

FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS MEETINGS
2022-2023
AUG. 24, 25, 26 & 29

YOUR PRINCIPALS

- Dr. Hower: Lead Principal
- Dr. Lentz: Program Principal A-L
- Dr. McGee: Program Principal M-Z

³FCAHS COUNSELING CENTER

- STUDENTS KEEP THE SAME COUNSELOR FOR 4 YEARS.
- COUNSELORS ARE ASSIGNED BY STUDENT'S LAST NAME:
 - A-C: TIM McLISTER
 - D-G: JOHN BAXTER
 - H-K: DANA PAPALIA
 - L-O: RACHEL MACHEN
 - P-S: BEN O'CONNOR
 - T-Z: TARA DeCOMO
- ADDITIONAL COUNSELORS INCLUDE:
 - DR. STACIE DOJONOVIC (TRANSITION)
 - DAVID FRAZIER (MENTAL HEALTH)

STUDENT SUPPORTS

Support	Time	Place/Days
Mental Health & D/A	7:30-2:25	Mr. Frazier Room 229
SST	First period	Mr. Leasure
AM Support	7:00-7:25	Teacher classrooms
Back on Track	2:30-3:45	Library
Math Help Center	7:00-7:35 AM	251
Writing Center	7:00-7:35 AM	176
Foxes Burrow	7:00-7:35	Friday
Learning Resource Center	238	QRT through 4 th period
** Hygiene products available in ladies restrooms		
Zen Den (report to counseling office)	7:30-2:25	Room 225
NHS Tutoring	Individually scheduled	QUEST Office

GET INVOLVED!

MRS. BUTKOVIC

- Over 80 Clubs! You can create your own club too.
- Over 20 Varsity Sports!
- Club Week
 - Monday September 12 to Friday September 16
 - Check out all the club displays in the Cafeteria and Commons.....and even on Schoology!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MRS. BUTKOVIC

Student Government Executive Branch

- President – Roman Mason
- Vice President – Arvind Seshan
- Secretary – George Tabor
- Treasurer – Michael Shin

Class Sponsors

- Seniors – Ms. Sayre
- Juniors – Dr. Cowles
- Sophomores – Mrs. Matonak
- Freshmen – Mrs. Sperdute



Groups

My Groups



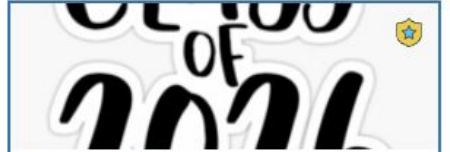
Class of 2023



Class of 2024



Class of 2025



Class of 2026

Double check you are in your class group!



Groups

My Groups



Class of 2023



Class of 2024



Class of 2025



Class of 2026

SERVICE LEARNING

Mr. Elder

- Community service is a graduation requirement
- Forms must be turned in to Mr. Elder in Room 189
- 12 hours
- Failure to complete by the end of Junior year results in an E on your transcript and hours are still required to graduate.
- Court-mandated community service doesn't count

SCHOOL RESOURCE & SECURITY OFFICERS

OFFICERS JOSHUA DIETZ & STANLEY BRADISH
SECURITY OFFICER: JOE ABBOTT

- Resource for students
- Problem Safety & Security
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Weapons & Violence
- Citations & Arrests
- Office – Across from cafeteria

POLICY & REGULATIONS

SAFE2SAY SOMETHING

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- www.safe2saypa.org
- 1-844-SAF-2SAY (723-2729)
- Safe 2 Say is also an APP
- Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
- Submit an anonymous tip report through the Safe2SaySomething system
- Crisis center reviews, assesses and processes all submissions
- Crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention
- If needed, crisis center may contact tipster anonymously through the app

DISCRIMINATION POLICY

- The Board declares it to be the policy of this district to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.
- Students may report incidents to high school staff, including teachers, counselors, or principals.

TITLE IX

- Title IX is a federal civil rights law passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972 to protect people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance.
- Title IX states that: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”
- Students with Title IX or any discrimination complaints can report concerns to:
 - Dr. Hower, FCAHS Lead Principal
 - Ms. DeComo, FCAHS School Counselor
 - Dr. McCommons, Deputy Superintendent
 - Mr. Mahoney, Director of Pupil Services

BULLYING POLICY

- Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting and/or outside a school setting, that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:
 1. Substantial interference with a student's education.
 2. Creation of a threatening environment.
 3. Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
- Includes cyberbullying.
- School setting means in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the school.

HARASSMENT POLICY

- Harassment by students, employees or third parties on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, handicap/disability or for participation in reports or investigations of alleged discrimination is a form of discrimination and is subject to this policy. A person who is not necessarily an intended victim or target of such harassment but is adversely affected by the offensive conduct may file a report of discrimination on his/her own behalf.
- A student or third party who has been subject to conduct by any student, employee or third party that constitutes a violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report the incident to the building principal.

HAZING POLICY

Hazing occurs when a person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, for the purpose of initiating, admitting or affiliating a student with an organization, or for the purpose of continuing or enhancing membership or status in an organization, causes, coerces or forces a student to do any of the following:

1. Violate federal or state criminal law.
2. Consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug or other substance which subjects the student to a risk of emotional or physical harm.
3. Endure brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, branding, calisthenics or exposure to the elements.
4. Endure brutality of a mental nature, including activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment.
5. Endure brutality of a sexual nature.
6. Endure any other activity that creates a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to the

A student who believes that s/he has been subject to hazing is encouraged to promptly report the incident to the building principal or designee.

SAFETY

- For the safety and security of everyone:
 - Do not open doors to let anybody into the building- including students (safety violation-discipline imposed)
 - Signs posted on all doors
- Lockdowns
 - Out of the halls, bathrooms, etc. immediately
 - Report back to your class if nearby
 - Listen to your teacher for further directions
- Over 200 security cameras on campus

RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.

- FCAHS utilizes Run. Hide. Fight. guidelines for threats to our school
- There will be safety drills conducted throughout the year
- Safety protocol posted in classrooms lists student responsibilities and actions
- If you know something, see something or hear something then SAY something...it may save lives!
 - Get the information to an adult in the building
 - Use the confidential tip line
 - Write an note and give to a teacher/staff member

EVACUATION PROTOCOL

- Follow teacher directions
- Remain with teachers at all times
- Do not go to your car
- Off-site evacuation reunification points- Teachers will direct you
 1. Presbyterian Church
 2. O'Hara Elementary School
 3. Lauri Ann West Community Center

DISCIPLINE & EXPECTATIONS

Dr. John McGee

Program Principal M-Z

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CORE VALUES

Respect

Responsibility

Integrity

QRT

Why We Have QRT:

- Time for students to get organized, finish homework, study, visit teachers for extra help, etc.
- Time for class, club and activity meetings.
- Attendance taken – students must be on time!
- Career Exploration

NOT Why We Have QRT

- Roaming
- Late to school/QRT
- Visit friends in other classrooms

Note: Soft corners closed

LUNCH

Must stay in designated eating areas:

- Cafeteria
- Commons
- Outdoor patios

Does not include:

- Soft Corners
- Vending Area

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is taken in QRT
- Parents can excuse up to 10 days total
- Over 10 days must have doctor's note
- Notes due within 3 days of returning from absence
- Truancy = 3 or more days unexcused absence
- Tardy to Period 1 / QRT
 - Must go to office first
 - 3 Unexcused Tardies = Detention

FLEX SCHEDULE SIGN IN & SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

- AM Arrival
 - Students will enter through the main office doors and immediately utilize the ipads located in the vestibule for attendance and admittance. A staff member will be there to assist you.
 - This is for flex schedule students only, not late arrivals due to illness, appointments, etc.
- PM Dismissal
 - Students will report to FCAO / Auditorium area. There will be two ipad stations with staff members there to assist you for your dismissal. You will then exit out of the auditorium doors.
 - This is for flex PM students (FCAO, College courses, Alternative Schedules, Work Experience, Professional Experience). All other dismissals are to report to the main office.

MAJOR INFRACTIONS

- Drug/Alcohol Violation
 - All medication, including aspirin, Tylenol, Motrin, etc. must be distributed through nurse
- Weapons
- Fighting/Assault
- Harassment
- Theft
- Consequences: All of the above will result in a suspension, legal recourse, and other additional requirements for reinstatement including counseling

VAPING

- Tobacco/Nicotine Policy Violation
 - Includes any paraphernalia
 - Automatic suspension and potential citation
- Two students in same bathroom stall constitutes reasonable suspicion for administration to conduct a search and assign disciplinary consequences.

DRESS CODE

Updated 221-Administrative Regulation

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1. Attire must not be destructive to school property.
2. Dress must comply with all health and safety codes.
3. Dress must not interfere with the educational process or the rights of others.
4. Footwear must be worn.
5. Hats, hoods, visors, and other headgear or similar that prevent or limit recognition or identification are not to be worn or carried in school. This includes baseball hats and/or any hat with a brim or bill. Any headwear that is prevalent to any cultures or religions is allowed. Students' faces must be as visible as possible for safety and security.
6. For safety and security reasons, winter coats and jackets must not be worn in classrooms or hallways during the school day. Administration may approve the wearing of coats and jackets in certain parts of the building due to building conditions.

DRESS CODE

7. Clothing is recommended to cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down approximately 3-4 inches in length to the upper thighs. Overly exposed areas of the recommended coverings are prohibited. Midriff should be limited to immediately above the belly button.

8. It is recognized that not all situations and conditions can possibly be covered by a dress code. These guidelines shall be the basis of, but not the sole determinant, of expected/appropriate school attire.

9. Obscene, profane language, references to alcohol or illegal substances (including pictures and words), or provocative pictures on clothing or jewelry, and clothing with double-meaning phrases are prohibited.

If school authorities decide a student is dressed inappropriately, that student will have the opportunity to call home for a change of clothing. If a change is not available, the student will be detained in the main office. Inappropriate clothing may be confiscated by administration.

Coats, hats, backpacks, and any container or purse larger than necessary to carry personal essentials must be placed in lockers immediately upon arrival to school and must remain in the lockers or a location designated by teachers until dismissal from school. **Backpacks are not permitted in classrooms or hallways after the school day begins.**

LOCKERS

- **SHUT & LOCKED AT ALL TIMES**
- Do not share lockers
- Must use lock provided for you by FCAHS
- Keep valuable items secure in locker or don't bring them
- No expectation of privacy
- Replacement locks are \$10.00
- See Mrs. Gurtner in the Assistant Principal's Office

CONSUMABLE WATER BOTTLES

- Gone!
- Water fountains back on!
- Refillable student water bottles ok/preferred

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

AUTHORIZED PED USE includes but is not limited to:

- anywhere in the high school either before 7:30 a.m. or after 2:25 p.m.
- during pass time and lunch
- in the classroom as directed by teacher or supervisor
- listening to music as long as only one ear bud is used

SOCIAL MEDIA

THINK Before You Post!

- True
- Helpful
- Inspiring
- Necessary
- Kind

**Posts made outside of school
maybe subject to discipline**

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

UNAUTHORIZED PED USE includes but is not limited to:

- placing or receiving a call, text, or other communication during instructional time
- nurse's office, bathrooms, locker rooms, or swimming pool areas regardless of the time of day
- assemblies, presentations, or class meetings
- in the testing center, during detention, or in-school suspension
- any use that is disruptive, distracting, or violates any aspect of the Student Discipline Code

TECHNOLOGY

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- Laptops, iPads, and MiFi
 - Available for checkout in library
- Students are permitted to bring personal electronic devices (cellular phones, cromebooks, etc.) to school.
- Student cannot video conflicts, fights, etc.
- Personal devices are not to be used in the classroom unless permitted by the teacher.
- Teachers may confiscate personal devices. Available for parent pick up at the end of the day.
- Students are responsible for the safety and security of their own devices.

PARKING

- Parking is coordinated through the FCASD Police department
- Parking applications are on the FCASD website
- Students are not permitted to park without a permit
 - Fee charged for the permit
 - Follow application process (FC parking)
 - Parking Violation Fines \$25.00
 - Students parking on FCASD properties are subject to search

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