

THE FALCON POST

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Falcon Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! My name is Esther Rivera and I am excited to be your student's new principal. I have spent the last 13 years serving the students of Palm Beach County and look forward to continuing to serve in my new capacity as principal of Forest Hill Community High School. I began my career as a Secondary English Teacher, Literacy Coach, Assistant Principal and most recently as Principal of Palm Springs Elementary School. I know that together we will continue to make great strides in reaching our educational goals.

I would like to invite all of our families to participate in our School Advisory Council meetings which are held once a month in our media center. This is a great way for everyone to stay abreast of events going on in our school and it provides all stakeholders with an opportunity to participate in the decision making process.

Additionally, within this newsletter you will see new communication tools provided by the School District. These tools are intended to keep you informed and provide an avenue for you to communicate with the appropriate authorities should you need to report any suspicious activities.

Lastly, I want to thank the many volunteers who assisted during Hurricane Dorian when our school served as a shelter for our community. Mr. Provenzano, Coach Milliken, Miss Heidi, and many others, were on our campus to ensure that our facility was prepared.

Again, I look forward to a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Rivera



Administration

- Principal
Ms. Esther Rivera
- Assistant Principals
Mrs. Wilson-Killeen
9th grade
Dr. Permenter
10th grade
Mrs. McDonnough
11th grade
Mr. Provenzano
12th grade
Dr. Saarela-Vening
Academies & 11th/12th IB
Ms. Younce
Community School



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School Contacts

Guidance Counselors

- ▶ Ms. Corcoran
9th & 10th grade
- ▶ Mrs. Noel
9th & 10th grade
- ▶ Ms. Sanchez
9th & 10th grade ELL
- ▶ Ms. Moon
9th-11th grade
- ▶ Ms. Tolbert
11th grade
- ▶ Mrs. Proby
12th grade
- ▶ Mrs. Kokotoff
11th/12th grade IB
& 12th grade
- ▶ Mr. Lares
11th & 12th ELL

Coordinators

- ▶ Ms. Lopez
ESE
- ▶ Ms. Palan
ELL
- ▶ Ms. Malone
IB MYP & Choice
Programs
- ▶ Dr. Vening
IB DP & CP, AICE, & AP

Activities

- ▶ Mrs. Cook
Director

Athletics

- ▶ Coach Kotouch
Director



SIS Gateway

Falcons, did you know that SIS Gateway is a way for parents and students to monitor grades and attendance? You can also communicate with teachers. If you need you SIS pin code, please contact our guidance office, 561-540-2400.

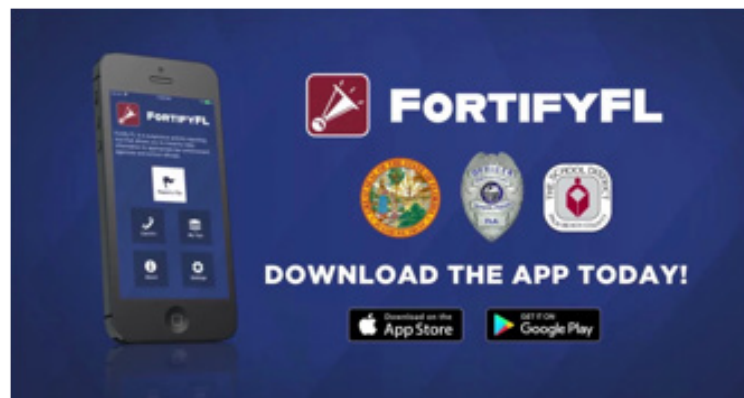
Emergency Alerts for Afterschool Events

The School District of Palm Beach County now offers a texting service for all high schools called EZ Texting. This service is to receive text alerts about severe weather, closures, or warning about emergency situations during after school events. Sign up by texting the word "falcons" to 484848. Message and data rates may apply.



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Did you know?

We have two environmentally friendly water fountains that also serve as refill stations for reusable water bottles on our campus. They can be found in the cafeteria and in Student Services in building 7 and have a ticker indicating how many plastic bottles have been saved from going in to the landfill by using your own bottle. These stations were installed at the end of the school year and are now fully functioning! Don't leave home without your water bottle!



School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a resource for the school and its stakeholders. The primary purpose of the council is to develop a School Improvement Plan, oversee and evaluate the implementation of that plan, and to revise the plan as needed; finally, we see that disbursement of monies related to school improvement are consistent with the plan.

All meetings take place at 6 p.m. in the media center. I encourage all interested stakeholders to attend.

Mrs. Skowron
SAC Chairperson

SAC Meeting Dates (tentative):

- September 24th
- October 15th
- November 12th
- December 10th
- January 7th
- February 11th
- March 10th
- April 14th
- May 12th

Guidance Updates

Did you know that you can identify a student's Guidance Counselor on their schedule by looking at their 8th period class. If you need to make a guidance appointment or need to speak to a counselor, please call the school at 561-540-2400.

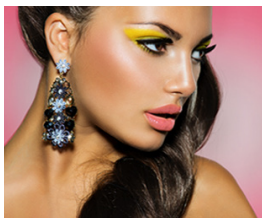
Dress Code Update

The members of our School Advisory Committee (SAC) approved to modify our student dress code on Tuesday, August 20th. Due to this approval, students will be permitted to wear jeans with rips/frays, as long as the rips/frays are no higher than a student's "mid-thigh". Additionally, rips and frays may not expose a student's undergarments.

Picture Day

Picture Day for students in 9th through 11th grade will take place October 1st and 2nd through English classes; students who are absent will be photographed on November 1st. Students will have an opportunity to purchase photo packages prior to Picture Day. To purchase packages, please go to mylifetouch.com and use the Picture Day ID: FT409042Q0

Seniors who have yet to have their Senior Portraits taken may do so at our school on October 10th & 11th. Students will receive a pass to take their photos. There is a \$20 sitting fee. As a reminder, there are more photo options available when taking the Senior Portrait at the LifeTouch studio (Prestige Portraits). Some appointment times may still be available, please call 561-686-1994.



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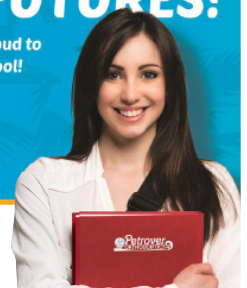
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The **Senior Dues Package** includes:



Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve T-shirt	\$25.00 value
Senior Week Activities	\$50.00 value
Senior Panoramic Picture	\$20.00 value
Senior Handprint	\$10.00 value
Senior Video Flash Drive	\$10.00 value
Project Graduation	<u>\$20.00 value</u>
	\$135.00 total value

\$115

Add on Items at a Discounted Price: (must be added to package and paid off by 2/8/2020)

- 2020 Prom Ticket for May 16, 2020 **\$100**
- Yearbook **\$ 65**

Items Available Individually: (must be paid off by 2/8/2020)

- GradBash at Universal Studios on April 3, 2020 **\$160**
- Short Sleeve Senior T-Shirt **\$10**
- Long Sleeve Senior T-Shirt **\$15**

Senior Sponsor Contact Information

Please contact the senior sponsor to make a payment with cash or check. If paying with a check, please make it out to: Forest Hill Community High School.

To pay using a VISA or MASTERCARD for any of the above items, please go to schoolcashionline.com

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New Bell Schedule with Longer Lunches

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This school year we have changed the bell schedule to allow for two 42 minute lunches! This move allows more time for students to enjoy their lunch. Please see the bell schedule below.

	First Bell	8:45am
	Warning Bell	8:49am
Block 1	Period 1/2	8:50-10:28am
	Hall Transition Warning Bell	10:28-10:33am 10:32am
Block 2 NEW LUNCH SCHEDULE  Only TWO Lunches!	Period 3/4	10:33am-12:52pm
	Lunch A Regular Bell Buildings 2, 6, 7	10:28-11:10am
	> Lunch B Instructional Time: 10:33am-12:10pm > Lunch A Instructional Time: 11:15am-12:52pm	
	Lunch B Regular Bell Buildings 3, 4, 5, JROTC	12:10-12:52pm
	Hall Transition Warning Bell	12:52-12:57pm 12:56pm
Block 3	Period 5/6	12:57-2:35pm
	Hall Transition Warning Bell	2:35-2:40pm 2:39pm
Block 4	Period 7 (Daily)	2:40-3:30pm

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 Mon & Tues - 11:30-8
 Wed-Sat - 11:30-9
 Sunday - Closed

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Falcon Athletics

Come support our athletes during the fall sports season! The following sports are in season: bowling, cross country, football, golf, swimming, and girls' volleyball. For additional information please visit our athletics website for event schedules, rosters, and coaching information, etc., at www.fhfalcons.com.

2019 Regular Season Schedule

Aug 16	@ Port St. Lucie	6:00 pm
Aug 23	vs. Santaluces	6:00 pm
Aug 30	@ Seminole Ridge	6:00 pm
Sep 06	@ John I. Leonard	6:00 pm
Sep 13	@ Palm Beach Gardens	6:00 pm
Sep 20	BYE WEEK	
Sep 26	vs. Wellington	6:00 pm
Oct 04	@ Lake Worth	6:00 pm
Oct 11	vs. Palm Beach Central	6:00 pm
Oct 18	@ Olympic Heights	6:00 pm
Oct 25	@ Jupiter	6:00 pm
Nov 01	vs. North Miami	6:00 pm

Senior Night/Homecoming

Forest Hill FALCONS



Event Rules

Just a reminder for anyone attending an athletic event on any School District campus, the following rules apply:

- ▶ ALL persons, bags, and vehicles may be subject to search
- ▶ Only **clear bags** are permitted inside the stadium – All other bags or purses with the exception of diaper bags, are prohibited
- ▶ NO re-entry – If you exit, you cannot return
- ▶ NO admittance after the second half kickoff
- ▶ NO loitering outside of the stadium/school gates or in parking areas
- ▶ Exit the stadium immediately at the conclusion of the game
- ▶ NO outside food or beverages may be brought into the event
- ▶ Unruly conduct, disruptive behavior, use of profane, obscene or abusive language or any type will result in immediate removal from the event
- ▶ In the event of an emergency, follow all instructions provided by law enforcement or school staff

Did you know?

Forest Hill Community High School is an International Baccalaureate® World School. We offer the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), and the Career-related Programme (CP). We are a continuum school with Conniston Middle School. The MYP begins in 6th grade with Year 1 and ends in 10th grade with Year 5; students can then choose the DP or the CP. Come find out more about these programs on Tuesday, September 17th at 6PM in the Media Center.

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