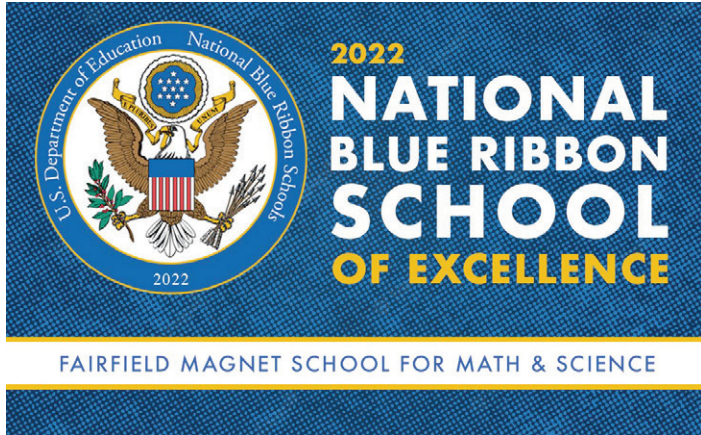




From Fairfield County School District: An Exemplary Accomplishment!

Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science has been recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, as National Blue Ribbon School for 2022. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms and validates the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in striving for – and attaining – exemplary achievement. Only 297 schools were recognized.

"I applaud all the honorees for the 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award for creating vibrant, welcoming, and affirming school communities where students can learn, grow, reach their potential, and achieve their dreams," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.



na. "As our country continues to recover from the pandemic, we know that our future will only be as strong as the education we provide to all of our children. Blue Ribbon Schools have gone above and beyond to keep students healthy and safe while meeting their academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. These schools show what is possible to make an enduring, positive difference in students' lives," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said.

With its 39th cohort, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed approximately 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools. National Blue Ribbon Schools serve as models of effective school practices for state and district educators and other schools throughout the nation. A National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing a school's entryway or on a flagpole is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

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Well-Deserved Recognition for Fairfield's First Responders and Community Partnerships

Daniel Douglas,

Kylie Burns

Student Journalists, FCHS

On Friday, September 16th, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services (FBHS) hosted a "First Responders Breakfast: Bridging the Gap" to honor the fierce passion, enthusiasm, and dedication of those who serve in emergency capacities in Fairfield County.

Held at the Fairfield County School District Auditorium, Mr. Vernon Kennedy, Sr., Executive Director of FBHS, shared a welcome and the purpose of the event. FBHS partnered with Fairfield County Sheriff Department, Winnsboro Public Safety, Fairfield County Emergency Management 9/11, and the Fairfield County Coroner Office in 2020 to form the Fairfield Opioid Response Team, thanks to two \$50,000 grants from the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS).

"The purpose of the Fairfield Opioid Response Team is aimed to collectively reduce the impact of opioid overdoses in adults and deaths of stimulant use/abuse in Fairfield County," Mr. Kennedy explained. He also explained the

ODMAP project (Opioid Detection Mapping Application Program), which is a national and free program that allows anyone to track what's going on in terms of overdoses and deaths across the nation, even specifically in Fairfield County. It also allows us to see where hotspots/trends/spikes are (Winnsboro, Ridgeway, and Great Falls) to increase efforts in curtailing overdoses.

In addition to ODMAP, Ms. Samantha Roland, Prevention Assistant & Coordinator at FBHS, collected information that shows monthly statistics. For example, in 2021 there was 67% increase in opioid overdoses. There was also an increase in how many drugs were seized by law enforcement, and that increased was from 179.5 pills to 493.45 pills.

"Pay close attention to Fentanyl and Methamphetamine," Mr. Kennedy said. "Our goal is to focus on how we can prevent these drugs from not only coming to Fairfield County, but also in how it is affecting the people who may use it. Of course, there is a lot more work that needs to be done."

Additionally, the information presented by Mr. Kennedy showed

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Synithia Williams

Deputy County Administrator

Fairfield County Government has named Fairfield

Fairfield County Announces New Detention Center Director

County Detention Center (FCDC) Captain, Harriet Squirewell, as the new director of the FCDC. As the Detention Center Director, Ms. Squirewell will be responsible for the overall management of the Fairfield County Detention Center staff and services.

Captain Squirewell has worked with the Fairfield County Detention Center for

over 17 years and has over 19 years of experience in the Corrections field. She has been a Captain at the Detention Center for 4.5 years and assumed operational command of the Detention Center in an acting director capacity on July 17th. Captain Squirewell has held the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant; obtained

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Congratulations, 2022 Pageantry Winners!



Shamioka Sims

Contributor

The Fairfield County Beauty Pageant hosted its 5th Annual Pageant on August 27th with 16 contestants competing to become part of the 2022 Royal Court.

Beautifully Blessed Pageantry presents:

Royal Court 2022 - Daddy and Me
Ania Hill & Quintin Hill

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Child Passenger Safety Week: How to Check Your Child's Car Seat

It's child passenger safety week, and safety officials across South Carolina are reminding parents of the importance of using child car seats correctly.

The annual campaign runs from Sept. 18-24, and aims to educate caregivers across the country about choosing the right car seat and installing it properly to ensure the safety of children in moving cars, according to a press release from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

During this week, South Carolina's Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) has been partnering with several organizations to host car seat installation demonstration events. Individuals can attend the free, in-person demonstrations at the following locations:

- Friday, September 23rd, 9:00 am -11:00 am — South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, 10311 Wilson Boulevard, Blythewood, South Carolina
- Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 am -12:00 pm — EdVenture Museum, 211 Gervais St., Columbia, South Carolina

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In 2019, at least two children under the age of 13 in the United States were killed and more than 370 were injured on a daily basis while riding in vehicles. NHTSA also reported at least 38 percent of children who died in traffic

risk of nonfatal injuries by 45 percent among children ages four to eight when compared to a seat belt alone.

DHEC provides an additional 145 car seat inspection stations across South Carolina throughout the year. Click here to find an inspection location near

Recommended car seats based on your child's age and size

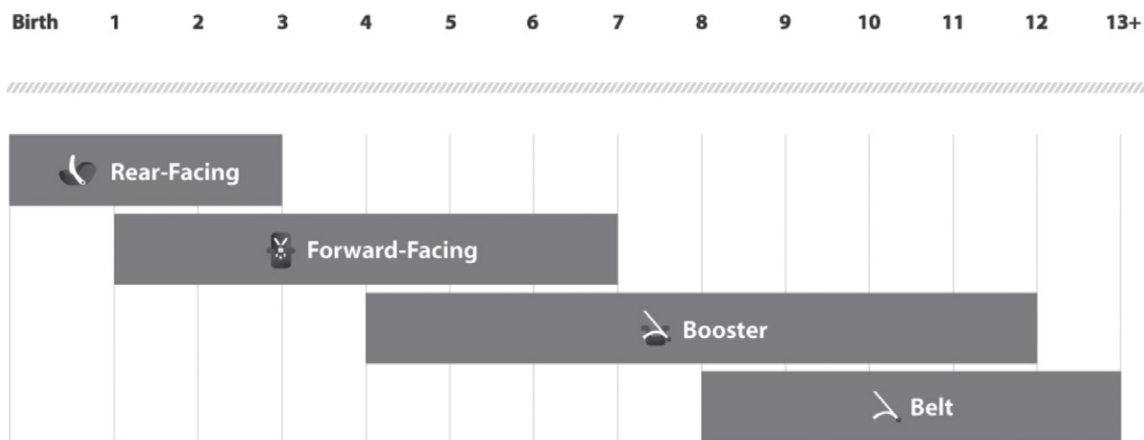


Image retrieved from: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-boosters

crashes in 2019 were unrestrained — a five percent increase from the previous year.

State health officials estimate about 60 percent of car seats are installed with common mistakes, including not using the top tether, and not tightening the harness.

If a child car seat is used correctly, it can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent among infants and 54 percent among toddlers, according to DHEC's press release. Booster seats reduce the

risk of nonfatal injuries by 45 percent among children ages four to eight when compared to a seat belt alone.

DHEC provides an additional 145 car seat inspection stations across South Carolina throughout the year. Click here to find an inspection location near you.

For more information on child passenger safety from DHEC, including how to become a certified child passenger safety technician, visit scdhec.gov/health/child-teen-health/early-childhood-health

The information in this article is retrieved from counton2.com/news/south-carolina-news

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“We celebrated in 2014 when Fairfield Magnet School for Math & Science was named a Palmetto's Finest Award winner. Now to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2022 is an honor that validates the hard work and commitment of the students, faculty, families, and leadership of this awesome school. It is refreshing to see our state and federal education leaders acknowledge the tremendous work schools like Fairfield Magnet are doing serving students in rural/high needs communities. The entire Fairfield Family will celebrate this recognition because we recognize that it takes the efforts of us all to maximize the academic and personal potential of our young scholars,” Superintendent Dr. J.R. Green proudly said.

The Department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- Exemplary High-Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.
- Exemplary Achievement Gap-Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students.

Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science is an elementary school located in Winnsboro, SC and is part of the Fairfield County School District. Dr. Gale Whitfield has served as principal since 2010 (pictured below).

“It is a tremendous honor to receive the National Blue Ribbon School award as an Exemplary High-Performing School,” Whitfield said. “We are committed to the development of each student and take great pride in providing a high-performing culture for our students and staff. We celebrate the achievement with our exceptional students, amazing, hardworking Fairfield Magnet staff, district administration, Board of Trustees, parents, and the entire Fairfield community. Each day, we seek to create a student-centered learning environment that remains committed to unlocking every student's academic and artistic brilliance.” Whitfield further stated, “In the words of Marva Collins, we firmly believe there is a brilliant child locked inside every student.”

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites nominations for the National Blue Ribbon Schools award from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by the Council for American Private Education.

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Class 2 Officer certification and has successfully completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy's Jail Management Training course.

“Fairfield County is looking forward to Ms. Squirewell's continued leadership and support for our hardworking Detention Center staff,” says Malik Whitaker, Fairfield County Administrator.

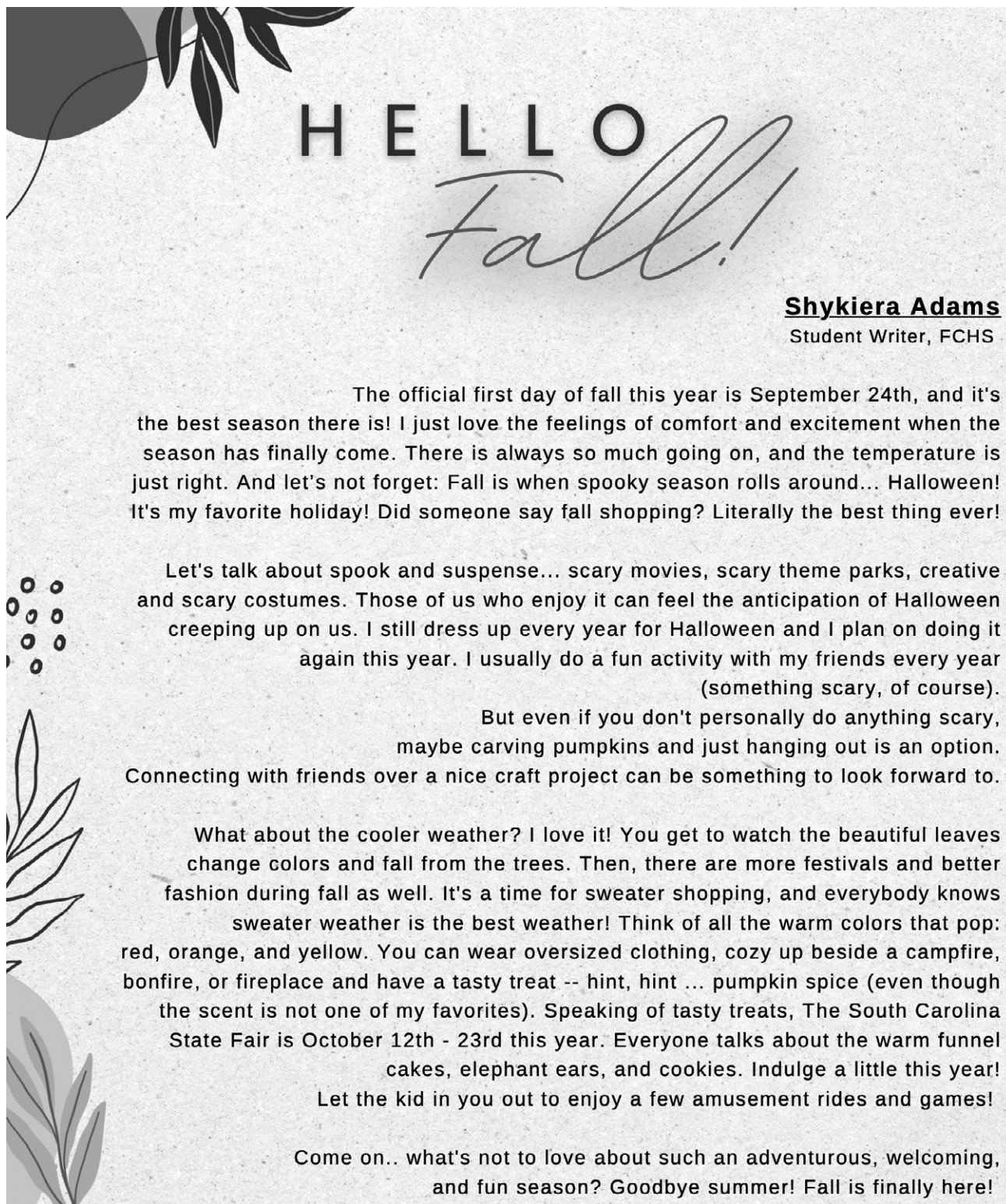
“It is an honor to have been selected to

serve as Director of the Fairfield County Detention Center,” says Ms. Squirewell. “I will continue to work with our staff to move the Detention Center forward and will look to recruit new staff to join my team. Through hard work, training, and dedication, myself along with the other staff at the Detention Center will strive to move the Detention Center forward in a positive direction.”

The FCDC operates on a Budget of \$2,300,419 and is responsible for:

- Detainee Processing
- Detainee Commissary
- Detainee Labor Force
- Detainee Transportation
- Facility Security
- Custody of Pre-trial and Sentenced Detainees
- Detainee Medical Care
- Food Services
- Maintenance of Incarceration Records





Shykiera Adams
Student Writer, FCHS

The official first day of fall this year is September 24th, and it's the best season there is! I just love the feelings of comfort and excitement when the season has finally come. There is always so much going on, and the temperature is just right. And let's not forget: Fall is when spooky season rolls around... Halloween! It's my favorite holiday! Did someone say fall shopping? Literally the best thing ever!

Let's talk about spook and suspense... scary movies, scary theme parks, creative and scary costumes. Those of us who enjoy it can feel the anticipation of Halloween creeping up on us. I still dress up every year for Halloween and I plan on doing it again this year. I usually do a fun activity with my friends every year (something scary, of course).

But even if you don't personally do anything scary, maybe carving pumpkins and just hanging out is an option. Connecting with friends over a nice craft project can be something to look forward to.

What about the cooler weather? I love it! You get to watch the beautiful leaves change colors and fall from the trees. Then, there are more festivals and better fashion during fall as well. It's a time for sweater shopping, and everybody knows sweater weather is the best weather! Think of all the warm colors that pop: red, orange, and yellow. You can wear oversized clothing, cozy up beside a campfire, bonfire, or fireplace and have a tasty treat -- hint, hint ... pumpkin spice (even though the scent is not one of my favorites). Speaking of tasty treats, The South Carolina State Fair is October 12th - 23rd this year. Everyone talks about the warm funnel cakes, elephant ears, and cookies. Indulge a little this year! Let the kid in you out to enjoy a few amusement rides and games!

Come on.. what's not to love about such an adventurous, welcoming, and fun season? Goodbye summer! Fall is finally here!

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Royal Court 2022 - Mommy and Me
Angel & Tamara Benjamin

Royal Court - Most Beautiful
Alianna Smith

Royal Court 2022 - Photogenic
Taneya Green

Online People's Choice
Madison Simmons

In-Person People's Choice
Angel Benjamin

G.N.F Ambassador
Madison Simmons

Baby Queen
Taneya Green

Toddler Queen
Ania Hill

Wee Princess
Anna Beth Talbert
Yarianna Vaquero

Wee Queen
Madison Simmons

Little Princess
Mason Cardona

Little Queen
Angel Benjamin

Young Queen
Alianna Smith

Preteen Princess
Denyiah Young

Preteen Queen
Sara Windham

Teen Queen
Annarosa Cardona

Miss Queen
Fallon Gonzalez

Ms. Queen
Madison Hargett

Mrs. Queen
Alisa Rice

Curvy Queen
Leslie Rhodes

Fairfield County Supreme
Arabella White

Fairfield County Grand Supreme
Kimberly Acevedo-Gonzalez

Congratulations, ladies!

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trends of drug use by ages. The age range that is the highest is 25 - 35 year olds, and there was even an increase in the 65+ age group.

Mr. Kennedy explained, "It's not just people who are intentionally misusing the opioids, as there are lots of people who take opioids for legitimate reasons. They have prescriptions, but sometimes they may make a mistake. If you take more than one, you could potentially be at risk for an overdose. You could potentially be at risk for having respiratory issues, so it is extremely important that we make sure we get Narcan in the hands of as many responsible adults as possible. These overdose mistakes can happen to anyone."

Mrs. Veronica Dadzie-Edmonds, Director of Prevention Services for FBHS, shared acknowledgements of all elected officials and stakeholders in attendance. Mr. Brian Bonds, Chairperson of the Board of Directors for FBHS provided the blessing of the food.

During the time when attendees were enjoying breakfast, Mr. Sean Maxwell, Certified Peer Support Specialist for FBHS, shared his memorable and heartfelt recovery testimony. His drug use spanned from ages 11 - 23, and he used any drug he could get his hands on. Unfortunately, Mr. Maxwell was put out of school three months before graduation, so he did not get a diploma at that time. However, he did eventually enlist in the U.S. Navy and served during the Persian Gulf time period in our country's history. He began using drugs more while in the Navy, and by the time he left, his drug addiction was full blown. By 1989, he was still using drugs, and at one point, he didn't have a place to live. What is fascinating is that someone he owed drug money to ended up being the person who gave him a place to stay. "Sean, you can stay with me as long as you want but just don't use dope."

Mr. Maxwell proudly shared that his last time using drugs was in 1990. "It happens when it's supposed to happen," he said about overcoming drug addic-

tion.

Ms. Samathan Roland was unable to attend the event and joined via FaceTime. Mr. Kennedy presented her information on some of Fairfield Opioid Response Team's Successes:

- a summer kickoff event: "Kickball for a Cause," reaching 143 people
- twelve RX drug take back events across the county
- distributed 1,160 Deterra bags to residents
- implemented the Life Skills Training Program to sixty-one 9th - 12th graders
- seized 493.5 dosage units of pills
- distributed 52,789 opioid/stimulant literature
- published various articles, billboards, and social ads
- tracked the number of referrals for treatment/recovery to FBHS (Fairfield Behavioral Health Services) from the new Community Outreach Paramedicine Education (COPE), resulting in 117

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Senior Spotlight



Pastor Jerome Boyd

Tazyra Doctor

Student Journalist, FCHS

Pastor Jerome Boyd was born and raised in Fairfield County. He lived in Columbia, SC and moved back to Fairfield after he got married in 1982. He has two adult children and three grandchildren.

Pastor Boyd graduated from high school and has attended college. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. After the military, he worked as an aircraft mechanic, with Mack Trucking, has been a Magistrate Judge, and worked in the banking industry.

As a child, Pastor Boyd loved The Three Stooges, but shared, "I can't stand to watch it as an adult." Other than westerns, there aren't many shows he enjoys watching nowadays. His first car was a 1964 Chevy Impala. His hobbies include real estate/property management, tinkering in his backyard, and bowling.

Pastor Boyd considers one of the best days of his life is when he got married and the day he got saved. The most important lesson he learned as a child was a lesson taught to him by his father, and it was to always be truthful.

When asked about an important piece of advice for the younger generation, he said,

"Understand that you don't know everything. Listen to the voice of experience."



Fairfield Community Food Bank

Supporting One Another with Love

Mobile Food Pantry Schedule

September 26th:

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
4991 Park Road, Ridgeway
(Lake Wateree)

6:30 pm

Call 803.635.9234 for details.

SHEALY'S BAR-B-QUE DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

Plates will include fried chicken, barbecue, hash & rice, corn, green beans, roll, & tea.

\$15.00 per plate

Friday, October 14, 2022 ~ 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fairfield County Council on Aging
210 E Washington St
Winnsboro, SC 29180

All proceeds will help provide scholarships for students attending Fairfield Central High School, Midlands STEM Charter School, and Richard Winn Academy.

Contact any Rotarian for tickets or stop by the Fairfield County School District - District Office, Fairfield County Library, or the Fairfield County Council on Aging.

Ticket sales End October 10, 2022

FAIRFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN HALL MEETING

with Superintendent of Schools

29 SEPT. 2022
6PM - 7PM

LIVE ON FACEBOOK

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This is a chance for the Fairfield community, parents, and students to give their opinions and suggestions. The meeting will be held on the district's Facebook page.

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Dr. J.R. Green
Superintendent

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Academic Highlights



(left) Scholars at McCrorey-Liston School of Technology are celebrating National Dot Day!



(below) Culinary scholars at Fairfield Career and Technology Center are showing off the skills they've learned in a lab assignment!

Come Celebrate with Us!

Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science 2022 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

A "Parade" Celebration
 September 28, 9:30 AM
 Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science
 Parking Lot

A "Celebration" Ceremony
 September 30, 12:30 PM
 Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science
 Auditorium

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 NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Greetings Fairfield County. I officially announce my candidacy for the Fairfield County School District Board of Trustees representing District 7. I would like to thank the community for providing me the opportunity to represent you for the past 4 1/2 years. Serving students and families has been my core focus since collaborating with several members of the community to establish Believers and Achievers. I am committed to providing our youth with a premier educational experience.

During my tenure serving as your representative, I am pleased to share a few of our district successes. In collaboration with Midland Technical College and Fairfield County government, we established the Fairfield Promise Program, which provides all Fairfield County graduates with the opportunity to attend Midland Technical College for up to six semesters at no cost. Fairfield County School District continues to provide students the opportunity to earn Associate Degrees and General Studies Diplomas before graduating high school through the Stem Early College Academy. Multiple facility upgrades have been completed, to include a state-of-the-art Athletic Field House with a new artificial turf football and soccer field. Additionally, Fairfield County School District--in collaboration with the Fairfield County School District Education Foundation--will construct the first residential Teacher Village project. This project will improve the district's ability to recruit and retain the most qualified professionals.

The students of Fairfield County continue to impress every year with their accomplishments in academic, athletics, and the arts. With the support of families, the school district, and the greater community, there is nothing our students can't achieve. Many of you have heard the expression, "You must believe it in order to achieve it." I wholeheartedly believe in our children, and I know you do as well. I ask for your support as I continue to work with the Fairfield County School District Board of Trustees to create fertile ground to help our young scholars grow.

RECREATION AND HEALTH



Move in Silence... Only Speak When It's Time to Say 'Checkmate'



Smyra Thomas

Student Journalist, FCHS

Even though chess is a recreational activity, it actually has great benefits for your mind. But first, let's start with some context.

Chess was created in India around the 8th century. The pieces of the game haven't always been what we see today. It may even have been conceived out of the Indian game Chaturanga before the 600s AD.

Interestingly, chess has been played across many countries to understand war battles! In the military, you can't always see your opponent during battlefield tactics, and chess cultivates that skill.

People often ask how chess is similar to checkers. The first thing to know is that chess is more difficult. It requires more patience, discipline, focus, and it tests the centers of the brain that process strategic methods. In checkers, there is only one movement and each piece moves in the same direction. In chess, all pieces move differently. Before playing chess, a player must master the concept of movements by each piece offensively to develop a defensive plan. A game of chess can last minutes or hours depending on the expertise of the players.

The object, unlike checkers, is not to collect as many pieces as possible. The objective in chess is to capture the king by putting the king in a position where they have no eligible movements--which is called "checkmate." The king's movement is one space

in any direction, left, right, forward, backward, and diagonally (forward & backward).

The strategy to winning in chess after learning the fundamentals and gaining confidence is to study the variations of openings and defenses from around the world. It is a must that you study your opponent by watching which piece they are mostly depending on during the game when making their moves. You can handicap your opponent by devising a plan to take that piece from them, which changes their whole game plan. As a player, knowing when to make sacrifices on your pieces and seeing the whole board and not just one space in front of you helps you to be cerebral while anticipating certain movements and attacks.

I've been learning from Coach Terrell Roach, Fairfield Central High School's Athletic Director. He started playing chess in 2008 while teaching at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, even though he wanted to learn prior to then, but he had no one to teach him. Now, after playing for over a decade, his goal is to continue to study the game and teach individuals who want to learn the game-- regardless of their age, as long as they are focused and teachable.

Coach Roach watches people like Maurice Ashley (the First Black person to become a GrandMaster at chess) and Magnus Carlsen, a Norwegian chess grandmaster who is the reigning five-time World Chess Champion.

"You've got to watch the series 'Queen's Gambit' on Netflix and Walt Disney's 'Queen of Katwe' to gain respect and appreciation for the game of chess," Coach Roach explained.

I asked what he admires most about the game. "The single-most admirable thing for me is that after each match--win, lose, or draw--you shake your opponent's hand and you teach each other your mistakes," he said. "After each loss, you know why you lost based on one piece. It is just like an organization.

People do different things with one common goal, and one person in that organization can be a determining factor to if it fails or succeeds," he explained.

My experience with being taught by Coach Roach is in learning that each time I move a piece, it must go with my plan and I must have a reason for that movement or else it's in vain. If I cannot give a reason, I have to move it back. Moving a piece without a reason is like exercising without an end goal. You must always remember when playing chess that your opponent's side of the board is identical to your side. Each player has the same exact movements, but each player does not have the same exact plan of execution. You must always attack and counter-attack.

Oftentimes, playing chess with Coach Roach allows me to see the options, variations, and consequences before I make my final movement. Of course, I lose frequently because I am still learning how to plan and I am inexperienced at seeing the whole chess board as one. However, I have learned that checkers is mostly recreational; chess is intellectual and recreational, but mostly intellectual. It causes my head to hurt when playing against him because there are so many concepts the game entails. In order to be a flourishing student of the game, you must have a burning desire and passion to learn the game. The game of life is like chess, and we cannot continue to play checkers if we want to elevate.



Color Is Music without Words

Kylie Burns

Student Journalist, FCHS

The literal definition of color is "the property possessed by an object of producing different sensations on the eye as a result of the way the object reflects or emits light." When used as a verb, color is defined as "change the color of (something) by painting, dyeing, or shading it."

With that understanding, it's also important to understand that coloring is so much more than just a fun activity for children. For example, it's an important aspect of the medical field. In the United States and other countries in the Western Hemisphere, white is usually associated with cleanliness; however, in China white symbolizes death. Of course, that would not be the message you want to send when sick patients are coming into a hospital. In that way, knowing how cultures perceive colors obviously matters.

In another medical aspect, the psychological impacts can be both positive and negative. Red is a color that is believed to be energizing, so it is recommended for patients that need brain stimulation, such as people with dementia. At the same time, red isn't suggested for patients who need sleep. Cool colors like blue, green, and purple are used for waiting areas and spas. Children's hospitals typically have con-

trasting colors to provide stimulation and to signal that being energetic is encouraged.

Just as color in general has cultural and psychological impact, the act of coloring is used for therapy. Coloring can reduce stress and anxiety and improve motor skills, vision, sleep, and focus. Granted, I wouldn't say coloring completely replaces therapy, but it aids in it. When you're coloring, different parts of your brain's cerebral hemispheres are activated. Coloring can induce a meditative state. When you're in a meditative state, you stop focusing on future or past worries and only focus on the present. Many people wish they were better at meditation, and with coloring, the longer you practice, the better your concentration gets, which is important for meditation.

A last aspect of coloring I will explore ties in to something we can all relate to. I had the opportunity to read a 2019 issue of *The Fairfield Post*, and FCHS alum Trenell Boyd expressed, "We are never too old to color!" I absolutely agree! It's just like we're never too old to dance to some fun music! Color, like music, has the power to hit us in a powerful, memorable, and emotional sense. Certain colors make us remember experiences, clothing,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fairfield County, SC
Time well spent

Sunday, September 25th

Town of Jenkinsville Office & Park Grand Opening. Come out from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm for an evening of free food, an exciting three-on-three basketball tournament, learning sessions, family fun, and DJ Mike White!

Call 803.718.6184 for more information.

Friday, September 30th - Saturday, October 1st

The Rock Around the Clock committee is excited announce the 24th Annual Rock Around the Clock Festival & Classic Car Show. Friday's festivities will be from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm and will feature street dancing and a concert by the band New Local. On Saturday, festivities will begin at 10:00 am and continue until 3:00 pm. There will be a classic car and truck show, children's amusements, artisans and crafters, exhibitors, and a performance from Fairfield County School District students. Food trucks and vendors will be present both days. 100 N Congress Street, Winnsboro

Friday, September 30th - Saturday, October 2nd

Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Association 82nd Annual Reunion. The event will take place at Feasterville Academy Grounds, 7008 State Highway 215, Blair, SC. COVID precautions will be in place and mostly outside activities will take occur. Social distancing will be enforced indoors and masks, gloves, hand-santitizer, and a washing station will be provided. Organizers of the event suggest that if you take any pictures for the 2022 reunion, please consider submitting them to the webmaster's email (fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net) or by

USPS. Friday's activities begin at 5:00 pm. Saturday's and Sunday's activities begin at 8:30 am. For a full schedule of events and registration information, please call 803.747.9906.

Saturday, October 1st

Breast Cancer Awareness Event.

The Faith Fighters organization will host Breast Cancer Awareness Event: Live on the Lake. It will begin at 3:00 pm and feature Sam and the Vibe Band. Lake Monticello: 75 Baltic Circle, Jenkinsville, SC. Please call 803.205.5746 for questions and concerns. The Faith Fighters' mission is to provide spiritual, social, emotional, financial, and community support to individuals diagnosed with cancer and their families and to promote cancer awareness and prevention throughout the community.

Donation Oportunity

The Grieving Needs Foundation is sponsoring a Shoe Drive. They are asking for donations of gently used or new shoes to help local communities. For more information call 803.402.9183.

Fairfield County Library Weekly Storytime Schedule

Mondays, 10:30 am: Toddler/Preschool Storytime // Wednesdays, 4:00 pm: Children's Storytime. Prerecorded Virtual Storytimes are uploaded to the library's YouTube Channel every week at the same time as the in-person events. Storytime kits are also available in the library as additional take-home activities. Call 803.635.4971 for more information.

Seniors Raising Children Program

If you are 55+ and raising children, you may benefit from the Seniors Raising Children Program. It provides free services and financial assistance specifically to adults 55 and over who find themselves caring for a dependent child ages 0-18.

Services vary by region, but include:

- payment for tutoring
- assistance with purchasing school supplies and clothing
- respite (daycare, babysitting, camp)
- extracurricular activities
- supplemental services

Residents of Fairfield County who are interested should call 803.376.5390 or email fcsp@centralmidlands.org.

Once completing your application, return it to Central Midlands Family Caregiver Support Program at 236 Stonebridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29120. If you have any questions about the application, please call 803.376.5394.

Assistance for Fairfield County Renters

The South Carolina NAACP is partnering with United Way Association of South Carolina to serve Fairfield County renters through the House Stability Services program.

Services offered include:

- Fair housing
- Rental assistance
- Eviction/housing counseling services
- Mediation between landlords and tenants
- Individuals with disabilities and seniors
- Survivors of domestic abuse or human trafficking

Rental assistance requirements are:

- Personal ID (driver ID, licensed ID, photo voter's registration card)

- Proof of lease (current, expired, tenancy agreement or landlord certification, etc.)
- Proof of income (pay stubs, SSA, unemployment documents)

Walk-ins and appointments are both available. For questions and more information, call 803.766.9847 or email feliciahallmichael@outlook.com.

Fairfield Community Food Bank

September is Hunger Action Month. It was established by Feeding America in 2008. During September people everywhere help to feed the needy in their neighborhood and country, working to ensure that the 48 million people who live with hunger every day can get some relief.

Fairfield Community Food Bank is asking you to make the choice to take action to provide hunger relief in whatever way you can.

- Donate food
- Fundraise (Tackle Hunger Challenge, see page 3 in last week's newspaper)
- Volunteer
- Learn about hunger in Fairfield County

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ROCK AROUND
THE CLOCK
FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 &
OCTOBER 1, 2022

RECOGNITION from page 3

expected home visits of opioid overdose survivors

- seventy-five visits with opioid overdose survivors
- a 28% increase in referrals to FBHS

“There is room for improvement, but there is also so much room for celebration,” Mr. Kennedy said. “None of this would have been possible without many of the first responders in this room today, my wonderful staff that I have the privilege of doing work with—not just with the prevention part but also the treatment part. Sometimes it’s hard to find good people, but I am so grateful that I not only have a wonderful staff that has been doing an excellent job everyday with all of our services, but I am so grateful as well for our board members. Let’s celebrate and join together on what we have accomplished today!” Mr. Kennedy exclaimed.

Ms. Michelle Nienhius, the Manager of Prevention and Intervention Services for SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Services, elaborated on what Mr. Kennedy explained and provided an understanding of it from the state level. “If we don’t continue to do the work together, we get burned out,” she emphasized.

Awards were presented by Mrs. Dazie-Edmonds & Sheriff Will Montgomery:



First Responder Awards

Lt. Francine Goins - Winnsboro Public Safety; Sgt. Ron Mull - Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office; Brad Douglas - Emergency Management 911; Maggie Ferguson - Fairfield County EMS; Donna Clowney - Fairfield County Coroner; Jennifer McGriff - Emergency Management 911

“Bridging the Gap” Partnership Award Winnsboro Public Safety; Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office - Sheriff Will Montgomery; Emergency Management 911- Director Brad Douglas; Fairfield County EMS; Fairfield County Coroner Office - Coroner Chris Hill

Partnership Awards

Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office; Fairfield Medical Associates; SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services; Hawthorne Pharmacy; Winns-

boro Public Safety; Fairfield County Coroner’s Office; Fairfield County EMS; Fairfield Emergency (911) Management

First Response Team

Mr. Brad Douglas, Ms. Francine Goings, Deputy Hodges, Donna Clowney, Mike Tanner, Maggie Ferguson, Jennifer McGriff, Chief Seibles, Ron Mull

Contributions

Fairfield County School District, Senator Mike Fanning, All4SC, Solicitor Randy Newman, Steve Barnett, Love Never Fails, Hawthorne Pharmacy, South Carolina Alcohol & Other Drugs, Fairfield Forward Coalition, Judge Russell Feaster, Sean Maxwell, Laurelwood Apartments, Castlewood Apartments, Winfield West Apartments, Darren Jackson, Douglas Johnson



Additional Awards

Samantha Roland, Jeremy Purnell, Veronica Edmonds, Vernon Kennedy, Sr.

Closing remarks were given by the Honorable Senator Mike Fanning (District 17), and he referenced Nehemiah chapter four from the Bible.

“Then I said to the people, the work is hard, difficult, and tough. It’s huge. And we are spread out along the wall. But keep faith and keep working. When you hear the bugle sound, join together here and God will fight our battle. We need every man, woman, and child working together. Today, we celebrate the teamwork that got us to where we are today. We are building the wall of protection against drugs in our society. We are building the walls of recovery. We are celebrating the first responders! On behalf of the state of South Carolina, let’s come together when the bugle sounds! I celebrate Fairfield County, because no one is doing what Fairfield is doing in terms of opioid recovery and fighting drugs,” he shouted.

After the event, Ms. Liz Walsh shared her takeaway. “I am proud to see action taking place, and I am inspired.” Sergeant Ron Mull shared, “We have to do the best we can and have courage!” Mr. Sean Maxwell shared, “One celebrates, we all celebrate!”

This was a unique event to cover as student journalists, and we enjoyed and learned from every minute of it! Thanks to everyone who spoke with us during and after the event!

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COLOR from page 6

signs, restaurants, etc. because they make our eyes dance to their vibrant and various shades. We choose music based on our emotions or mood, and we do the same with color. The great thing about it is that we don’t have to wait for a medical professional or therapist to suggest a coloring book or song. Just go with your mood!

All in all, we shouldn’t underestimate the power of doing things that often get stereotyped as childish or too playful. There are many advantages to embracing new music, new dances, and of course... new colors and coloring! Try it out!

