

# Fruita Monument

## High School



September 2021

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### Important Dates:

Thu. 9/2—Club Fair in Wildcat 9:25-10:20AM

Mon 9/6—NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

Fri 9/10—Football vs GJHS 6:45-9:15PM

Wed 9/15 - Academic Honors Ceremony 7-9 p.m.

Fri 9/17—Picture Make Up/Retake

Mon 9/20—Sat 9/25—Homecoming Week

Mon 9/20—Strobe Light Volleyball 7-10PM

Tue 9/21—Talent Show 7-10PM

Wed 9/22—Volleyball vs Montrose 5-7PM

Thu 9/23—Homecoming Assembly in Wildcat 9:25-10:20AM

Thu 9/23—Bonfire/Powder Puff Football 5:30-9:00PM

Fri 9/24—Homecoming Football Game 7-10PM

Sat 9/25—Homecoming Parade 8-11AM

Sat 9/25—Homecoming Dance 7:30-10:30PM

Mon 9/27—NO SCHOOL: Educator Effectiveness

Thu 9/30—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8PM

### Greetings, Wildcat Friends and Family,

It's been a super start to a great year at Fruita Monument. Our students and staff have done an amazing job of getting right to work. At class meetings, we spoke to students about our vision at FMHS - "Cultivating innovation, achievement and passion through a learner centered environment." Our aim is to provide innovative courses and course work while incorporating the latest technology into daily instruction. We aim to engage our students through research, collaboration, challenge and inquiry. We aim to help every student discover and explore their passions and encourage them to be actively involved in classes, clubs and extra-curricular activities. We asked students to commit to doing their best each day in every subject. We asked them to believe in their abilities and to be confident in their work. Our students are capable of accomplishing feats they never dreamed possible. As a staff, we are committed to helping every Wildcat find their passion and reach their full potential.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Academic Awards Night this month. We will be recognizing 534 students that earned a 3.5 GPA last year. The high level of academic success at FMHS comes from a long tradition of academic excellence built over many years by our staff, parents and student body.

### Advance Placement Scores Reach All Time

**High at FMHS:** Congratulations to the students and staff of FMHS for record success in Advanced Placement courses last year. 583 AP Exams were administered. 66% of our students received a qualifying score of 3+.

FMHS AP Scholars 2019—20		# of Students
AP Scholars	Averaged 3+ on 3 or more exams	61
AP Scholars with Honor	Averaged 3.25+ on 4 or more exams	22
AP Scholars with Distinction	Averaged 3.5+ on 5 or more exams	29
National AP Scholars	Averaged 4+ on 8 or more exams	9

**Wildcat Time:** This is a combination of access and advisory that takes place every Wednesday and Thursday (55 minutes). The advisory time (approximately 20 minutes) is to help students build connections with fellow classmates and their teacher, spark school spirit, celebrate what makes FMHS the best, teach life skills, explore opportunities beyond high school, reward achievement and reinforce mutual respect. The access time (approximately 30 minutes) is to provide student with access to staff as well as time for make-up work, test retakes, study time, extra help and working ahead. Please encourage your students to make the most of this time.

**Student Parking:** Students will have the week of September 7 to purchase a parking permit. Permits will be available to all students with a valid driver's license and can be purchased for \$15 in the fees office with cash or check. Students must present a driver's license, registration and proof of insurance and have paid all fees to be eligible. Students that do not wish to purchase a permit can park on Wildcat Avenue, in the tennis court parking lot, at Living Waters Church or carpool.

Go Wildcats!

Todd McClaskey, Principal  
**IT'S GREAT TO BE A FRUITA MONUMENT WILDCAT**

CLASS OF 2022

# SENIOR PICTURES for FMHS YEAR-BOOK

Due by: October 28, 2021



Submit your senior picture on a flash drive in room 201. Vertical photos work best! Clothing should be appropriate & adhere to dress code.



## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:**

Denny Squibb Athletic Director  
Jeannine Smith Assistant

- We have all gone through an interesting couple of years of adjustments. Because of all the changes that have occurred some changes will continue into the fall:
  1. We will continue with online ticketing and cashless entry.
    - a. Tickets will be limited to two tickets at a time, except you can go back as many times as you would like.
    - b. You can purchase tickets online or with your phone for fast entry into the contests.
    - c. If you come to the games we will have QR codes so you can purchase your ticket at the site on your phone or with one of our I Pads.
  2. Entry will be faster with pre-purchase tickets.
  3. At this time no masks are required for Athletes or Spectators.
- When we travel to out of town games we will try to post on the Website as soon as we get the information what the restrictions are at that venue. We do realize that there are strong feelings both ways, yet we have to respect the guidelines that are given to us.
- Parents of Fall Athletes if you wish your Student/Athlete to ride with another parent you can go to the athletic website and under Quick Links fill out a form to allow your child to ride home with another adult.
- We at this time will continue to Live Stream local contest held indoors in the South Gym. If the school we are playing has NFHS Live Streaming, then from their location. We will also try to do some live streaming on our Website with Vimeo if our teams will video the contests.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING US TO WORK WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND WE HOPE TO HAVE A GREAT FALL SEASON.

FALL REGISTRATION WITH THE NEW COMPANY WORKING WITH CHSAA HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE AND WITH YOUR PATIENCE WE HAVE GOTTEN OUR ATHLETES REGISTERED. WINTER AND SPRING SHOULD BE EASIER.



# ProStart Donations

A huge thank you goes out to the owners of Munchies, Mike and Kim Searcy and Eva Searcy, for the donation of \$1770 to our ProStart Program. Accepting the donation is Cheryl Tennant, FMHS ProStart educator. ProStart is the university accredited culinary and hospitality program at FMHS where students have the opportunity of walking directly into a career after high school or transferring on to higher education. We are so appreciative of this amazing donation to help our program purchase needed equipment, supplies, and travel support for our class this year. We have 3 trips to Denver for boot camps and competitions that will take place without undue stress thanks to this generous donation.



# Art Show

Last week we received a phone call from the GJ Brush and Palette Club. They visited the Altrusa Art Show last spring, looked at all of the art on display, and chose a single art student to show with them at their upcoming show this October. Kylie Williams is that student. She will be their "Youth Artist Entrant " for the show. The show will run from Oct. 1- Nov. 5th at the Grand Junction Art Center (Western Colorado Center for the Arts). The reception is the evening of Oct. 1st.

Tammie Widhammer has set up a Go Fund Me to raise money to get Kylie Williams' large piece of artwork framed. It must be framed to be shown and framing is expensive. Please consider helping this talented young lady out!

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/tc7eyv-help-a-young-artist?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/tc7eyv-help-a-young-artist?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)



# FBLA Takes Another Top 10 at National Competition

Class of 2021 graduate, Kade Bessert placed 8th in Sports and Entertainment Management. This is his second top 10 placement at FBLA National Competition as he placed 10th last year with his Graphic Design team.

Other National competitors this year include Ross Winters in Help Desk, Maren Lynch in Intro to Business Procedures and the Publications team of Amber Clark, Rowen Kimble and Morgan McNair.

**Amazing job to Shanna Miller and Ira Cressman!!!! These students could not have done it without you!!**

## **Fruita Monument Celebrates Its AP Capstone Diploma Recipients**

*Over 2,000 schools participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program, a project-based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world.*

**Fruita, Colorado** – At Fruita Monument, 2021 graduate, Amber Clark earned the AP Capstone Diploma™ and three students (Jasmine Brandon, Audrey Geer and Caitlin Engert) have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ during the 2020-21 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students to develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are critical to academic success.

[“We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program,” said Todd McClaskey. “Our AP Capstone students and teachers showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This is a meaningful college readiness program that will serve our students well after high school.”](#)

To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. Students are increasingly participating in the AP Capstone program. Over 2,000 schools participated in the AP Capstone program worldwide during the 2020-21 school year, when approximately 11,900 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma and 7,700 earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of personal interest and they are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects. [Optional: At [insert school or district], students focused their research on a range of topics, including: [list some specific research topics]].

“Congratulations to the AP Capstone award winners, who conduct, present, and defend academic research on topics they are passionate about,” said Trevor Packer, College Board senior vice president of AP and Instruction. “Their ability to manage long-term projects, collaborate with teams, and deliver effective presentations will accelerate both their academic and professional careers.”

All four students were graduating seniors in the class of 2021.

The College Board Advanced Placement® Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. A 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP Exams, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards. multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP Exams, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards.

# Interest-Welcome Meeting

August 31, 2021



**THE  
Hi FIVES  
4944**

## The Grand Valley Wide High School Robotics

Location: 2591 Legacy Way Business Incubator

**6:15pm-7:30pm**

### Are you interested in or do you know?

- Mechanical Engineering
- Business Management
- CAD Design
- Marketing
- Graphic Design
- Programming
- Electrical
- And more!!!

**Goal:** To maintain a high standard of competition through the development of our knowledge and community relationships.

### What do The Hi Fives do?

- Compete in Salt Lake City, UT; Denver, CO; Houston, TX.
- Build a robot in 6 weeks, from beginning of January to end of February.
- Promote STEM education in the Grand Valley, by hosting camps, doing demos, and expanding FIRST.

If interested, email  
[thehifives@gmail.com](mailto:thehifives@gmail.com)





## Fruita Monument High School

**DEADLINE: 02/10/2022**

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 02/10/2022

### ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY 02/10/2022

#### COLOR AD

1/2 Page	\$100.00
1/4 Page	\$50.00
1/8 Page	\$25.00



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1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

#### Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

#### GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?**

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

**How is the ad deadline determined?**

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

**Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?**

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

**Can I send my materials to the school?**

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

**More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.**

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# SAT PREP

# Don't Wait!

## TAKE THE SAT ON NOV. 6



### Your Academic Coach:

- Suzanne Bergen, M.Ed.
- CSU Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
- Regis University Master of Education
- Taught at FMHS & CMU
- SAT Coach for 8 Years

- Prep classes start on Sept. 27
- 9/27, 10/4, 10/18 & 10/25
- Time: 5:30-7:30pm
- Location: CMU Library
- 4 sessions/2 hours each
- \$400-Prep book included
- Accept Venmo, check, credit, or cash
- Small class-4-6 students

## Must register!

Call or Text Suzanne Bergen  
970-433-3473





