

# Fruita Monument

## High School



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### Important Dates:

**Mon. 5/8—Honors in Excellence**

**Tue. 5/9—Orchestra Concert**

**Tue. 5/9—Military Recognition Breakfast**

**Wed. 5/10—Band Concert**

**Thu. 5/11—Choir Concert**

**Fri. 5/12—Senior Checkout**

**Mon. 5/15—Graduation Practice/Senior Picnic**

**Tue. 5/16—Graduation**

**Wed. 5/17—NO SCHOOL**

**Mon.-Tue. 5/22-5/23—Soph/Junior Checkout**

### Greetings Wildcat fans, Parents, and Supporters!

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the class of 2023 on a tremendous year. It seems like only yesterday they were walking in as sophomores.

The Class of 2023 has sustained a long-standing tradition of academic excellence and achievement at FMHS. It was a pleasure to see 59 seniors recognized at the Superintendent Scholars Luncheon for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average for all four years of high school. I had the pleasure of recognizing 10 seniors recently that have committed to joining the armed forces following graduation. We will also be recognizing numerous seniors for earning academic scholarships to colleges and universities across the nation. The dollar value of the scholarships earned by this class will total in the millions of dollars! We will share a slideshow on May 4 featuring each senior and their scholarships. On May 8, we will recognize more than 150 seniors at our Honors in Excellence Ceremony. These seniors have excelled in the areas of math, science, music, art, agriculture, foreign language, physical fitness, journalism, language arts, leadership and many other areas. Way to go Class of 2023!



I am excited to introduce Newt Klusmire as the incoming principal for the 2023-24 school year. Newt has served as an assistant principal at FMHS for the past five years, prior to that, he was an English teacher and Dean of Students at Lynden High School. I've always been very impressed with his work ethic, commitment to supporting students and teachers along with his drive to make FMHS the best it can be. Newt is extremely honored to continue serving FMHS as principal.

Working at FMHS for the past sixteen years has been a tremendous honor for me and I couldn't have asked for a better community to serve. I will forever be a Fruita Monument Wildcat and have so many people to thank for supporting me during my time here.

Thank you **parents** for providing such dedicated, hardworking and talented students. Thank you for instilling in them a value for education, work ethic, respect and commitment. Thank you for being supportive of your students and spending countless hours helping them to succeed. Thank you for your understanding and support during the pandemic and throughout my time here.

Thank you **teachers** for your dedication, passion and commitment to each and every student. For going above and beyond every day so that students reach their full potential. It takes extra effort to provide the education and social experiences our students deserve. Thank you for making a difference every day.

Thank you **volunteers** for supporting our students in various endeavors and passions. Whether it is lacrosse, football, band or Ag, there is something for every student to get involved in and become passionate about. We cannot do it without the efforts and time given by numerous parent volunteers. Thank you to the team moms, booster club members, community volunteers and businesses who work tirelessly and give generously to support FMHS.

I'm honored to be graduating alongside the class of 2023. Congratulations seniors and Good Luck!

Go Wildcats!

Respectfully,

Todd McClaskey, Principal

IT'S GREAT TO BE A FRUITA MONUMENT WILDCAT



If you are a sophomore or junior interested in pursuing athletic scholarships, this meeting is for you!

# College Bound Student-Athlete Information Meeting



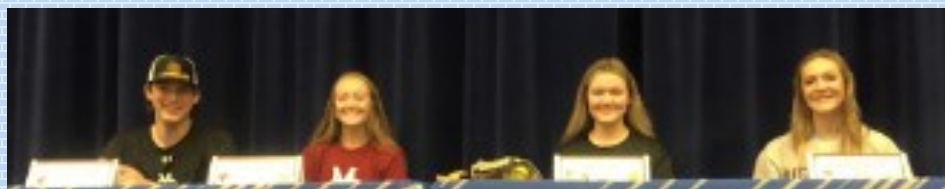
May 4  
9:25 - 10:15  
During Wildcat  
Library



Einstein Bagels and Beverages Provided

## Get Important Information on:

- NCAA Clearinghouse and Eligibility
- The Recipe for Athletic Scholarship Success
  - How to be a part of FMHS AAA Club
- Filling out the proper forms for college eligibility
- The different levels and types of college athletic opportunities



Scan the QR code to RSVP!

# Sports News

What a great Spring Sports Season we have had! Our Baseball Team is ranked #2 in the State! The Girl's Track Team has had a stellar season and will be tested this weekend in Denver along with our Boy's Team. The Girl's Lacrosse Team sits in the top 12 in the State heading into the last part of the season. Our Boy's Lacrosse Team is battle tested headed into the post season also. Girl's Golf & Tennis have shown continuous improvement throughout the season and look to send some qualifiers to State. The Boy's Swimmers are competing well and finish up their conference season this week. Our Girls Soccer Team hold their own destiny at their feet as they finish up their regular season schedule with a game vs. Legacy in Denver and then at rival Durango.

Congratulations go out to Trinity Hafey and Kaison Stegelmeier

who were voted Mrs. and Mr. Wildcat 2023!

Here is the complete list of the GJ Sentinel Sports Awards nominees for the 2022-23 season.

Football — Corben Rowell, Luke Bennett  
Softball — Ava Stephens, Chloe Padilla  
Boys Soccer — Nick Fedderson, Ryan Knight  
Boys Tennis — Jack Fry  
Boys Cross Country — Kaden Nelson  
Boys Golf - Will Stewart  
Girls Cross Country — Ella Unrein  
Volleyball — Ryleigh Payne, Trinity Hafey  
Boys Basketball — Daniel Thomason, Austin Reed  
Girls Basketball — Liv (or Olivia) Campbell, Addison (or Adi) Eyre  
Boys Wrestling — Dylan Chelewski, Geno Gallegos  
Girls Swimming — Kendyll Wilkinson  
Baseball — Lucas Weaver, Logan Cardoza  
Girls Golf — Cierra Noetzelmann  
Boys Lacrosse — Kaison Stegelemeier, Karter Harmon  
Girls Lacrosse — Olivia O'Hara, Addie Stehman  
Girls Soccer — Regan Dare, Kylah Celayeta  
Girls Tennis — Kat Austin  
Boys Track and Field — Daniel Thomason, Cooper Sigmund  
Girls Track and Field — Ella Unrein, Luka Knott  
Freshmen — Jhett Wells, Cambelle Brammer, McKenna Jensen



# Congratulations FMHS Special Olympians!



Elementary School	Date of Senior Walk	Time
Appleton	May 15th	10:00
Broadway	May 15th	3:00
Chatfield	May 16th	9:00
Chipeta	May 15th	2:30
Clifton	May 15th	1:00
Dos Rios	May 15th	2:30
DIA	May 15th	1:00
Fruitvale	May 15th	1:00
Lincoln OM	May 15th	3:15
Loma	May 15th	9:00
Mesa View	May 11th	2:30
New Emerson	May 15th	1:00
Nisley	May 15th	1:00



High School	Graduation Day	Time
PHS	May 15th	6:00-8:00 PM
FMHS	May 16th	6:00-8:00 PM
CHS	May 17th	6:00-8:00 PM
GJHS	May 18th	6:00-8:00 PM
R5	May 16th	9:00 AM
GRA	May 18th	10:00 AM
MVCS	May 19th	11:00 AM

Orchard Ave	May 16th	9:30
Pear Park	May 15th	3:00
Pomona	May 15th	9:15
Rim Rock	May 15th	9:00
Rocky Mountain	May 15th	10:00
Scenic	May 19th	9:00
Shelley	May 15th	9:00
Taylor	May 15th	1:00
Thunder Mountain	May 15th	1:00
Tope	May 15th	2:45
Wingate	May 15th	9:15

# Congratulations Esports Team

Wyatt Millsaps, Ryan Bowen, Lucis Hase-  
man, Jaret Pratt

The FMHS Esports team qualified for the playoffs  
with a 5-2 record. The team notched key victories  
against Chatfield and Mt. Vista to qualify for the  
playoffs. The first round is Monday, May 10 at 4pm.  
You can watch live action in the library.

**Way to go Wildcats!**



## CONGRATULATIONS! 2023 FCCLA State Competitors!



**Tori Reister and Kerri Muniz won first place in Event Management and qualified for Nationals.**

**Michael Deroche earned a silver for his presentation of tiramisu in gourmet sweets.**

**Gael Cardoso-Lowry earned a silver for his presentation of appetizers in gourmet savory.**

**Paige LoBach won silver for her fashion design project.**

**Way to Go Wildcats!**



# 2023 Superintendent Scholars



**Congratulations on your 4.0 Cumulative GPA!**

## Congratulations Seal of Biliteracy Recipients!



Students Lillian Berry (German), Elisabeth Christoff (German) and Sydnee Collins (German) earned the 'D51 Seal of Biliteracy' for academic proficiency in two languages.

**Go Wildcats!**

# Congratulations!

## Trinity Hafey

Congratulations to Trinity for earning a volleyball scholarship to Carson-Newman University!



# Congratulations!

## Spring Athletic Signing Recipients

Congratulations to Jake Duncan and Dylan Chelewski for earning athletic scholarships!



## Way to go Wildcats!



# Congratulations 2023 FBLA National Qualifiers!



**Jacob Cornelison and Britton Hovland placed 2nd and qualified for Nationals in Network Design.**

**Five students place in the top 10:**

**6th place American Enterprise team of Meilyn Recker, Clara Clifford and Serena Sullivan**

**7th place Digital Animation, David McCune**

**10th place Graphic Design, Alyssa Abeyta**

**National competition is in Atlanta, GA at the end of June.**

**Way to go Wildcats!**



# Congratulations FFA District Champions!

The FMHS FFA Chapter won the district livestock judging and meat judging at the District Contest. Ryer Roberts was high individual in livestock judging and Taylor Schacht was 3rd place in meat judging. Both students will move on to compete at the State Convention in June to compete for a spot at Nationals.



## Congratulations FMHS PE Students! Greater Denver Area Marine Corps Fitness Challenge Champions



Based on physical fitness tests (pull-ups/push-ups/sit-ups/shuttle run and agility drills) FMHS ranked first among Denver area schools and Western Slope.

## Way to Go Wildcats!

# Congratulations 2023 Altrusa Art Show Participants!



**Altrusa Art Award Recipients Include: "Pieces of US" this year's FMHS Community Art Piece - 1st Collaborative; Hayley Hill - 1st Painting & 1st Ceramics; Maddie Bullock - 1st Mixed Media; Bella Kinnick - 2nd Fibers; Megan Guire - 2nd Sculpture; The Koppenhafer (Faith and Isabella) - 2nd Collaborative; Isabella Koppenhafer - 2nd Mixed Media; Josiah Hanly - 2nd Black & White Drawing; Aleah Danner - 1st Photography; Olivia Mosler - 1st Photography; Sarah Mathwig - 1st Photography; Maryn Lynch - 2nd Photography; Samuel Van Meter - 2nd Painting; Peyton Evanich-Kurtenbach - 2nd Colored Drawing; Josiah Hanly - Judge's Choice Award**

## Way to Go Wildcats!

## Don't forget the Art Show May 18th from 6:00-8:30 in the FMHS Library!



# Wildcat Choir Program Shines at Colorado West!



**Congratulations to the FMHS Choirs and their outstanding performances at the Colorado West Choir Competition!**

**Monumental Singers - Superior Rating; Las Cantantes - Superior Rating; Tenor/Bass Choir - Superior Rating; Treble Choir - Superior rating; Show Choir - Excellent rating!**

**Las Cantantes also won the Class 5A Outstanding Treble**

**Congratulations Wind Ensemble!**

**Congratulations to the Orchestra**

## **2023 Colorado Bandmasters Association *Superior with Distinction***

**Of the thirty-two bands that competed at the CBA festival, the FMHS Wind Ensemble earned the highest rating available - *Superior with Distinction*.**



**Earning straight superior ratings at the CO Music West Music Festival. Orchestra was awarded the top honor of “Outstanding 5A Orchestra” for the entire festival. Thank you to all of the parents who support these amazing young musicians. We couldn’t do it without you!**

# **Congratulations Monument Singers and Las Cantantes!**

## **2023 Superior Ratings at CHSAA**



### **Monumental Singers**

**(Front row) - Abigail Johnson, Ava Sturgeon, Daisy Aggen**  
**(Middle row) Annie Johnson, Desiree Glaude, Christian Martinez, Britton Hovland,**  
**Cebastien Lofton-Allah, Lauren Scott, Kai McRorie**  
**(Back Row)- Kaci Crews, Zaidah Graziano, Canyon Higgins, Gavin Hart,**  
**Peter Goldthwaite, David Espinoza, Megan Davis, Luka Knott**  
**Not pictured: Haden Condon**



**Las Cantantes**  
**(Front row) Maya Hall, Marley Cota, Drea Leon, Melody Lac, Hailey Nunn, Sydney Dunlap**  
**(Middle row) Annie Johnson, Hailey Gor-rino, Morgan Burke, Sarah Ballard, Madison Harlow**  
**(Back row) Desiree Glaude, Zaidah Gra-ziano, Liz Selendic, Ava Sturgeon**



# Congratulations Mr. Harvey!

## May Wildcat Staff Member of Month



Mr. Harvey has been selected by the Class of 2023 as the senior class teacher of the year. Along with teaching AP Modern World and American Government, he also sponsors the Wildcat Hiking Club. Mr. Harvey is dedicated and works extremely hard for his students.

*This recognition includes gift packages from Suds Bros. Brewery, Harvest Realty, Horace Mann, Stanco Family Polled Herefords and a designated parking space for the month.*

## April GOLDEN PLUNGER AWARD! Mrs. Sexe's - 7th Period Class



Congratulations for being selected by our custodial staff as the cleanest class for the month of April! 7th period was treated to ice cream courtesy of Horace Mann Insurance. Thanks for all you do to support our amazing custodial crew!

## Way to go Wildcats!



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# Health Office Announcement

**From the Health Office --**

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another great school year! We want to send you off on summer break with a few reminders:

**\*Parents, all medications will need to be picked up by Tuesday, May 23, no later than 12:00 pm. Students are not allowed to pick these up. We DO NOT keep medications of any kind over the summer months and these will be destroyed on Tuesday, May 23 after 3:00pm, per school district policy. This includes prescription medications, inhalers, cough drops, liquid medications, lotions, eye drops etc. Also, make sure to pick up any other supplies that might be in the health office. If you have a special need or concern, please call the health office.**

\*Spring and summer are great times to get any immunizations that your student might be missing. If you received a letter of notice for missing shots, you can take that to the doctor or health department for administration of these vaccinations. If you have lost or misplaced it, we will be happy to get you a new one! Remember to bring in the updated immunization information next fall. There are some changes concerning exemptions. If your student has a personal or religious exemption for immunizations that are required by Colorado State Law, a new exemption will need to be completed after June 30, 2023. A completed form is now required yearly. If you have any question or would like more information, please contact the health office at FMHS or go online at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions>

Stay healthy!

Thank you, Sarah Gardner, Health Assistant, and Heather Lee, RN

*If you have any questions, please call 970-254-6600 and press "5" to get to the health office.*



# Congratulations Mrs. Sturrock!



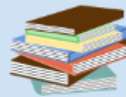
The Alpine Bank Student of the Quarter selected Mrs. Sturrock as the recipient of \$100 for her classroom, a gift bag from Alpine Bank and a note of thanks.

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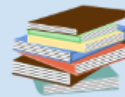
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## EXTENDED Learning Time



June 5th - June 29th  
Monday - Thursday  
9am - 1pm



\*Credit recovery student will attend as needed. Recovery is for students with a D or F final grade that want improvement.

Registration Deadline is May 26th  
Space is limited

### Credit Recovery

(must have 70% attendance and at least a 50% final grade during the semester to qualify for credit recovery)

- Comp 10
- Comp 11
- Geometry B
- Algebra 2B
- Business Math
- Span 1, 2, 3
- Computer Science Foundations
- Web Design Foundations
- Personal Finance
- Gradpoint (To finish courses already enrolled in; other courses may be available upon request, such as US History A and B or American Government)

### Courses

- Personal Health and Wellness (required PE credit) June 5-15 (must attend all days)



# Interpretive Dance

This Thursday evening from 6 to 8.

If you're looking for a fun time, or know of students that might enjoy this, spread the word! Come watch a fun and diverse group of performers dance their hearts out to a variety of music and styles of dance.

Here's the "Set List" for Thursday Evening, if you're interested:

**The Illustrious Christian Herring,**  
Performing to Weezer's "Can't Dance, Don't Ask Me"

**"GLIH" (Herring's 5th period Dance Class),**  
Performing to Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody"

**"King of the Sea" C-Bass,**  
Performing to Earth Wind and Fire's "Let's Groove"

**The Fabulous Kristie Simonson,**  
Performing to Ed Sheeran's "Perfect"

**"The Cha Cha Slide"** performed by ...  
Everyone that's willing to come up!

**Dianna Shirley** performing interpretive sign language to "Who I'd Be" from Shrek the Musical

**Lana Rogal** performing a capella tap

**Members of Theatre Troupe "& Company"** performing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller"

**Connie Monroe presents**  
"IMPULSE: a lesson in dance improvisation"

**"The Showmen" (Megan Davis & C-Bass),**  
Performing to "The Other Side"  
from The Greatest Showman

**"GLIH" with a special encore performance**

**"The Macarena"** performed by ...  
Everyone that's willing to come up!

**Final Bows** - we'll call all performers up for a final bow at the end.





# SAT PREP

*Improve Your Score &  
Your Future*

**When:** May 10, 17, 24, & 31\*

Online & In-Person

**Why:** To prep for the June 3 SAT

**Register:** Call or text by May 8th

970.433.3473 or email

[suzanne.testprep@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.testprep@gmail.com)

*\*If you're happy with your  
score from the April 12th*

*SAT, you can  
cancel the class*

*\*Also in June, July, or August*