

THE FARQUHAR NEWS

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WEEKLY EDITION

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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

January 14: Exam review day

January 14: MCCPTA is hosting a Student Service Learning (SSL) Question & Answer evening, CESC auditorium, 7-9 p.m. The forum is offered to clarify and broaden parents' understanding regarding MCPS SSL guidelines.

January 15-21: Final exams first semester, see attached exam schedule

January 19-21: There are no after-school activities except for play rehearsal and basketball practice. Also, no 4 p.m. activity buses but there is the 4:30 p.m. sports bus

January 21: Basketball: FMS vs. Argyle, boys home, girls away

January 18: Holiday: Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday

January 22: Exam make-up, normal seven-period schedule

January 22: Second marking period ends

January 25: Professional day: report card preparation & planning; no school for students

January 26: Third marking period begins. Students should report to homeroom before 1st period.

January 28: Basketball: FMS vs. Briggs Chaney, boys away, girls home

January 28: Parent/Student Meeting and Course Fair for 8th graders attending Sherwood HS next year, 6 p.m., Sherwood HS

January 29: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

February 3: Report cards distributed

February 8: Eighth graders receive 2010-11 course registration materials from high school counselors

February 8-12: Sixth and seventh graders receive 2010-11 course registration materials

February 9: PTA general meeting and 7th & 8th Grade Scheduling Meeting for parents of 6th & 7th grade students, 7-8:30 p.m., lmc

February 11: Parent orientation meeting for incoming 6th graders, 7-8:30 p.m., cafeteria

February 12: 8th grade field trip to Washington, D. C., 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (rescheduled from 12/23)

February 12: PTA newsletter deadline

February 15: Holiday: Presidents' Day

February 16-19: African American Heritage events

February 17: Northeast Consortium (NEC) Registration Night for Grade 8 students and parents (at students' assigned high school)

February 19: Course registration cards from 6th & 7th graders are due to Farquhar counselors

February 19: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

February 19: PTA dance/recreational evening, 7-9 p.m.

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STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING AWARD MODIFICATION

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, all students who meet the 75 hour Student Service Learning (SSL) graduation requirement by the first Friday in April of a middle school year will receive a Superintendent's SSL Award. Due to this year's scheduled spring break and the holiday on April 2, 2010, middle school students will have until the second Friday in April (April 9, 2010) to qualify for this award. For additional modifications to the middle school SSL awards program, please visit the MCPS SSL website at: www.mcpsssl.org.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: NUT-FREE TABLE OPTION IN THE CAFETERIA

Beginning this year, our school is offering a peanut- and tree nut-free table in the cafeteria. This is an effort to reduce the risk of anaphylactic reactions as a result of severe nut allergies. We have not had any problems or medical emergencies at our school; this is in response to a new Maryland House Bill (26) that was enacted on October 1, 2009. Typically, students prefer to sit with their friends or move around during lunch. However, if you would like your child to take advantage of the nut-free table option, please contact Mr. Gitchell (Grades 6 and 7) or Ms. Geness (Grade 8), and appropriate arrangements will be made.

HELPFUL LINKS

Updates News & Information: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharms/
Calendar: <http://coldfusion.mcps.k12.md.us/cfms/webteam/calendar/calendar.cfm?calendarID=farquharms>
Staff Directory: <http://coldfusion.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/directory/index.cfm?s=dbd&pl=03507>
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Lunch Pre-Payments: www.myLunchMoney.com
Daily Cafeteria Menu: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv
H1N1 Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/h1n1/>
Student Service Learning: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>
Bullying: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>
PrepTalk: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>
NEC Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nec>
Parent Academy: www.mcpsparentacademy.org
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