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School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report are available on the FMHS website and also in the front office.

#### Principal's Message

Greetings Greenies,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and happy and enjoying the New Year. Thank you to all who played a part in making the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year a great success. Our holiday drive and Angel Tree were both huge successes, thanks to the contribution of our fellow Greenies and their families.

Over Winter break, we refurnished our media center to provide students a new and improved resource for accessing learning; students are welcome to come in, copy, study, print, research, read, and relax before school hours, between classes, during lunches and with a pass from teacher.

As strange as it may sound, we are already thinking about next school year. As strange as it may sound, we are already thinking about next school year. Over the next couple months, students will meet with their school counselor to begin the process of selecting classes for next school year. These meetings will take place during the school day in the months of February and March. Please reach out to your student's counselor with questions on the registration process.

For our seniors, they will begin to finalize their plans for life after high school. All seniors are encouraged to stay current with graduation dates and deadlines and to look for the next edition of the senior letter. All students in grades 9 and 10 will take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) exam during the second semester. The FSA Writing will be administered in April followed by the FSA English Language Arts (ELA) test in May. Those students currently enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology and U.S. History will take their required End of Course (EOC) tests in May. More information regarding these FSA assessments and sample questions can be found at www.FSAssesments.org. AP and IB exams will be administered during the month of May. For the schedule of advanced placement exams, go to our school website.

I look forward to working with you and your student(s) to finish another great year at Fort Myers High School.

In an effort to stay informed with events on campus, please visit our school's website at www.fmh.leeschools.net or follow us on Twitter @FortMyersHS.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Butz
Principal

#### **Mission Statement**

To provide a safe, student-centered culture where each student achieves his/her highest potential through a tradition of excellence.

#### Vision

To become the highest performing public high school in the State of Florida

#### **Core Values**

Integrity, Excellence, Tradition, Consistency, Respect



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#### **2019 Holiday Greeting Card Competition**

Holland Tyson is in 11th grade at Fort Myers High School. Her black-and-white photographic fine art print was selected out of hundreds submitted by Lee County high schools for the 2019 Greeting Card Competition.

There were only eight images selected, and these were displayed at the Lee County Professional Education Center for the month of December.

An Awards Reception was held during the December 10th Board meeting to honor the artistic achievement of these eight students.



#### **Holiday Success**

Thanks to the following contributors, along with our FMHS staff and students our Holiday Drive and Angel Tree were a success:

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#### **Out of Field Teachers**

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Fort Myers High School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

Amy Furrer - Spanish

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates.

Dominik Basil Jonelle Rizzi Kindra Taylor Angela Goodman Jordan St Clair Sharon Trosiek

#### **Counseling Department**

- The last day for IB seniors will be April 30th.
- The last instructional day for traditional seniors will be May 11th.
- Graduation is on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 AM at Hertz Arena.
- There will be a dual enrollment meeting for first time students on Tuesday February 4th. The time and location will be provided during morning and afternoon announcements.

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#### **Holiday Learning**

Students in Mr. Arciero's and Mrs. Rizzi's 10th grade English classes enjoyed a delicious project of turning triangular brownies into Christmas trees on the last day of classes in December. Here Phareel Price shows his creative talents.



#### **IB News**

We have a lot going on this spring. There will be a mandatory student/parent meeting on February 19th at 6:30pm in the auditorium for all Rising Juniors. Topics on the agenda include: requirements and benefits of the IB program, other program options for students discontinuing IB, Bright Futures scholarship, and course registration. The mandatory Rising Senior student/parent meeting will be held in the auditorium on February 26th at 6:30pm. Topics on the agenda include: Bright Futures Scholarship, IB Senior Timeline and requirements, and course registration.

The IB seniors will be continuing their IA's and preparing for the IB Spanish orals. Spanish orals will begin March 2nd. The CAS requirement deadline for IB Seniors will be February 14th. Please speak with your IB senior to ensure that he/she has completed this mandatory IB diploma requirement. Have your student stop by the CAS office and see Ms. Beck for questions.

The Extended Essay Process has begun for our IB Juniors. Our first EE Parent Night was held on January 15th in the media center. Items discussed include the EE timeline, student and advisor expectations, and the writing and research process. If you missed the event and have any questions regarding the Extended Essay, please call or email Mrs. Postma.







#### **Senior Reminders**

Seniors, graduation is quickly approaching! More information to follow regarding tickets, graduation practice, and other items, but at this time, we still have 200 students that have not ordered their cap and gown. Late fees will start February 1st. Orders must be made on the Herff Jones website. Please contact Herff Jones directly, or Ms. Angela Higginbotham at AngelaAH@leeschools.net if you have questions regarding cap and gown orders.

Scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching! Applications are available in the FMHS Class of 2020 Google Classroom.

DEADLINE	SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT AVAILABLE
January 24	Golden Futures Scholarship	4 year full tuition scholarship (to FSW or FGCU; Upon college graduation, the student commits to teach a minimum of four years in the School District of Lee County)
March 30	Haitian American Community Coalition of SWFL	\$1,000 – 4 total available
February 17	Picerne Family Foundation Scholarship	\$10,000 – payable over 8 semesters, \$1,250 each semester
February 10 at 5 pm	SWFL Community Foundation Scholarships	Varying award amounts available



#### **Student Sign Out Policy**

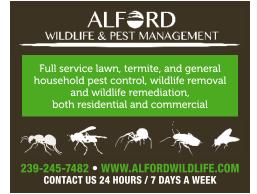
Our school policy regarding early student sign-out is as follows:

- Per the School District of Lee County policy 4.16 students may not be signed-out after 1:05 PM. Guardians who are not listed on the student's school records as an authorized contact will not be permitted to sign the student out of school.
- Students signing out prior to 1:05 PM must be verified by FMHS Attendance Office.
- Students who drive to school Email requests for early sign-out must be submitted
  no later than 8:00 AM on the day of sign-out request. The email must include a legible
  copy of the guardian's identification along with contact information for verification.
- Students who do not drive to school must have a parent sign them out for early release.

Our direct line to the attendance office is: 239-337-3908.











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#### **Academy of Finance**

The Academy of Finance has a lot planned for second semester! Our students will work on their culminating projects, prepare for their End-of-Course Exams and participate in Work-Based Learning activities.

Michael Scullion (Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson and English, P.A.) spoke about college and career during first semester and we visited Jet Blue Park Boston Red Sox business offices. Our students will be visiting Pulte Homes for a discussion and tour related to construction, land development and employment in this industry. Trevor Whitley of Marquis Wealth Management Group will visit campus to speak to students during second semester as well.

Our annual Etiquette Dinner for Seniors will be held in May, when students will learn about business and dining etiquette in professional and personal settings. Suzanne Willis provides an awesome program for Seniors soon moving on to college and career. We are grateful for Broadway Palm Dinner Theater hosted this dinner the past few years!

We are so thankful to have supporters from the business community partnering with us to provide great learning opportunities for our students!

FMHS Academy of Finance Board of Directors business community representatives: Michael Scullion (Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson and English P.A.), Trevor Whitley (Marquis Wealth Management Group), Brett Anderson (Chico's), Lisa McKenzie (Tuscan and Co., PA), Trevor Medenwaldt (Achieva Credit Union), Will Prather (Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, Suzanne Willis (Suzanne Willis Consulting and Communications), Sally Coleman (HBK CPAs and Consultants).