

THE JAGUAR PRIDE

FORESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Message From The Principal

Hello Jaguar Families,

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we are excited to welcome our Forestview families and students back to a brand new school year. We are looking forward to a "more normal" school year and we want to partner with all of our families to ensure this year is a positive experience for everyone. I welcome your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. Please keep in mind that we are all recovering from the effects of a Pandemic and we must communicate, collaborate, and care for each other through this transition. Please take a few moments to preview some very important "Back to School" information:



Student Participation and Engagement:

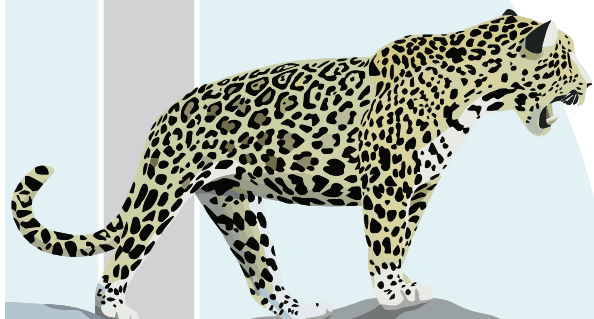
School will start promptly at 8:30am (same as last year). Students are expected to head directly to their 1st period class upon arrival. All students (especially our student drivers) should be on campus and in the classroom by 8:25 am each day. If you need to ride the bus, please complete the bus ridership form on our website.

We anticipate we will attend school 5 days per week from 8:30am-3:30pm daily. All students will attend all 5 days each week.

We will continue our morning safety protocol which includes clear **book bags only** and random metal detection at each entry door.

For the first week of classes, we will spend time each day reorienting students to daily procedures and expectations (ex: restroom breaks, lunchtime and cafeteria expectations, class change expectations, and end of day staggered dismissal procedures). Students will also learn specific classroom and teacher procedures and expectations. There are many other "beginning of school year" procedures that your student must review by being present and participating. Please make it a priority to be on time and attend school each day for the full school day.

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To provide an educational experience committed to excellence in academics, arts, and athletics that ensures our students will have success as lifelong learners.

MISSION STATEMENT

Forestview High School is dedicated to providing rigorous and relevant experiences that cultivate globally competitive students.

FORESTVIEW ADMINISTRATION

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(G-M)	Gulie Connolly
(N-Z)	Emily Slaughter
Career Development Coordinator	Heather Forbes
Testing Coordinator	Kelly Simmons
Nurse	Dawn Hall
Social Worker	Valerie Williams
Business Manager	Gordon Cobb

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Student Drop-off/Pick-up:

Morning Drop Off – Please drop off your student in the front of the school (by the flag pole). Students may begin entering the building at 7:45am.

Afternoon Pick Up – Please pick up your student at the back of the school (by the athletic fields). Students will be dismissed on a staggered schedule. Car riders will dismiss last (approximately 3:35).

*Please be patient the first week of school. We have new families that are learning the drop off and pick up routes. Please, for the safety of everyone, follow the directions given by staff that are assisting in this morning and afternoon procedure.

Communication Expectations:

At Forestview High School, we are dedicated to serving our families and students. While we are very skilled in building relationships with our students and families; we do not read minds. Please always reach out to our teachers and staff anytime you have questions or concerns. Please do NOT wait until a concern has grown to be unbearable. Many times, a simple conversation or even an email can clear up any misperception.

Every School Day Counts

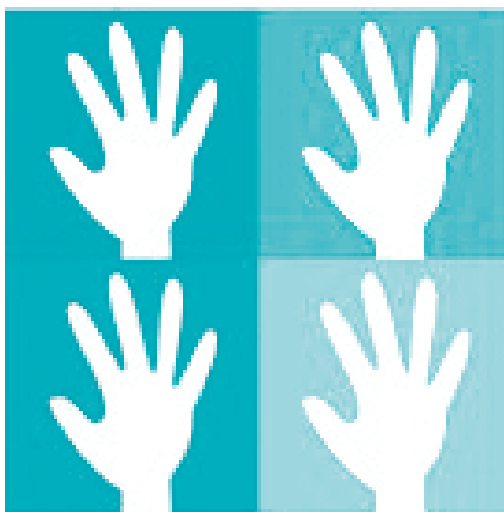
An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

Chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their school performance.

Good attendance is an important life skill.

Parents play a key role in school attendance. Let your student know it is the expectation. Establish home-study routines and sleep habits that make attendance a non-issue. Encourage participation in school clubs, organizations, and sports. Monitor his/her progress and talk about it. Students who are engaged at home and at school rarely miss a day.



Every Student Every Day

Jags Upcoming Events

- Aug. 9-10**..... Schedule Pick up between 9-3pm
- Aug. 11**.....Drop/Add - 12th grade **You must email AP first for approval.*
- Aug. 12**.....Drop/Add – 10th & 11th grade **Email AP first for approval.*
- Aug. 12**Seniors ONLY! Paint The Paws 4-6pm **Get parking permit (\$20)*
- Aug. 13**9th grade Transition Camp 9-11am **Check website for details.*
- Aug. 17** Volleyball Home Match 4:30
- Aug. 18**..... Volleyball Home Match 4:30
- Aug. 19**..... Freshman Parent Open House 5:30 **Auditorium*
- Aug. 19**..... 10-12 Parent Open House 6:30
- Aug. 20**..... Football @ home 7:30
- Aug. 23**..... First Day of School **8:30 start like last year*
- Aug. 24**..... Cross Country Home Meet 4:45
- Aug. 27**..... Football @ home 7:30
- Sept. 28** School Pictures (grades 9-11)
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1**...Senior Portraits @ School **You must register online-see website.*
- Oct. 7**Parent - Teacher Conference Day 1:30-7pm **Please plan to visit!*



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Que Taber, NCHSAA Commissioner

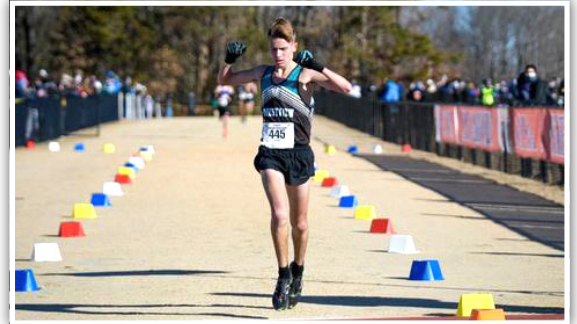


Jerry Simmons
NCHSAA President

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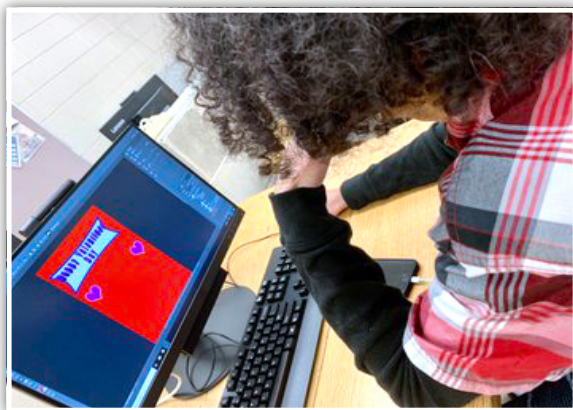
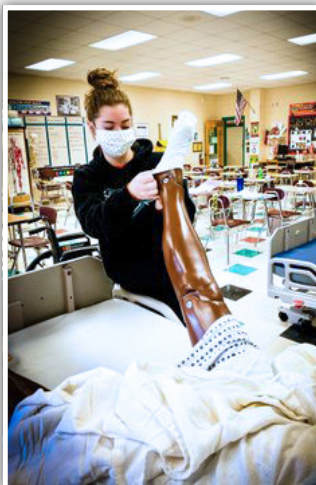
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Is Your Student Going to College?

Here's an Admissions Counselor's Guide for College Applicants

1. Build a strong foundation in high school. To get ahead, begin establishing a strong grade point average (GPA) in ninth grade.
2. Participate in at least one extracurricular activity and one community service activity. What you do in your free time reveals a lot about you, particularly your passions and values. Involvement in outside activities, particularly STEM-related clubs and organizations, may give you an edge over another applicant with equal academic qualifications.
3. Take standardized testing seriously. Test scores play a big role in landing an acceptance letter, so take plenty of time to prepare. Sign up for prep courses and practice tests like the PSAT. There are also free study guides and materials available online. Make the effort to take both the SAT and ACT and take at least one of them twice to get a better score. When taking advanced placement (AP) exams, keep in mind top colleges accept scores of only five or higher.
4. Prioritize your college applications. It takes time to compile a thoughtful, thorough college application. Keep that in mind as you decide which universities to apply to. Keep in mind, you'll still need time to manage your high school course load and enjoy your free time with friends and family.
5. Incorporate your personality in the personal essay. While you don't want to be too casual in your application, neither should you overuse jargon. A good practice is to give specific examples. So, for instance, instead of writing that you "value community service," tell a brief story from your volunteer work.
6. Show why you're special. Schools are looking for students who demonstrate noteworthy ideas and accomplishments. Sharing how you have triumphed in the face of difficulty like a challenging semester, family issue or other life circumstance demonstrates your best qualities.
7. Stay organized. Mark your calendar and stay on top of application deadlines, as well as cut-off dates for submitting deposits, transcript requests and immunization records. A missed deadline could delay registration, prompt additional fees or lead to a lack of admittance into the university altogether.
8. Do not let finances deter you. Don't automatically discount a school you're interested in just because of cost. Reach out to the Financial Aid office for more information and research your options. Dig deep enough and you'll find there are more scholarships available than you might think. Check out the Scholarship Search tool on www.STEMStudy.com, a great resource for students interested in applying to a STEM-focused college.
9. Contact the colleges. College fairs and university tours are a great way to not only collect firsthand information about the school, but also to meet one-on-one with an admissions counselor.
10. Be careful about your social media posts. Admissions Counselors may access your social media accounts, so be sure what they find is appropriate. Something negative or unfavorable can lead to a denial letter or withdrawal of acceptance.



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2021-2022 School Calendar



CALENDAR DATES

July 5	Holiday (Independence Day)
August 11-13	Optional Teacher Workdays
August 16-20	Mandated Teacher Workdays
August 23	Students' First Day
September 6	Holiday (Labor Day)
October 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels)
October 8	Early Dismissal for Students
October 20	Optional Teacher Workday
October 28	End of First 9-Week Grading Period
November 11	9-Week Report Cards Distributed
November 24	Holiday (Veterans Day)
November 25-26	Optional Teacher Workdays
December 21	Holidays (Thanksgiving)
December 22	End of Second 9-Week Grading Period
December 23-24	Optional Teacher Workdays
December 27	Holidays (Winter)
December 28-30	Holiday (Winter)
December 31	Student Holidays
January 3-5	Teacher Annual Leave
January 6-7	Holiday (New Year's Day)
January 13	Optional Teacher Workdays
January 17	9-Week Report Cards Distributed
January 18	Holiday (Martin Luther King Day)
February 21	Optional Teacher Workday
March 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels)
March 11	Early Dismissal for Students
March 16	Optional Teacher Workday
March 16	End of Third 9-Week Grading Period
March 24	9-Week Report Cards Distributed
April 15	Holiday (Spring)
April 18-21	Student Holidays
April 22	Teacher Annual Leave
May 30	Optional Teacher Workday
June 1	Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 1	Students' Last Day
June 2-3	Early Dismissal
June 4	Mandated Teacher Workdays
June 4	Graduation Day
June 6-7	Optional Teacher Workdays

Inclement Weather Makeup Days

December 22	February 21	March 11	
April 22	April 21	April 20	April 19

The Board of Education reserves the right to use early release days and Saturdays as makeup days for inclement weather. The Board may add days of employment to end of the school year.

Testing dates will be added to the calendar later when they are determined by the state.

Calendar Key

● Holiday	■ Mandated Teacher Workday
● First/Last Day of School	■ Optional Teacher Workday
○ Teacher Annual Leave	■ 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
■ Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students	

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The Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 calendar on March 15, 2021. It may be necessary for the Board to amend the calendar if the state calendar law changes.

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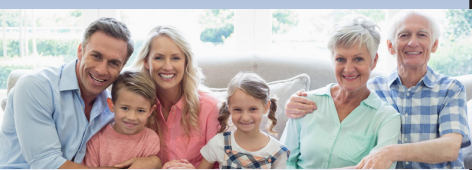
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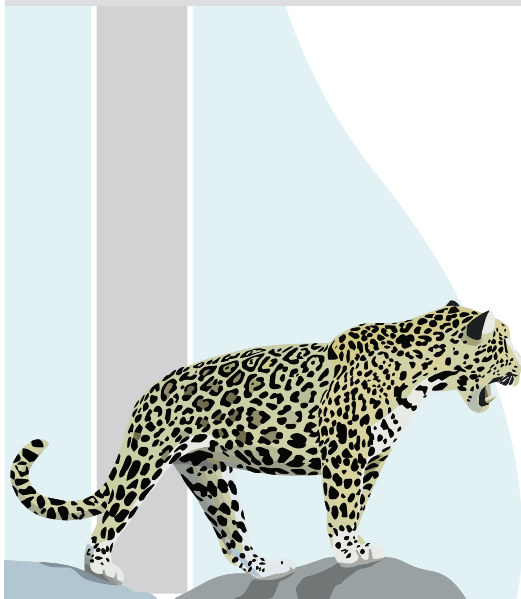
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