

# Fruita Monument High School



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## Important Dates:

Thurs. 2/8 — Parent  
Teacher Conference  
3:30-7:30

Week of 2/12— KIC  
Week

Wed. 2/14 -  
Valentines Day

Fri. 2/16— Winter  
Dance

Mon. 2/19—No  
school for Presi-  
dent's Day

Thurs. 2/22 -- Jazz  
Concert @ 7PM

Tues. 2/27— Band  
Concert @ Avalon  
7PM

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# At Fruita Monument High School

# THE PRINCIPALS OFFICE

WITH NEWT KLUSMIRE



## Hello Wildcat Families and Community,

Thank you all for a great start to the second semester. Students are adjusting to new classes and refined expectations and it feels safe to say we have found our groove. January and February can be a tough time for students and their families. If you feel your learner would benefit from some mental health support, don't hesitate to reach out to their counseling using the FMHS Counseling website.

### 9th Grade Reconfiguration

In December, the Board of Education voted to reconfigure the Fruita area secondary schools. As a result, FMHS will have 9th graders on campus next year. Our staff is already hard at work envisioning our new future. We have a 9th Grade Transition team meeting weekly to plan for 9th grade supports, determine bell schedule and master schedule needs, and plan for everything else involved with this shift. We will continue to be the high achieving school FMHS has always been. In fact, the addition of 9th graders will help many of our programs and pathways experience more success. We will share updates with families as we move further along this process.



### Outstanding School Award

Congratulations parents, students and staff on FMHS being awarded the "2024 Outstanding School for Student Achievement in PSAT and SAT" by the D51 Foundation. This award is based upon results from the 2023 SAT. This is a testament to our community, student body and staff's dedication to academic excellence in the face of adversity. FMHS will be recognized at the D51 White Iced Celebration on February 3. D51F hosts this event to raise money to support our schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning for D51 staff and technology for students. Go to [d51foundation.org](https://d51foundation.org) to purchase your tickets today!

### Parent-Teacher Conferences—Thursday, February 8 (3:30pm - 7:30pm)

Looking forward to seeing many of you next week at Parent Teacher Conferences. The format will be a little different this time. Parents do not need to sign-up for an appointment; simply drop-in to visit with your learners' teachers. Teachers will be in the commons, gyms, and library. We will have information on who is where the night of.

Hope to see you all at one of our many winter sporting events and activities in February. Go Wildcats!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Klusmire".

**Newt Klusmire**  
**Principal—Fruita Monument High School**  
**WE ARE FRUITA!**

# November/December Golden Plunger Award!

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Congratulations to Mr. Nicholson's 8th hour! This class was voted **CLEANEST IN THE SCHOOL** for the month of December by our custodial crew. As a reward for keeping their space clean, they get the Golden Plunger for December and ice cream from Horace Mann.



Congratulations to Mrs. Smith's 8th Hour Class! This class was voted **CLEANEST IN THE SCHOOL** for the month of November by our custodial crew. As a reward for keeping their space clean, they get the Golden Plunger for November and ice cream from Horace Mann.



# December Staff Member of the Month

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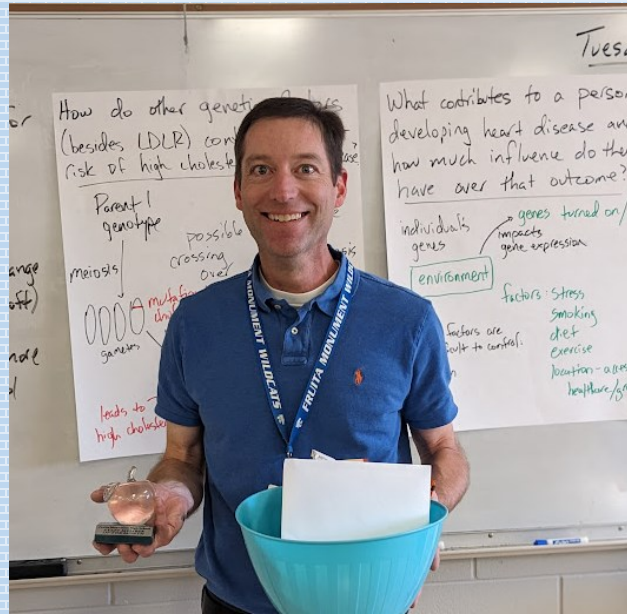


Congratulations, Mike Pewters! Mike does a ton for FMHS both in the classroom and as the voice of the Wildcats during sporting events. He had far and away the most votes for any nominee we've had all year. Congrats, Mike!



# January Staff Member of the Month

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Congratulations, Chuck Siefken! Chuck was nominated by his peers for being a great teacher who is truly there for all learners. We are lucky to have him at FMHS. Congrats, Chuck!



# Staff and Student Recognitions

## December Golden Apple

A HUGE shout-out to Wendy Smith for being awarded the December Golden Apple from KREX. Wendy works hard for all learners and is part of what makes FMHS such a great place.

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## January Kiwanis Student of the Month



Congratulations, Megan Davis

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## Awarded Scholastic Art Show Students

Gold Key portfolio. Maddie Bullock  
Gold Key sculpture. Riley Herkimer  
Gold Key sculpture. Jo Lintott  
Gold Key photo. McKenna Jensen  
Silver Key sculpture. Alex Stewart  
HM Sculpture. Maddie Bullock  
HM painting. Paige Balzer  
HM painting. Aryahna Bishop

## Way to go Wildcats!



# Principals Advisory Panel



A big shout out to this quarter's Principal's Advisory Panel. This great group of students brainstormed some meaningful ideas to make FMHS stronger–

Wyatt Sharpe, Eliza Malnar, Lindsay Gammon,  
Hanley Decker, Albret Maulding, Ben Monroe,  
Lucy Kennedy, and Kyra Brady.

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**Way to go Wildcats!**

# City of Fruita Commendation

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Congratulations Jeremy Heer, Trevor Heer, and Leyton Pinedo. These three FMHS students saved an individual's life while working at the Rec Center. The City of Fruita, Lower Valley FD, CMU, and FMHS honored them at the Fruita City Council meeting.

**Way to go Wildcats!**



# January Board Recognition

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Congratulations Lindsay Gammon and Dir. Rachel Lavadie for being recognized at the January Board Meeting for their participation in All State Orchestra.



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# FBLA State Qualifiers



We had 20 FBLA members qualify for state competition yesterday by placing in the top 5 in their event (s) at District Competition. The winners and their events and placement are highlighted in the chart below. These students will go to State Competition April 1-3 at the Gaylord in Denver, CO. Congratulations FBLA!

Last Name	First Name	Test event	Live Event	Group member names
Barnhurst	Paige	Intro to Marketing -2	Intro to Social Media-2	Sadie Sullivan, Zach Johnson
Brinttion	Ben	Intro to Business Concepts - 3	Intro to Business Presentation	Harper Saad, Brook Cox
Chandler	Faith	Accounting	Ethics -2	Rachel
Clifford	Clara	Securities and Investments	Hospitality and Event Mgt - 3	Maeve
Cornelison	Jacob	Computer Problem Solving - 3	Network Design - 1	Audy Sanders
Federson	Nick	Business Law-2	Sports and Entertainment Mgt-1	
Mason	Maren	Intro to Business Concepts	Intro to Business Presentation-5	
Gilbride	Maeve	Business Calculations 3	Hospitality and Event Mgt - 3	Clara
Hovland	Britton	Computer Problem Solving - 4th	Help desk - 2	
Johnson	Zach	Intro to Marketing Concepts	Intro to Social Media-2	Sadie Sullivan, Paige Barnhurst
Noll	Lauren	Insurance/Risk Mgt - 1	Chapter - Fundraiser	
Park	Rachel	Insurance and risk Management- 5	Ethics -2	Faith
Pitcher	Aubrey	healthcare Administration - 1	Client Services - 1	
Robinson	Allie	Healthcare Administration - 2	International Buisness - 4	Serena Sullivan
Sanders	Audy	Computer Problem Solving - 1	Network Design - 1	Jacob Cornelison
Sisac	Ryder	Computer Problem Solving	Digital Video Production - 1	
Sullivan	Sadie	Intro to Marketing	Intro to Social Media-2	Paige Barnhurst, Zach Johnson
Sullivan	Serena	Business Law	International Buisness - 4	Allie Robinson
Talley	Abby	Intro to Bus Comm - 4	Intro to Public Speaking - 3	
Williams	Hannah	Agri Business	Hospitality - 3	Clara and Maeve

# Congratulations to Our Fruita Rotary Students of the Month



## SENIOR FRUITA ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations, Lauren Scott



## JUNIOR FRUITA ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations, Malia Butterfield





## CMU/ALPINE BANK STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER



**Congratulations, Navaya Steele and Masen Lopez**

**Way to go Wildcats**

# News and Opportunities

## Bowling

Trust you all are doing well. I wanted to invite you all to gather up a team of your best bowling friends and let's bowl!!! February 20th at Freeway Bowl Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center is hosting a bowling tournament to raise funds to help our healing missions utilizing horses at Moon Farm. In our current environment of mental health needs our new indoor arena that is being built will serve to help our community overcome this and other areas of need. The tournament is a team made up of five members and is \$150 per team (\$30/bowler), that gets you two games of bowling, shoe rentals, and a pizza with a pitcher of pop at your lane. There will also be a silent auction!! Get your friends together and let's go bowling for a great cause!! Below is a sign-up sheet or come by room 116 and I will give you one!!



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## Orchestra News

Congratulations to Lindsay Gammon for making it into the Colorado All-State Orchestra

Good luck to all orchestra students performing at the D#51 Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 23rd and 24th at Grand Mesa Middle School.

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## Bike Tech

Bike tech has a variety of bikes for sale, and availability to work on bikes in need of repairs. Bikes are held in the Tech Ed room near the auditorium.

## Way to go Wildcats!

# Announcements

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## Multum in Parvo

It is that time of year that we ask for submissions to the FMHS Literary and Arts Magazine, Multum in Parvo. Please check for a link in your Google Classrooms. Consider submitting their work for this publication. The deadline is the end of the quarter.

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## Bookworm Club meets every Thursday at lunch in Room 124.

**Join other bookish students once a week to talk about books you like, books you don't like, and books you want to read.** Bring your lunch to Ms. Nicholson's room and enjoy the company of other bookworms!

Starting this month, the Worms started sharing book reviews in the library! Come and see them on the screen behind the checkout desk, and on notecards in the stacks. Are you interested in contributing book recs? Talk to Ms. Nicholson or any member of the club. We'd love to have you!

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### Notes from the Library –

Parents and students, please look around for any library books, textbooks, or lit circle novels that you used last semester but are not using this semester. Bring them to the library and you won't have to worry about them any more!

If you have checked out an extra chromebook charger or chromebook, please look around for them and return them to Ira or JoEllen in the library. Chargers are \$35 if you cannot find it. Please visit with us if you have any questions. We are happy to help.

If you are unsure of what you have out, please check with Ira or JoEllen.

Please take care of these things as soon as you can. Life gets crazy at the end of the semester.





## FMHS AP Lunch Study Sessions

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CollegeBoard

December 2023	January 2024	February 2024
12/6 Biology 12/7 US History 12/14 Psychology 12/15 Art & Design*	1/17 Biology 1/24 Calculus AB 1/31 English Language	2/2 Art & Design* 2/7 US History 2/13 English Literature 2/14 Calculus AB 2/21 Art History 2/26 Precalculus (periods 1, 3, 5) 2/27 Precalculus (periods 4, 6) 2/28 English Language
March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
3/6 US Government 3/11 Precalculus (periods 1, 3, 5) 3/12 Precalculus (periods 4, 6) 3/13 US History 3/26 English Literature 3/27 English Language 3/28 Art History 3/28 Calculus AB	4/4 Statistics 4/8 Precalculus (periods 1, 3, 5) 4/9 Precalculus (periods 4, 6) 4/10 Art History 4/10 Biology 4/10 US Government 4/11 Statistics 4/15 Chemistry 4/16 US History 4/18 Psychology 4/22 Chemistry 4/23 English Literature 4/24 English Language 4/24 US Government 4/25 Statistics 4/26 Psychology 4/29 Chemistry 4/30 Calculus AB	5/1 Art History 5/1 Biology 5/1 US Government 5/1 Precalculus (all periods)* 5/2 Psychology 5/2 Statistics 5/3 Art & Design* 5/3 English Literature

\* takes place after school

# Community Art

For those of you that are new to FMHS, for the last 15 years, we have built a large piece of art for display in our building. The piece is built by the FMHS students, faculty, families, and community members. This year we are working with Students Rebuild and participating in the "Extraordinary Earth" project. <https://www.studentsrebuild.org/challenges/earth>. **For each piece of art we make and add to our big community piece we raise \$5 to help educate people on the climate crisis and what it is doing to our environment.** The title for this year's piece is "Anthropogenic Garden, What you Do Matters". The design team has chosen to create a tree-like structure and then is asking people to attend work sessions after school or on a Saturday to create butterflies, dragon flies, bees, flowers, leaves, vines,...etc. out of recycled materials, to cover the structure. We provide all of the materials. We also have patterns and coloring sheets available to use if someone needs them. People of all ages and art abilities are welcome to join in the fun. We will have a work space setup during Student Support Times, in the library, starting 1/31 and running through 2/29 for students to come create. We would love to have clubs, teams, individuals, families..... whomever, come to an after school work session or a Saturday session to make something we can add to the base. Please email Mrs. Widhammer to let her know if you are bringing a group in so we can be prepared for the group.

Work sessions: These will take place in the FMHS library.

Friday 1/26 3:15-5:30pm // Friday 2/2 3:15-5:30pm

Thursday 2/8 3:15-7:30pm During parent teacher conferences

Sat. 2/10 10am-3pm // Tues. 2/13 3:15-5:30pm

Wed. 2/21 3:15-5:30pm // Sat. 2/24 10am-3pm

Mon. 2/26 3:13-5:30pm

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# Athletic Rundown

## Boys Athletics

Boys Basketball is currently ranked #1 in the State 6A  
RPI at 19-0.

Our Wrestlers are currently ranked #3 in the State at  
5A.

## Girls Athletics

Girls Basketball is currently ranked #12 in the 6A  
State RPI at 15-2.

Our Girl's Wrestlers are currently ranked #3 in  
the State 5A.

Our Swim Team is working hard and has Region-  
als coming up in February.

## Announcements

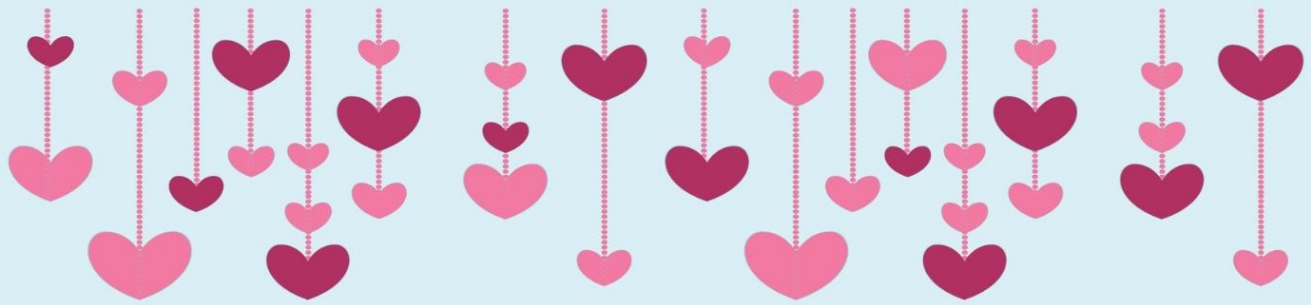
Visit us at our Athletic Website for all the information you need to  
get involved here at Fruita Monument.

Join Esports!

Join one of our over 30 Clubs offered and get involved in your  
school!

**Good luck to all our Teams!**





# VALENTINE'S BOUQUETS

BY FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL FFA

The FFA Floriculture team wants to help you make Valentine's day special! We are offering cup arrangements for pre-order.

**Option 1: Coffee mug \$25**

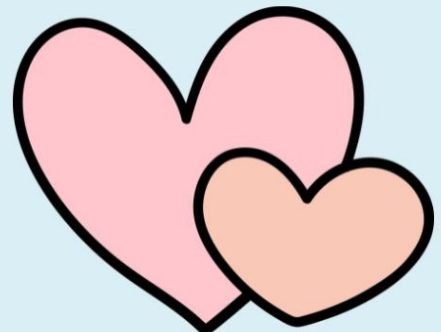


**Option 2: Tumbler \$45**

*Please note Stanley is only an example*



Please place pre-orders by  
February 2nd Scan the QR  
Code or Call FMHS Ext.  
23149



*March 7th, 8th, 9th*  
*7 pm*

### *Ticket Prices*

*Adults - \$12*

*Students 11 and up - \$9*

*Children 6 thru 10 - \$6*

*Tickets available at*

**FMHS.ludus.com**



*Cash only available at  
the door; limited seating  
is available*

*Fruita Monument Highschool presents*  
*Disney's*

# *Beauty and the Beast*

Produced by Special Arrangement with Music Theater International

### *Main cast* *Megan Davis and Lauren Scott*

*As Belle*

*Jacob Malnar*

*As The Beast*

*David Espinoza*

*As Gaston*

*Karter Jewell*

*As Lefou*

*Chass Lofton*

*As Lumiere*

*Rainie Pearce*

*As Cogsworth*

*Maya Hall and Megan Formicola*

*As Mrs. Potts*

*Abigail Johnson*

*As Chip*

*Makayla McWilliams*

*As Babete*

*Three teacher cameos*

# FFA Week

**February 5-9**

**Monday Feb 5 - PJ Day**



**Tuesday Feb 6 - Blue and Gold Day**

**Wednesday Feb 7 - Country Day**



**Thursday Feb 8 - College Gear Day**

**Friday Feb 9 - Dress as your  
Favorite Teacher**



## FFA Week Activities:

Feb 6 - Chair Prize Day

Feb 7 - Quiz Bowl Day

Feb 20 - February Chapter Meeting

Feb 24 - Feed a Farmer Breakfast

**ACTIVITIES IN COMMONS AT LUNCH EVERY DAY**







# Winter

*Giveback*

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**Beginning November 7**

Used or New Coats | Gloves and Hats |  
Blankets | Other Winter Wear

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**Drop off in the front office beginning  
on November 7**

Thank you from the FMHS National Honor  
Society





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