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## School Public Accountability Report

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

I hope you enjoyed the holidays with friends and family! As we step into the new year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of the first half of the year.

Academic Excellence: Fort Myers High School has once again proven its excellence, achieving an outstanding school grade of A. A special congratulations to the 285 students who earned straight A's and the 553 students who secured impressive grades of A's and B's for semester 1.

Outstanding Achievements in the Arts: Our musical talents shine brightly as 25 students qualified for All County Chorus, and the Green Wave marching band received straight superiors at the fall's MPA's.

Sports Triumphs: Celebrating victories in sports, our fall teams showcased exceptional prowess with three district champions, three district runnersup, and three top-10 state finishers. The News-Press recognized 19 of our student-athletes and one coach as All-Area for the fall season.

Looking Ahead: As we embark on the second semester, an array of exciting events awaits us. Our senior class is gearing up for Grad Bash, Senior Celebration, Senior Awards, Prom, and the FMHS Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony. Winter sports teams are in postseason play, and we eagerly anticipate the start of spring sports.

Community Engagement: Mark your calendars for Special Olympics Inclusion Week from March 4th – March 8th, culminating in our Unified Basketball Game on Thursday, March 7th. These events are just a glimpse of the vibrant activities and engagements we have in store.

For detailed information and updates, refer to the Weekly Wave. Your continued support is instrumental in fostering the spirit of the Green Wave.

Thank you, and Go Greenies! Warm regards, Chris Engelhart Principal



## **Mission Statement**

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

Chris Engelhart Principal

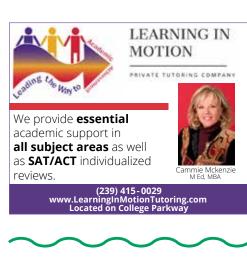
## Vision

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

Core Values Integrity, Excellence, Tradition, Consistency, Respect









#### **IB Updates**

Congratulations!!! Our December Learner Profile nominations for Balanced were...

- Matthew BennetGiana D'Altrui
- Glaria D'Altru
   Notelio Dutto
- Natalie Butts
- Betsalina Delva
- Maya Egalite
- Elizabeth Feige
- Micky Georges
- Ashanza Paul



Students that demonstrate this trait understand the importance of balancing different aspects of their lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for themselves and others. They recognize their interdependence with other people and with the world in which they live.

**ATL Focus** for <u>Quarter 3</u>: **Thinking Skills**: The ability to creatively and critically analyze, apply, evaluate, synthesize, conceptualize, contextualize, reason, and solve problems.

Important Dates:	
February 5-6:	Rising IB Junior Class Visits
February 21:	Rising IB Junior Course Showcase-see what classes
	you can take as a junior
March 1:	Visual Arts Exhibition
March 6:	Rising IB Junior Parent Meeting
March 7-14:	IB Spanish Orals

## **2024 International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition**

Fort Myers High School is proud to present the 2024 International Baccalaureate Senior Visual Arts Exhibition, showcasing the creativity of 20 students. During the past two years these students have created unique works of art and explored the works of historical and contemporary artists, investigated critical theories in art, and created extensive documentation of their art making processes in a series of sketchbook entries.

Our students are proud to showcase works of art created in fulfillment of the International Baccalaureate Visual Arts requirements. The artworks presented at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center explore a wide range of visual media including traditional and digital photography, acrylic and oil painting, pen and ink, printmaking, fiber arts, sculpture, ceramics, and more.

The exhibition opens March 1st, 6-10 PM during ArtWalk and remains on view through March 27th. Gallery hours are M-F 10 AM - 5 PM. The gallery suggests you call ahead to ensure there is no event scheduled, their number is 239-333-1933. The location for Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is 2301 First Street in the River District, Fort Myers.





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## **All County Chorus**

Congratulations to the students who qualified for All County Chorus. Of the 114 places available to students in the county, 25 of our students were selected!

- Casey Barritt
- Therese Batuigas
- Rebecca Belvy
- Lily Boutelle
- Aniyah Burton
- Caleb Cetina
- Madeline Copeland
- Marcus Crawford
- Alexis Davis
- Samuel Dorsey
- Chanel Dorta
- Megan Emery
- Claira Tillman Emo
- Lenz-Youri Felix
- Lenz-Youri Felix
- Jaylinn Hinojosa
- Kendall Loftus
- Ava Nadekow
- Daphney Pierre
- Shenydine Renard
- Alexander Sareh
- John Shannon
- Ivairis Sierra-Rodriguez
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#### **JROTC**

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) inaugurated its 5th president, Dr Aysegul Timur, on 12 January 2024. The Ft Myers High School JROTC color guard presented the colors for the event. The JROTC color guard has presented the colors at several FGCU events this year.

## Congratulations to the FMHS Boys Bowling Team!!

Kiran Shah and Colin Taschner were selected by local coaches for the News-Press 2023 First All-Area Team, Kaden Lorenz made the second team, Andrew Weimer received honorable mention, and Coach Durrance was named Coach of the Year!



## **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.

- Erin Christmas Math (10-12)
- DarEll Hoskisson Reading Endorsement
- Leslie Nichols Reading Endorsement

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

- Jessica Anthony
- Makenzie Carner
- Michael Durgin
- Sakeena Estevez
- Ligia Forbes
- Taylor LaPaugh
- Leslie Nichols
- Sharon Trosiek
- Teneka Williams Lyons



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#### **Title: Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements**

The Bright Futures scholarship is available to any student who meets the requirements. The requirements are outlined in the Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility document on the Bright Futures website. This document can be found at: https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/ BFHandbookChapter1.pdf

Below are the remaining test opportunities for seniors to meet the score for Bright Futures eligibility. Further details on how to register can be found on the ACT and SAT websites.

Students can begin earning volunteer service hours or paid work hours in 9th grade and all hours must be completed and submitted to their School Counselor by graduation. There are copies of the required paperwork in the School Counseling office and posted on the FMHS website. Hours must be pre-approved to ensure the service or paid work will meet the requirements. All details about what can and cannot qualify are outlined in the Bright Futures paperwork packet. Students should reach out to their School Counselor if they have questions.

#### ACT Test Dates 2023-2024

		Late Registration
	Deadline	Deadline
April 13	March 8	March 22
June 8	May 3	May 17

Register online at www.actstudent.org

SAT Test Dates 2023-2024

lest Date	Registration	Late Registration
	Deadline	Deadline
March 9	February 23	February 27
May 4	April 19	April 23
June 1	May 17	May 21
	March 9 May 4	Deadline March 9 February 23 May 4 April 19



SAT Registration

ACT Registration

#### Register online at www.sat.collegeboard.org

Course Selection for 2024-2025 School Year School Counselors will begin meeting with students in March to begin the course selection process for next school year. Please pay attention to emails that go home and help guide your student in selecting appropriate courses geared towards their interests. Schedule changes are made on a limited basis.

#### FORT MYERS HIGH WHO IS MY SCHOOL COUNSELOR? **9TH GRADE 10TH GRADE 11TH GRADE** 12TH GRADE Last name A-K Last name A-K Last name A-K Last name A-K Ms. Higginbotham Ms. Higginbotham Ms. Evenson Ms. Evenson Last name is L-Z Last name is L-Z Last name is L-Z Last name is L-Z Ms. Wallace Ms. Moore Ms. Moore Ms. Wallace SSROOM CODES CL SELOR GOOGLE Join your grade-level Google Classroom! Here you will be able to schedule a meeting with your School Counselor, our IB Coordinator, or College and Career Specialist, receive important information, learn about. scholarship and volunteer opportunities, and so much more! CLASS OF 2027 CLASS OF 2026 CLASS OF 2025 CLASS OF 2024 xxih6da a2oqf2s bykxrhp 244wf52 Our College & Career Specialist COLLEGES, CAREERS, SCHOLARSHIPS is Mrs. Butts 2emuxrv Fort Myers, FL 33919 239-936-1808 **Our IB Coordinator IB SENIORS IB JUNIORS** is Mrs. Orlins m45jnc5 **3lcseqx**







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Make checks payable to: FMHS Athletic Booster Club, 2635 Cortex Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901 Email: FortMyersAthleticBoosters@gmail.com

Phone:



#### **National Honor Society**

It is hard to believe but we are halfway through the 23-24 academic year. With half of the year ahead of us we still have many service opportunities available to our National Honor Society students at Fort Myers High School. In addition to the many volunteer activities, members must also stay on top of their chapter meeting attendance and membership dues. Just before the holiday break the deadline for dues came to an end. The \$25 membership dues allow our chapter to stay connected to the National NHS organization in addition to purchase the regalia for NHS seniors to earn at graduation. There are quite several students who had not taken care of paying their dues and still others simply do not attend our monthly meetings. Those students had been given oral and written notification of their negligence. Specific situations were handled, and accommodations were made available for anyone who came to Mrs. Grossman, our chapter advisor, as needed.

As we look forward to the latter half of this year here are the monthly dates for our meetings to mark down:

#### February 26 | March 25 | April 29

These meetings are immediately after dismissal in the auditorium. 24 hours advanced written notice must be provided to Mrs. Grossman (elisaag@leeschools.net) or an NHS officer. President -Kayla Smith | Vice President-Morgan Mccarty | Secretary-Sei Na Chappell

Treasurer-Lily Boutelle | Historian-Jason Nanda | Parliamentarian-Hadley Lewis

Seniors another important date to mark down is Friday, February 9. At dismissal on February 9 all your hours must be turned in and logged properly to Mrs. Grossman or the officers. Believe it or not it takes quite some time to put together the program for graduation and the names must be submitted to the counselors, from our chapter, in February. Full names and spellings must be checked and rechecked so please make sure to complete your 15 in chapter hours and 35 out of chapter service hours by 2/9/24. Some upcoming volunteer opportunities you can sign up for are below:

- Florida Senior Consulting "Love Our Seniors" collection of stuffed animals is still going on. You can bring in a new stuffed animal and earn an hour for each (up to 3). These lovable and huggable items will be delivered by the Florida Senior Consulting staff to assorted residents in and around SWFL for Valentines Day. These donations must be dropped of to Mrs. Grossman's room B211 by Friday, February 9 at dismissal. Make sure all items dropped off have your name on them.
- ArtFest FM needs volunteers for their annual event Friday, 2/2 through Sunday 2/4. Sign up for this fun weekend at https://artfestfortmyers.com/ and then click on the CLICK TO VOLUNTEER FOR 2024 tab on the page it brings you to.
- JUNIORS ONLY: Graduation helpers-to hand out programs and escort people to their seats( usually only 10 students are needed) Graduation date for FMHS 5/19 9 am- 12 pm.
- You can always ask a staff member at FMHS if they need any help in their classroom and earn volunteer hours!
- Check in our community with businesses, churches/synagogues or food pantries for a need we can help them with!!

Last, but certainly not least, Juniors interested in running or a 24-25 NHS executive board position start thinking about what role you would like to have in our chapter next year. Elections are coming up and nominations will take place at our March (3/25) meeting; elections will be at our April meeting, 4/29. Those members who are considering running for an office need to be ready at our April meeting with a speech no more than 1 minute long.

This has been another remarkable year filled with exceptional students doing outstanding things. Keep up the great Greenie giving as you represent FMHS NHS!!





## National Spanish Honor Society Students Donated Holiday Angel Tree Gifts

The National Spanish Honor Society (SHH) gifted 3 FMHS Hispanic students' food, gift cards, and all the items on their wish lists (tennis shoes, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and barber shop gift cards). In this photo, SHH Officers proudly displayed the over 100 personal care products donated to Angel Tree recipients in December.







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