

From The Principal's Desk

January 5, 2010

Happy New Year!

Athletics

Support the FCA boys and girls basketball games on these dates:

- Thursday – January 7
- Monday – January 11
- Tuesday – January 12
- Thursday – January 21

The games start at 4:00pm and the Concession area will be open during the games.

Banking

Banking will resume this week on Thursday, January 7.

Box Tops for Education

Drop off Box Tops coupons in the front office display or place in an envelope and send to your child's homeroom teacher.

Christmas Musical DVDs

You may still purchase a DVD of "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd." Order forms are at the front office. The cost is \$15.00.

Friday Store

The Friday Store will re-open on Friday, January 15.

Inclement Weather

In case of snow or ice, please refer to Channel 5 or KLTY 94.9 for school closing. We are listed as Fellowship Christian Academy – OCBF.

Lunch Menu

January lunch menu is enclosed.

Math Olympics

Congratulations to all of our Math Olympics students who qualified to attend the Area Math Olympics competition in March! See attached list.

Speech Meet (Grades 1-8 only)

See attached mandatory information for Speech Meet competition.

Student Council (Grades 3-8 only)

See attached information for Elementary and Middle School student council elections.

Important Dates

- January 8 – Student Council Parental Release Form due
- January 13 – Student Council sponsors meet in Library will all candidates—3:15pm-3:45pm
- January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Elementary, Middle, and After School Program closed
- January 19 – Staff Development – Elementary, Middle closed. After School Program open 7:00am-6:00pm

Cultivating Christian Character and Academic Excellence,

Mrs. Shailendra N. Thomas, M.Ed.
Principal

January 2010

Menu for Fellowship Christian Academy

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 School Closed	5 Beef Stew Bahamas Vegetables Cornbread Fruit Milk or Juice	6 Hawaiian Chicken Pizza Side Salad Fruit Milk or Juice	7 Grilled Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Smiley Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk or Juice	8 Chili & Cheese Enchiladas Pinto Beans Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk or Juice
11 Catfish Strips Potato Wedges Cole Slaw Fruit Milk or Juice	12 Chicken and Dumplings Green Beans Fruit Dinner Roll Milk or Juice	13 Cheeseburger Pizza Buttered Corn Fruit Milk or Juice	14 Grilled Polish Sausage Potato Salad Broccoli w/cheese Fruit Milk or Juice	15 Teriyaki Chicken Chunks Asian Vegetable Blend w/Rice Mandarin Oranges Milk or Juice
18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Staff Development Day	20 Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Greens Fruit Milk or Juice	21 Beef Lasagna Glazed Carrots Garlic Toast Fruit Milk or Juice	22 Grilled Chicken Breast Spiral Twist Pasta Vegetable Fruit Milk or Juice
25 Soft Tacos Lettuce & Tomatoes Refried Beans Corn Medley Fruit Milk or Juice	26 Chicken Strips Mixed Vegetables Rice Pilaf Fruit Milk or Juice	27 Cheese Pizza Seasoned Vegetables Fruit Milk or Juice	28 Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Dinner Roll Fruit Milk or Juice	29 BBQ Rib-lit Mac N Cheese Baked Beans Banana Pudding Fruit Milk or Juice
Please understand the menu is subject to change without notice.				

2010 Math Olympics Participants

4th Grade

Solomon Pearson (Reasoning)

6th Grade

Ryon Davis (Reasoning) – *Ryon also placed 4th in the District*

Kennedi Mayes (Reasoning)

O'Bryant Vinson (Computation)

7th Grade

Vanessa Akinnibosun (Reasoning)

Nia Forte (Computation)

Aaliyah Pleasant (Reasoning) – *Aaliyah also placed 3rd in the District*

Mikela Pryor (Computation)

It's Time to Prepare for Speech Meet



What is Speech Meet?

Speech Meet encourages effective speech to an audience, helps students develop techniques to speak audibly, articulately, expressively, and with confidence, and develops communication skills that will contribute to effective leadership as Christians and community leaders.

Students in grades 1-8 must participate in Speech Meet. This competition requires students to learn and recite a poem, prose, fable, folklore, patriotic oration, original speech, or Bible verse as applicable to their grade. Students in grades 1-2 will only be able to choose a poem or Bible verse for Speech Meet.

Starting Wednesday, January 6, 2010, you and/or your child may choose from a list of selections/or bible verses. *(This list of selections is available in each homeroom class.)* Students in sixth grade choosing to do an original speech should see their homeroom teacher for their topic and approval.

All Bible verses must be from the following text:

King James Version (KJV) * New King James Version (NKJV)

New American Standard Bible (NASB) * New International Version (NIV)

Students must choose their selections by Friday, January 8, 2010.

Please see the attached sheet for competition criteria.

In-class competitions will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

School-wide competition will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wordflow and the Speech Meet Team

Speech Meet Competition Criteria

Students must begin their presentation by announcing the title and author. Some gestures and body movements may be appropriate to enhance the presentation, but are not required. The entire presentation must be memorized.

For Bible Memorization:

If presenting a Bible memorization, the student must begin their presentation with a brief introduction that includes stating the scripture reference and the bible version. No other introduction is required. The student will recite the scripture and follow the recitation with a concluding explanation (in his or her own words) of one or two sentences. As the student prepares, parental help may be necessary to explain a passage. It is very important to remember that the student must express the meaning in his or her own words, not that of an adult.

For all other Memorization including Bible:

Students are to introduce the poem, prose, etc. Please include the title and author in the presentation. Please be mindful that each presentation is not to be dramatized. Props of any kind will not be allowed.

Please see or direct questions to your child's homeroom teacher for category descriptions and specific rules that pertain to each grade level.

FCA Student Council Elections

January 5, 2010

Dear Students and Parents,

It is time for Fellowship Christian Academy to plan its Student Council elections. Serving on the Student Council gives students opportunities to learn and grow as future leaders.

Attached to this sheet you will find requirements for Student Council officers. Please review and discuss this information with your student. Each student must meet the requirements in order to be eligible to run for an office. If you have any questions, please contact the sponsors.

Please make note of the following deadlines/dates:

- Friday, January 8th – **Parental Release Form due**
- Wednesday, January 13th – 3:15pm – 3:45pm **Sponsors meet in Library with all candidates**
- January 14th-January 20th – **Candidates campaign**
- Monday, January 25th – **Campaign speeches made during Chapel**
- Tuesday, January 26th – **Student Council Election**

We are anticipating a blessed year in 2010. We hope that that the students will be excited about this opportunity. Thank you for your cooperation.

In His Service,
Mrs. J. Connor
Mrs. R. Dawson

Ten Qualities of Leadership

Leadership is a ten – letter word that can mean many things. Consider this list of words that describe the qualities of leadership.

Loyalty	Leaders are loyal to their job and to the people around them.
Enthusiasm	Leaders are enthusiastic about what they are doing and why they are doing it.
Attitude	Leaders have a positive, healthy attitude. They are proud of what they are doing without being conceited.
Dedication	Leaders are dedicated to achieving their goals.
Example	Leaders set a good example for others to follow. They teach by what they say and do.
Responsibility	Leaders are always ready to accept responsibility, even for the little jobs that don't get much recognition.
Scholarship	Leaders work and study hard.
Humor	Leaders don't take themselves too seriously. They laugh easily and know how to enjoy life.
Initiative	Leaders know how and when to get involved and do a job without being asked to do it. They know how to see a job through to its conclusion.
Personality	Leaders have good personalities. They are honest, fair, and understanding. Leaders also have morals and standards.

Reasons to develop student leaders:

- To follow examples of Jesus (disciples) and Paul (Timothy)
- Because schools, churches, and businesses need leaders
- Leadership can be trained

Major areas in which leaders need to be trained are:

- Obedience
- Responsibility
- Humility
- Dependability
- Following directions
- Willingness to make decisions
- Learning a sense of duty
- Being an instrument in the hands of God

Student Council Officer Qualifications

Elementary

President

1. Must be in the 6th grade.
2. Must have an overall '90' grade average with no more than one grade of '80'.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Vice President

1. Must be in the 6th grade.
2. Must have an overall "90" grade average with no more than one grade of "80".
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct

- approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Second Vice President

1. Must be in the 5th grade.
2. Must have an overall “90” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Secretary

1. Must be in the 5th grade.
2. Must have an overall “85” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Treasurer

1. Must be in the 4th grade.
2. Must have an overall “85” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Parliamentarian / Chaplain

1. Must submit a one-page essay stating his/her interests.
2. Must be elected from within the Student Council after submitting the essay.
3. Must have an overall “85” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
4. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
5. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Two Class Representatives

1. **Must be selected** from each homeroom class in Grades 3-6 to serve as representatives.
2. Must have an overall “80” grade average with no more than one grade of “75”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record. Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Student Council Officer Qualifications

Middle School

President

1. Must be in the 8th grade.
2. Must have an overall “90” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Vice President

1. Must be in the 8th grade.
2. Must have an overall “90” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Second Vice President

1. Must be in the 7th grade.
2. Must have an overall “90” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Secretary

1. Must be in the 7th grade.
2. Must have an overall “85” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Treasurer

1. Must be in the 7th grade.
2. Must have an overall “85” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Parliamentarian / Chaplain

1. Must submit a one-page essay stating his/her interests.
2. Must be elected from within the Student Council after submitting the essay.
3. Must have an overall “85” grade average with no more than one grade of “80”.
4. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
5. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Two Class Representatives

1. **Must be selected** from each homeroom class in Grades 7-8 to serve as representatives.
2. Must have an overall “80” grade average with no more than one grade of “75”.
3. Must demonstrate good character traits that include a good conduct record.
Conduct approval will be subject to teacher and principal review.
4. Must have parental consent and teacher approval to serve.

Fellowship Christian Academy Student Council Candidate Information Sheet

Campaign posters and / or any other handouts used by candidates must be approved before being put up. The Student Council Sponsors or Principal Thomas will check and approve them. After posters are approved, they may be hung in the Commons Area.

Poster and Handout Guidelines

1. Be positive in all statements concerning yourself and the position you are seeking. Indicate your full name and the position you are seeking. Please be scriptural; use Philippians 4:8 as a guideline.
2. No more than **two** posters per candidate (22' x 28").
3. All posters and handouts **must be approved** by the Student Council Sponsors before putting them up. Approved posters must be secured with **FUN-TAK only**.
4. You, the candidate, are responsible for **ALL expenses** and **clean-up** of any and all materials used for your campaign.
5. All posters must be taken down by **Thursday, January 26th**.
6. **Candy** or **food** of any kind **will not** be allowed in your campaign.

Have a good campaign and may the best person for the office win. Note: Elections will be held Thursday, January 26, 2010. Candidates running for President and Vice President and will be required to make a campaign speech before the student body on Monday, January 25, 2010, during Chapel. Dress attire should be worn by all candidates. The remaining candidates will introduce themselves and the position that they are seeking.

Parental Release Form for Student Council Members

I, _____ (parent or guardian), do hereby grant permission for my son / daughter, _____ to campaign for the office of _____ of the Student Council at Fellowship Christian Academy. I understand that he / she will be required to attend meetings every Thursday's at 7:15 - 7:55 a.m. and will be required to participate in Student Council activities. A calendar of events will be given once the Council is established.

(Signature of Parent)

(Date)

Note: Please detach and return this form to a Student Council Sponsor by Friday, January 8, 2010.

Student Council Calendar of Events

- Friday, January 8th - **Parental Release Form due**
- Wednesday, January 13th - 3:15 – 3:45 **Sponsors meet in Library with all candidates**
- January 14th -20th - **Candidates campaign**
- Monday, January 25th - **Campaign speeches** made during Chapel
- January 26th – **Student Council Election**
- Monday, February 1st -**Oath of Office given during Chapel (Sponsors/Mr. Smith)**
- Thursday, February 4th -7:15 – 7:55- **Meeting, discuss Valentine Box orders**, location FCA Library
- Thursday, February 11th - 3:15 pm-4:00pm - **Assemble/deliver** the Valentine’s Box Office orders,
location TBA
- Thursday, February 25th – **Meeting**, FCA library, 7:15-7:55am
- March - **Service Project, TBA**
- Thursday, March 11th - **Meeting**, FCA Library, 7:15 – 7:55am
- Thursday, April 15th – 3:15-4:00pm , **Assemble SAT Kits**
- Thursday, April 22nd – **No meeting** during SAT testing
- Thursday, May 6th – 7:15 – 7:55am, **Meeting**, location FCA Library
- Thursday, May 13th – **Lunch** at CiCi’s Pizza, Time and Location TBA

**Last meeting for the year an*