact e-mail addresses, and local resources.

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Yearbook Information

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1. Order forms for purchasing the yearbook will be mailed to your home address by November 15th. If you do not receive an order form, please contact Mrs. Miller. Yearbooks must be ordered through Taylor Publishing using the smart-pay program. Your order can be placed via the internet, phone, or by mail. However, books can not be ordered through the school.

2. The Francis Scott Key yearbook staff wishes to give you the opportunity to place an ad for your senior in our 2010 full color yearbook. You can provide a layout of your own design or we can create one for you. If you would like to place a patron ad in this year’s book, please email Mrs. Miller for an order form. All orders must be placed before October 30, 2009. Your support is greatly appreciated.

3. The 2009 Spring Supplement is almost complete. Last year’s seniors who purchased a yearbook will have the supplement mailed to them. Underclassmen can purchase a copy for \$5. We will make an announcement when they arrive!

4. Extra copies of last year’s 50th Anniversary yearbook (as well as copies from 2006, 2007 & 2008) are still available. Contact Mrs. Miller at cgmille@k12.carr.org for more information.

If your son or daughter does not order a yearbook directly through Taylor Publishing, he/she will not receive a yearbook.

Supplements to the Newsletter

The supplements listed below have been included in this newsletter to keep you up-to-date with current activities at the school as well as keep you informed of Carroll County Public Schools' policies and procedures. Please be sure to read the information carefully. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information published in this newsletter, please feel free to contact the school for clarification.

- Letter from the President of the Athletic Boosters
- Athletics Newsletter
- Academic Tutoring
- FSK Holiday Shopping Night

Department of Juvenile Justice		
Ryan Bowen		
Case Management Specialist		
101 North Court Street	School 410-751-3320	
Westminster, MD 21157	Office 410-871-3623	
	Fax 410-871-3620	



notMYkid.org

"It's not what you say, it's what you do."

Do you or a friend need someone to talk to for **HELP NOW?**

Call: 1-866-367-0968 - 24 hr.- live voice - free - anonymous

Our high school and middle school students have to cope with increasing stress in most aspects of their lives. Some stress can be prevented by teaching young students the negative impact of bullying on the victim and the person responsible for the bullying. Carroll County Public Schools will not tolerate bullying. If your child has been involved with a bullying incident or has information about bullying, encourage them to talk with their teacher, counselor, principal, or assistant principal. We want to do everything possible to remove this unnecessary source of student stress.

If someone in your family needs help with coping with stress contact one of the resources below. For an emergency call 911. If you or a friend **COULD** need help but you're not sure, call this anonymous number: 1-866-367-0968 (printed on high school ID's). Friends like your child can make all the difference by calling for help.

Alcoholics Anonymous 410-268-5441

Junction, Inc-Counseling 410-848-6100

Tobacco Control Prog. C.C. Health Dept. 410-876-4429

[notMYkid](http://notMYkid.org) Dr.T.D Piercy 410-751-3540

Nat'l. Clearing House for Alcohol and Drugs 10800-729-6686

TIPS Hotline 1-888-300-TIPS

AL-ANON 410-876-4410

www.theantidrug.com

Heroin Action Coalition 1-866-437-6461

www.heroinaction.org

www.notmykid.org

www.jointogether.org



Francis Scott Key High School

Athletic Boosters

Dear Parents, Athletes and Students,

As President of the Athletic Boosters, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our program thus far. The pizza fundraiser surpassed last years profit by almost two hundred percent and PDP is off to a very exciting start. As I stated at Meet the Coaches night, there is a long road ahead. With the continued support of students and parents, this program can and will become the envy of our area.

So far this season, I have witnessed some great wins, but more impressively our athletes unwillingness to quit when behind. These are the character traits that inspire me to work even harder for our young men and women. The Boosters have decided to set time aside during the general meeting for our athletes to voice their concerns or offer suggestions to the membership. It is my hope by giving the student athlete a voice; they will feel assured, that as a board we genuinely want them to succeed, regardless of gender or sport.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to ask that any concerns with the day to day operation of the Boosters be directed to me via email or in person (I am present most game nights in the stadium). This will assure you that I am aware of your concerns and will take the appropriate action.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tom Vickery, President

Tvick3267@verizon.net

Note: The next Athletic Boosters Meeting is November 16th at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria.



Francis Scott Key High School

Athletic News

Craig Walker
Athletic Director

410-751-3320 (Phone)

410-751-3325 (Fax)

October 2009

The Fall sports season for FSK is off to a great start!! The athletes and coaches are to be commended for putting in an outstanding effort as usual!!

A few items for your consideration from the Athletic Department:

- Athletes are reminded that when their practice is over, if they decide to stay for a contest being held that evening, they must pay the admission.
- Season passes for all sports are still available. Cost is \$125 for a family pass (for the adults and students in the immediate family). Or, you can get an adult season pass for \$50 and student season pass for \$30 (all checks payable to: FSK Athletics). See Mr. Walker if interested.
- Check out www.highschoolsports.net for the latest schedules and any changes.
- Those of you who have helped our Athletic Boosters in the concessions stands – Thank you very much! The Boosters have been doing their usual outstanding job and they can't do it without everyone helping!

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How do I get in touch with my child after 4:00pm in an emergency?

Since CCPS switch the phone lines to the automated system at 4:00, my suggestion is to call your child's cell phone and leave a message if applicable. If that is not a possibility, check to see if the coach has given their cell phone number to the team for emergency use. Please do not use the coaches' cell phone for convenience calls as they are private phones and not school issued. If that is not a possibility, the last option is to call 911 and ask for a law enforcement officer to come to the school for your child.

2. Why can't my child participate today if they were not in school a full day?

CCPS states, "A student must be in attendance for his/her scheduled full day in order to participate in any extracurricular activity occurring on that school day". The only exceptions are Doctor/Dentist visit with a note signed by the Doctor or approval by an Administrator at their discretion.

3. Why can't my child ride home from an away game with someone other than their parents?

It is the CCPS policy that transportation is provided for all athletes to away games. Due to safety reasons the athlete can only ride home with their parent(s). The athlete must present a note signed by an Administrator to the coach allowing them to ride home from the event. It is requested that the parents make verbal contact with the coach before leaving with their child.

Your positive, enthusiastic fan participation has been outstanding!! Keep up the great work!! Thanks for your continued support!!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Craig Walker, A.D.

Sportsmanship – the winning point!



Are you in need of Academic Tutoring?? ...then FSK has the answer.

Academic and High School Assessment (H.S.A.) support is available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Along with this, National Honor Society (NHS) tutoring is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you need support in Math, Science, Social Studies, or English, FSK is here to help.

This will take place after school from 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Transportation is not provided.

This is drop-in support, so use it at your convenience. Students do not have to stay the entire time. We are open until 4:00.

Tutoring is provided by certified content area teachers.

English- rm. 213

Social Studies- rm. 312

Science- rm. 509

Math- see schedule posted in 400 hallway.

*Please see calendar of dates below.

Please contact Ms. Livingston for more information in rm. 110 or via email

lmivin@k12.carr.org

Dates for Academic Support:

November – 3, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19

December – 2, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22

January – 6, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

February - 3, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25

March – 3, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25

April – 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

May – 4, 6, 12, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

June – 2, 3, 8, 10

**Specific dates for after school H.S.A. Remediation prior to retesting:*

January- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

May- 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13