



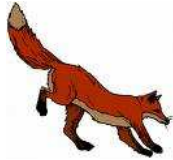
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Principal's Point

Dear Predator Nation:

It is with great pleasure that I contribute to this newsletter. Fox Creek is continuing to achieve unprecedented success. As with all success, our achievements continue to build upon one another and we continue to improve exponentially. As we all know, Fox Creek is the only school in the history of the CSRA to earn the Palmetto Gold School Award, as given by the South Carolina Department of Education, three times! This has never happened at any other high school in the CSRA. Great job Fox Creek!!!

We are also quite pleased that in the past few months we have completely remodeled our library with state of the art equipment. Students will be able to relax and use this area for study and research. We have also begun construction on a new 4800 square foot storage facility that will have an immediate impact on our school. With our continued success comes continued growth with both students and equipment. This new storage facility will assist us with continuing to grow for years to come!

We have also remodeled our practice football field. We have invested funds in expanding it to now include space for soccer. Our newly installed irrigation system will assist us in keeping the field in great shape year round. Our athletic department has purchased high end soccer goals and other equipment. For the first time in school history all soccer practices and matches will be held on campus!

Report cards are out and many of us have achieved great success and a few of us need to continue to work hard, but the most important part of our school year is ahead. Our HSAP graduation exam that is required of all 2nd year students or 10th graders in order to receive a South Carolina high school diploma will be given on April 17-19 this year. This exam is extremely important for your child's future. Please concentrate on attending school and being focused for this exam. Ninth grade students will also be challenged in the coming weeks as they will take their End of Course exams the first week of May. These exams will count 20% of their final averages. Please reassure your children of the importance of these exams.

As we all know, Fox Creek has scored higher on these exams collectively than any other school in the CSRA and with hard work; we will continue to out perform our neighboring schools. Why? Because we will work hard and WE ARE FOX CREEK!

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Murph, Ed.D.
Principal

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sr. Advisory/Prom Committee Semi-Formal Feb. 11
- ◆ Interim Reports Feb. 13
- ◆ Valentine's Day Feb. 14
- ◆ Poetry In Action (Sweetwater) Feb. 16
- ◆ Winter Break Feb. 20-24
- ◆ BOD Meeting Feb. 27

South Carolina Representatives Visit FCHS

South Carolina House Representatives Bill Hixon and Bill Clyburn recently visited Fox Creek High School as part of their efforts to continue to improve public education for all students in South Carolina. During the visit the Representatives visited classrooms and spoke with teachers and students. Both representatives vowed to continue to work diligently to improve public education. Principal Dr. Tim Murph explained, "It is refreshing to know that these influential members of our General Assembly are fighting for our schools. I appreciate that they came to Fox Creek to ask the questions that need to be asked from the people on the front lines of education. I commend them for their efforts."



Photos

Left to Right

***Bill Hixon, House Representative for District 83
Dr. Tim Murph, Principal of Fox Creek High School
Bill Clyburn, House Representative for District 82***

Welcome to our newest Board Member Michael Ray!

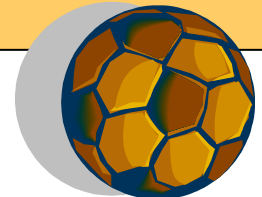
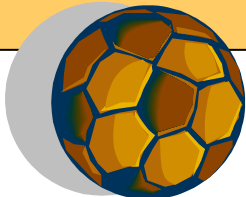
Optimist Club Essay Contest Winners



The North Augusta Optimist Club recently held its annual awards banquet to honor the winners of its annual essay contest. The topic of this year's 700 word essay was "How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community". The winner, Brittany Cross of Fox Creek High School, will compete for a \$2,500 scholarship at the state level. Recognition and awards were given to the winners. Fox Creek Principal, Dr. Tim Murph explained, "We are truly blessed to have the North Augusta Optimist Club in our community. They live up to their motto of 'Friend of Youth' each year by continuing to support our local students. I commend Stacy Timmerman and all of the members of the North Augusta Optimist Club for their time and efforts for this very important opportunity for our students." Pictured above from left to right are Optimist Club Essay Chairman Stacy Timmerman, first place winner Brittany Cross of Fox Creek High School, second place winner Mary-Louise Pawlowski of Fox Creek High School, and third place winner Ramsey Whitley of North Augusta High School.

Soccer News

There will be a Parent's meeting for the Soccer team on Wednesday, Feb 8th at 5:30.



US Army Visits Fox Creek

Fox Creek High School recently hosted the U.S. Army Program Executive Office Soldier Semi. The Semi is a mobile interactive exhibit. Throughout the day, students were able to enter into the display and learn more about the history, technology, and career opportunities provided by the U.S. Army. Students received hands-on experiences with many different forms of warfare technology including night-vision sensors and lasers, body armor, laser shot, and simulating the new XM-25 weaponry. The program was coordinated through Staff Sergeant Wade and Staff Sergeant Cooley of the US Army Recruiting Station in North Augusta. Ian Bramhall, Guidance Counselor at Fox Creek, said "This was a great experience for our students and our school. It allowed them to explore a small bit of what our brave soldiers experience on a day-to-day basis. It also allowed them to investigate career opportunities offered by the U.S. Army. We are honored that they came to Fox Creek High School and look forward to our next opportunity to work with the Army."



Christina Fowler 11th grade student



Brittany Hurt 11th grade student

Art Mural Painted on Home Baseball Dugout

The Art 2 & 3 classes have completed the Baseball dugout mural. Miss. Woodruff and the students in Art 2 & 3 worked on the mural, featuring the Predator's baseball logo alongside the school name, during the months of November and December. Students painted the mural on the backside of the home team's dugout, so that when spectators drive up to the games on the back fields they are greeted by the image. The mural shows a baseball breaking through the dugout wall, bearing the Predator's "P" on it's leather. Visitors can see the names of the students that participated with the mural project alongside the image.

Participants included:

Dane Adams, Kyle Attaway, Walt Bagshaw, Cody Brown, Ashlyn Carpenter, Danielle Davis, Kaylyn Drew, Abbie Ergle, Caroline Foss, Amber Hair, Daniel Hickson, Savannah Jones, Justin Jury, Nolan Koon, Justin Lanham, Anna Logan, Morgan Manly, Dominique Moore, Justin Moulton, Mariela Muniz, Josh Noble, Shayne Owens, Zach Owens, Summer Payne, Christine Pierce, Bryce Rutland, Trisha Shea, Roland Sullivan, and Josh Wearn



WILLIAMS CONTINUES TO MAKE HISTORY

NORTH AUGUSTA -- Marty Williams staked a claim to another piece of Fox Creek High School athletic history Wednesday, becoming the school's first student to earn a university football scholarship.

The standout quarterback, who delighted Predator fans and baffled dozens of opponents over the past couple of seasons, made his mark to attend Clemson University, with family members around him and several senior teammates seated nearby.

"Visiting up there a lot and going to a lot of ball games and hanging around with the players and coaches, it really meant a lot to me," he said. "We created a good bond toward each other. The players up there are like brothers to me."

He is listed at 6-foot-1 and 200 pounds. His academic interests, he said, are in the areas of music and sports (such as sports management).

Williams, known as a threat in both running and passing, had C.J. Williams, Quadre Castleberry and DeOndre Baskett among his favorite passing targets over the past couple of years.

Williams also commented on his prospects on the Clemson roster. "For right now, I'll think I'll be playing at defensive back."

He also served in the Predators' defensive backfield. On offense, major highlights in the 2011 season included one game in which he scored seven touchdowns (six by ground and one by air).

The season's final couple of games included some unsettling moments involving a neck sprain that took him out of the action. It first arose in the opening playoff game. He returned to play the next week but was taken away in an ambulance as the Predators' season came to a close.

A Clemson website noted that Williams "chose Clemson over Florida, Notre Dame, Georgia Tech, Miami, East Carolina and South Carolina, among others."

Williams commented, "I hope it will open up doors for Fox Creek and give an opportunity for more guys to compete ... It means a lot to me, playing with the guys that are in younger grade levels. It shows to them that it takes a lot of work to get what you want. I hope they work hard for it, because the door's open for them now."

Coach Russell Schneider, who has guided the Predators' football program since its creation, described Williams as a hard worker with exceptional talent. "It's nice to see the time you've invested turn out to be such a great opportunity for him and his family," he added.

Read more: [Williams continues to make history](#) | Aiken Standard
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2012 Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Location
February 6	Monday	5:00	Silver Bluff - Scrimmage	Silver Bluff
February 8	Wednesday	5:00	Midland Valley - Scrimmage	Midland Valley
February 13	Monday	5:30	Pelion - Scrimmage	Pelion
February 18	Saturday	TBA	Lakeside - Scrimmage	Lakeside
February 25	Saturday	11:00	McCormick - Midland Valley Tournament	Midland Valley
February 27	Monday	5:00	Ninety Six - Midland Valley Tournament	Midland Valley
February 28	Tuesday	6:00	Silver Bluff - Midland Valley Tournament	Silver Bluff
March 1	Thursday	5:00	Barnwell - Midland Valley Tournament	Midland Valley
March 3	Saturday	TBA	Midland Valley Tournament Finals	Midland Valley

2012 Varsity Softball Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Location
February 11	Saturday	10:00	Wagener/Batesburg - Jamboree	Fox Creek High School
February 13	Monday	4:30	Saluda- Scrimmage	Fox Creek High School
February 16	Thursday	4:30	Strom Thurmond - Scrimmage	Fox Creek High School
February 20	Monday	4:30	Cardinal Newman - Scrimmage	Fox Creek High School
February 21	Tuesday	4:30	Batesburg-Leesville - Scrimmage	Fox Creek High School
February 24	Friday	TBA	Aiken - Midland Valley Tournament	Aiken Tech
February 25	Saturday	TBA	South Aiken - Midland Valley Tournament	Midland Valley
February 27	Monday	6:00	North Augusta - Midland Valley Tournament	Midland Valley
February 29	Wednesday	TBA	Saluda - Midland Valley Tournament	Aiken Tech

Athletic Events This Week:

Basketball - HOME Game vs. Williston-Elko at 6:00pm Tuesday, February 7.

Basketball - HOME Basketball Game vs. Ridge Spring Monetta at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 9.

TUTORING IN MRS. SMITH'S ROOM

THURSDAYS at 3:15 ALL SUBJECTS

PLEASE SEE MRS. SMITH FOR A RESERVATION!!



FCHS English News

Congratulations to Brittany Cross and Mary-Louise Pawlowski for winning first and second places, respectively, in the North Augusta Optimist Club's annual essay contest. As students in Mrs. Jeffers' Honors English III class, they wrote excellent essays about how they, and others, could positively benefit the community. We applaud their success.

Students in Mrs. Jeffers CP English II classes have just finished a very extensive and interesting unit on Greek drama, having role-played and discussed Sophocles' latest hit, Antigone. We are now continuing our drama genre studies as we enter the scintillating world of Shakespeare with readings of both Julius Caesar and Hamlet.

*English 101 was a fabulous success, but English 102 promises to be even more exciting. In this second college-level course, students will learn how to write in-depth literary analyses of various types of fiction, plus polish research and metacognition skills.-
Article Submitted By: Ms. Mindy Jeffers*



Yearbooks are now on sale! The price of the yearbook is \$75 and will be on sale until the end of April. Payment can be given to Ms. Harris.

There are a handful of pageant programs left. They are \$10. See Ms. Harris to purchase one.

Quotable Quote: “If you can dream it, then you can achieve it. You will get all you want in life if you help enough other people get what they want.” -Zig Ziglar



College News



Questions?
 Call Mrs. Stallings
 613-9435
 astallings@fchs.edgefield.k12.sc.us

February 2012

Please bring Mrs. Stallings your acceptance letters and any scholarship letters that are offered. You will receive a Fox to decorate and put on display in the commons.

**College Applications should be completed.

** Remember to let Mrs. Stallings know when you complete your applications so she can send your transcripts and test scores.

Scholarships

** SCAWS– South Carolina Association of Women’s Sports and Trophies...for females who play a sport and are interested in the majoring in the medical field or teaching.

** J.P. Coates/SCACT Scholarship– For seniors who want to major in education. This scholarship is \$1000 per year. Due to Mrs. Stallings by March 10,2012.

** James F. Byrnes Foundation offers scholarships to seniors who have lost one or both parents. The deadline to apply is February 15. Students must request an application packet from www.byrnesscholars.org.

** The NAVY ROTC Scholarships pay full tuition. Apply online at www.nrotc.navy.mil.

** Best Buy is awarding scholarships nationally. The application period is open until February 15. Apply online only at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com..

** South Carolina Tuition Grants Program is to help offset the higher education costs of attending independent colleges. Visit www.sctuitiongrants.com for details on eligibility.

** No paper application is required for the LIFE or HOPE lottery funded scholarships. Students will receive information on these in the financial aid packet directly from the college they will be attending.

Scholarship Websites

www.sammy.bodybymilk.com– scholar athlete milk mustache of the year award program (\$7,500).

http://promo.regions.com/RidingForward/StudentScholarships.org– Regions Bank scholarship

www.fastweb.com– free scholarship search

www.collegeanswer.com– scholarship information tied to Sallie Mae co.

www.collegenet.com– general private scholarship

SAT Dates

- Mar. 10
- May 5
- Jun. 2

ACT Dates

- Feb. 11
- Apr. 14
- Jun. 9

Every student planning to attend college must have parents fill out the FAFSA (Federal Student Aid Application). Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov beginning January 1.





Prom 2012:
The Black and White
Masquerade Ball

The 2011-2012 Junior-Senior Prom will be held April 28, 2012
at The Old Government House in Downtown Augusta.

Ticket Information

January-February:

\$30 per person/\$50 per couple

March-April:

\$40 per person/\$70 per couple

See Mrs. Shepherd to purchase tickets!

If you are bringing a guest that does not attend Fox Creek
High School please see Mrs. Shepherd for a guest
permission form.

Guests that do not attend FCHS must be at least a high
school freshmen, no older than 20 years old, and present
an ID at Prom.



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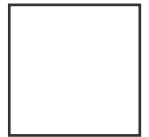
Go to:
www.foxcreekhighschool.org
to sign up for Twitter,
Facebook, & Youtube
Updates!

Family Member of the Month

Mrs. Doris Gonzalez is the Fox Creek High School "Family Member of the Month" for February 2012. She is the Science Department Chair for Fox Creek and is in her fifth year at the school. Mrs. Gonzalez has over 25 years of teaching experience. She has also had two children attend Fox Creek including her daughter Mariela who is currently a freshman. Principal Dr. Tim Murph stated, "Mrs. Gonzalez has all of the attributes that a principal looks for in a good teacher. She is dedicated to our kids and goes the extra mile to achievement success in her classroom. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Gonzalez on our faculty."

The Fox Creek High School Family Member of the Month Award was created by Principal Tim Murph in June of 2006 to recognize those faculty, staff, parents and community leaders that come forward each day to promote student achievement and ensure a positive school culture for their students.

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