



# FOX TALES



Newsletter April 2008

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## PRINCIPAL'S POINT

Dear Fox Creek Family Members:

April is an exciting time for Fox Creek High School and is arguably the most important month for our school success. There are a number of very important activities that require our active participation.

First, our Board of Directors election will be held Thursday, May 8, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Please remember that you must be present to vote and that each family receives one vote per child enrolled at Fox Creek on the day of the election. If you or someone you know decides to run for a position on the Board, you must submit a Board of Directors Filing Application to Ms. Vickers in the business office between 7:00am April 14 and 4:00pm April 25. Also, elections for our Booster Club officers, SIC officers and PTCA officers will be held May 8. These organizations will follow Board election procedures regarding filings to run for offices; however, only members of the PTCA and Booster Club will be eligible to vote in their respective organization. All parents are eligible to vote for the parent member of the SIC.

Second, please remember that there are a number of important exams that our students will be taking in April and May. The HSAP/Exit Exam will be April 22-24. Tenth graders and other selected students are required by South Carolina legislation to take this exam and pass it to be eligible for a state diploma. This is a very important test. Please make sure that your child is present and prepared to take this exam April 22-24. Advanced Placement exams for those students taking AP classes will be May 7-12. End of Course exams for English I, Algebra I, and Physical Science will count 20% of your child's yearly average. Dates for these tests have not yet been released, but usually begin the first week or two of May.

Last, I would like to recognize two people that have worked countless hours behind the scenes to help Fox Creek High School. Sherolyn Bishop, Board Chairperson, and Jim Oliver, Board Vice-Chairperson, have worked tirelessly for several years now in an effort to bring a new school building to the Merriwether Community. We sometimes forget that this is an activity that they do in their spare time, after working full time jobs. I applaud them for the thousands of hours I have witnessed them spend on the development of a new school. I feel our community owes them its gratitude.

Thank you for your hard work and for your continued support of our mission and vision for the future.

Tim Murph, Ed.D.  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Chorus and Band concert-April 3
- ◆ Spring Break-April 7
- ◆ Board of Directors applications-April 14-25
- ◆ Prom - April 19
- ◆ HSAP Testing-April 22-24

Interested in receiving information about happenings at  
FCHS by e-mail weekly?

Sign up for the FasTrack by e-mailing us at  
[csc@foxcreekhs.org](mailto:csc@foxcreekhs.org) or [fchs\\_fastrack@foxcreekhs.org](mailto:fchs_fastrack@foxcreekhs.org).

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Our School Improvement Council is proud to oversee some of the finest committees in existence. Additionally we have hosted meetings with relevant topics for the direct benefit of our students. Recent meetings have featured guest speakers such as Dianne Brady, published co-author of Why the Wind Blows, "News from the Front Porch" guest columnist for NA Today and web store owner of Heavenly Resources; Ms. Brady emphasized preparing our children spiritually to handle success. Susan Swanson, Director of the Augusta Care Pregnancy Center, Former Heritage Director and recent primary candidate for SC State Senate, spoke at our March meeting. Ms. Swanson addressed sex education and the need for parents to review their child's sex ed curriculum and exercise their right to opt the child out of the class if they find the program unsatisfactory. Additionally our SIC was invited to attend the Edgefield County District meeting overseeing the sex ed curriculum that will be offered next year. Bill Turner and I did attend and are excited to report that the curriculum on slate for next year is extraordinary, being values oriented and abstinence based.

The SIC is constantly reviewing procedures, curricula and needs to ensure the best possible educational environment for your child, incorporating home and school to increase their overall development. Together, our efforts improve their future outlook (whether college or vocation bound). Please submit your suggestions and ideas to us at [S\\_I\\_C@foxcreekhs.org](mailto:S_I_C@foxcreekhs.org). Your suggestions are welcome and will receive timely consideration and response. See our web page for more information and be sure to join us at our (open) monthly meetings.

Next year we'll have openings for a parent member, a student member and one or two teacher members. Students are elected by students during homeroom, teachers by teachers at a faculty meeting and parents by parents at the May 8 voting booths. Please submit nominations to the email address above within the time frame of April 5 through the 25. Students and parents, we encourage you to put your name in to run; a ballot will be distributed in the May newsletter. This is a great opportunity for students to campaign and learn about elections and democracy. We look forward to working with you!

Susie Stewart, FCHS SIC Secretary

## Parent-Teacher-Community Association - PTCA

We will be holding elections for our executive board in May. If you'd like to be a part of PTCA Executive Board please email your interest to [buggkh@bellsouth.net](mailto:buggkh@bellsouth.net). In order to run or vote, you must be a member of the 07/08 PTCA. We will take nominations until Friday, April 15. Then a ballot will be posted with the names & position.

The PTCA has been working diligently to fill teacher

purchase requests with the money raised from the Miss FCHS Pageant. Teachers, please have your requests filled and placed in the PTCA box located in the office. We would like these by spring break.

Thank you,  
Karen Bugg,  
PTCA President

## BOOSTER CLUB

The Athletic Booster Club successes are a direct reflection of energetic and enthusiastic support we have gotten from the volunteers, officers, administration, students, teachers, patrons, businesses, and the community. Collectively this group raised \$12,700 during the last 8 months of 2007, producing extremely impressive results. While it is nice to reflect on the past with memories and accomplishments such as these, we must continue to look ahead for ways to build on this momentum. To that end, numerous fund raising events are being considered which will take the continued support of

the same aforementioned group.

Additionally, nominations for Officers to fill Athletic Booster Club positions are due in April, in preparation for elections in May. Both of these are vital to our future and the ability to fund athletic needs that aren't funded otherwise. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your invaluable contributions and our challenge to stay involved –

Kevin Baker,  
Booster Club President

## Student Accomplishments

### SAT 1000 CLUB

These students scored 1000 or higher on their SAT tests.

Thaddeus Adams  
Adam Baker  
Jared Barnes  
Matthew Cox  
Micki Eubanks  
Brittany Gobat  
Danielle Gschwender

Amanda Ham  
Nicolas Jenkins  
Colton LaFon  
Heather Linck  
Jetta Owens  
Jessica Walters  
Kristen Williams

Thousands of high schoolers competed Saturday, March 8, in the state "Poetry-Out-Loud" competition. Nick Jenkins placed in the top four.

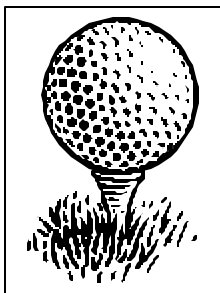
Congratulations, Nick!

## Of Interest

### FCHS Band and Chorus Concert

The FCHS Band and Chorus Concert is Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 pm in the Sweetwater Baptist Church sanctuary.

The concert is free, though donations will be welcomed and accepted at the door. Suggested donations are \$3/person with a maximum of \$10/family.



### Annual FCHS Athletic Department Golf Tournament

The date has been confirmed for the 3rd Annual Fox Creek Athletic Department Golf Tournament. It will be held at Bartram Trail in Evans, GA, on Saturday May 10, 2008. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30am. If you or someone that you know would like to sign up, please contact Coach Schneider. There will be a \$60.00 entry fee. If you know someone willing to sponsor a sign, please give Coach Schneider their contact information.

## Attention!

In South Carolina, the **AMBER ALERT SYSTEM** has been activated 24 times, with 32 recoveries. The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) has asked cell phone owners to sign up to receive wireless Amber Alerts as text messages on their cell phones. There is no cost to enroll, no cost to receive alerts, no spam, and no other use except for the Amber Alert System. Individuals can sign up at [www.wirelessamberalerts.org](http://www.wirelessamberalerts.org) or through a participating wireless carrier.

Thank you for your participation in the South Carolina Amber Alert System.

## SIC VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

We are currently hosting the Carolina Shag to thank our parent/community volunteers and by the time you read this - it will have been a success! Parental involvement has been recognized by our government as invaluable in enhancing our students' education, creating a bond between parent and school, acting as parent/teacher liaison and student advocate. The Volunteer Committee is committed to staffing project needs and bridging the gap between parent and school. We emphatically encourage you to be involved, we have a great school with some of the finest teachers in the area. If you haven't engaged in school activities, you're missing out. Visit our web page for more information at [www.foxcreekhs.org/volunteers.htm](http://www.foxcreekhs.org/volunteers.htm) and email us, we'll help you find your niche'.

S. Stewart, Volunteer Coordinator

## FCHS 2008-2009 Cheerleader Try-Out Info

Information packets will be mailed candidates just after spring break. The clinic for Cheerleader try-outs is from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on Saturday, April 26, at Fox Creek High School.

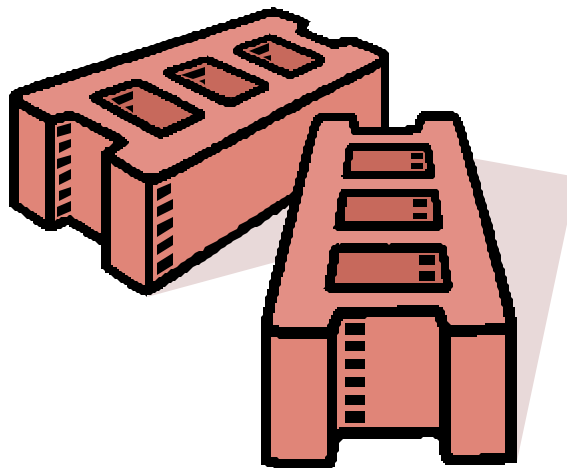
The try-outs for the FCHS 2008-2009 Cheerleaders will be held at 4:45 pm after the clinic.

*Education makes  
a people easy to  
lead, but  
difficult to  
drive; easy to  
govern, but  
impossible to  
enslave.*

*Omar Bradley*

### Fund Raisers:

- April 30 and May 21 are **Chick-fil-A** fundraiser nights for the **FCHS Softball Team**. Just mention FCHS with your purchase.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, mention FCHS with your order at **Catfish One** and the school receives 10% of the receipt value.



*Purchase your  
commemorative bricks.  
\$100 each  
Write a personal message  
on each brick you  
purchase.  
See website for order  
information.*

## KEY'S KORNER

- Remember to fill out your FAFSA Forms are available at 1800 433-3243 or at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).
- Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Toll free College Information Hotline: 1-877 349-7183 Tues, Wed, Thurs from 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- Juniors and Seniors please see Ms. Key For SAT and/or ACT Fee Waivers
- Remaining test dates:  
SAT-May 3 & June 7  
ACT-April 12 & June 14
- See website for scholarship information



### Student of the Month

September- Nicole Cooper  
 October- Jessica Harris  
 November- Zach Buchanan  
 December- Jessica Horton  
 January- Chris Mayson  
 February--Samantha Bryant  
 March--Tabitha Grimes

## Community Volunteer Opportunities

It's not just a chore anymore – you can do good by donating clothes you no longer wear to the Children's Resource Center, which is operated by the Columbia County Foundation for Children.

The Xtreme Teen Board wants to help you help others. Drop off items in the specified boxes in your school's lobby or front office; at The Augusta Chronicle, 725 Broad St.; the Columbia County Bureau, 4272 Washington Road, Suite 3B, Evans; or the Aiken County Bureau, 123 Pendleton St. N.W., in Aiken. We'll pick them up and take them to the children's center for you.

The center provides free clothing to children in

need and also functions as a store where needy families can buy clothing and other items. Children are referred by the Department of Family and Children Services, schools and churches.

**what to give:** The center is in need of clothing for 7 and 8-year-olds and boys' and men's jeans.

**participating schools:** **Fox Creek High School**, Lakeside High School, T.W. Josey High School, Greenbrier High School, Academy of Richmond County, Augusta Preparatory School, Evans High School

**want to volunteer?** The store is located at 6347 Columbia Road. Call (706) 541-2849.

# April 2008

Remember to check the website for changes and to confirm the dates, times, and locations for all events.

**Sports Schedules are on a separate sheet.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> - 4-H Club Meeting – 3:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> - Chorus and Band Concert at Sweetwater – 7:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> - Astronomy Club at FCHS – 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> - Spring Break	<b>8</b> - Spring Break - FCHS Day all day long at Catfish One – Mention FCHS at Catfish One and FCHS gets 10% of the receipt	<b>9</b> - Spring Break	<b>10</b> - Spring Break	<b>11</b> - Spring Break	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> - Begin accepting nominations / applications for Board of Directors – April 14 – 25 - Booster Club Meeting - 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> - 4-H Club Meeting – 3:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> - Prom at Enterprise Mill – 7:00 to 11:00 pm
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> - FCA meeting – 7:15 pm	<b>22</b> - HSAP Testing	<b>23</b> - HSAP Testing	<b>24</b> - HSAP Testing	<b>25</b> - End accepting nominations/applications for Board of Directors through April 25 -4:00 pm	<b>26</b> - Academic Team Meet - Panther Bowl at Parkview High School, Lilburn, GA - Clinic for Cheerleading Try-outs 8:30-4:30 - 08-09 Cheerleader Try-outs 4:45 pm
<b>27</b> - Academic Team Meet - Panther Bowl at Parkview High School, Lilburn, GA	<b>28</b> - Board of Directors Club Meeting - 6:00 pm	<b>29</b> - Interim Reports	<b>30</b> - FCHS Softball Fundraiser at <b>Chick-fil-A</b>			

## Sports Schedules – APRIL 2008

### Varsity Baseball – Home is at Bettis Academy

Date	Day	Time	Opponent/Event	Location
Apr 1	Tues		**Hunter-Kinard-Tyler	HKT
Apr 3	Thurs	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	DH – **Calhoun County	Home
Apr 4	Fri	5:00 pm	**North	Home
Apr 8	Tues	6:00 pm	**Wagener-Salley	Wagener-Salley
April 12	Sat	1:00 pm 4:00 pm	DH - Batesburg-Leesville DH - Pellion	Batesburg-Leesville HS
Apr 14	Mon	5:00 pm	Academy of Richmond	Home
Apr 15	Tues	5:00 pm	**Ridge Spring-Monetta	Home
Apr 17	Thurs	5:00 pm	**Hunter-Kinard-Tyler	Home
Apr TBA	TBA	TBA	Tournament - OPEN	TBA
Apr TBA	TBA	TBA	Tournament - OPEN	TBA
Apr TBA	TBA	TBA	Tournament - OPEN	TBA
Apr 24	Thurs	TBA	District IV Play-offs	TBA

\*\*Region Games\*\*

### Junior Varsity Baseball– Home is at Bettis Academy

Date	Day	Time	Opponent/Event	Location
Apr 3	Thurs	6:00 pm	South Aiken	South Aiken
Apr 4	Fri	5:00 pm	Westside	Westside

### Varsity Softball– Home is at Sweetwater Baptist Church

Date	Day	Time	Opponent/Event	Location
Apr 1	Tues	TBA	**Hunter-Kinard-Tyler**	HKT
Apr 3	Thurs	4:00 pm	**Calhoun County** Double Header	Home (Sweetwater)
Apr 4	Fri	4:30 pm	**North**	Home (Sweetwater)
Apr 15	Tues	4:30 pm	**Ridge Spring-Monetta**	Home (Sweetwater)
Apr 17	Thurs	4:30 pm	**Hunter-Kinard-Tyler**	Home (Sweetwater)
Apr 21	Mon	5:30 pm	Barnwell	Barnwell

\*\*Region Games\*\*

### Varsity Soccer– Home is at North Augusta Rec. Center

Date	Day	Time	Opponent/Event	Location
Apr 3	Thurs	5:30 pm	Blackville-Hilda	Blackville-Hilda
Apr 15	Tues	5:30 pm	**North**	North
Apr 17	Thurs	5:30 pm	Bamberg	Bamberg
Apr 21	Mon	5:30 pm	Dixie	NA Recreation Center
Apr 24	Thurs	5:30 pm	**North**	NA Recreation Center
Apr 25	Fri	6:30 pm	Branchville	Branchville

### Varsity Golf– Home is at North Augusta Golf and Country Club

Date	Day	Time	Opponent/Event	Location
Apr 3	Thurs	3:15 pm	Josey, Davidson	Gordon Lakes (Ft. Gordon)
Apr 14	Mon	5:00 pm	Ridge Spring-Monetta, Wagener-Salley, and North	Indian Trail
Apr 17	Thurs	5:00 pm	Ridge Spring-Monetta, Wagener-Salley, and North	Home - North Augusta Golf & Country Club
Apr 21	Mon	5:00 pm	Ridge Spring-Monetta, Wagener-Salley, and North	Hillcrest-Orangeburg
Apr 24	Thurs	5:00 pm	Ridge Spring-Monetta, Wagener-Salley, and North	Cooper's Creek

## Featured Club:

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Nancy Cowart



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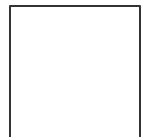
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We're on the Web!  
[www.foxcreekhs.org](http://www.foxcreekhs.org)

FCA is an organization to encourage athletes to be of good character and moral standing on and off of the field. Not just athletes participate in the bi-monthly meetings on Monday nights; many non-athletes do as well. Besides studying God's Word and applying Christian principles to every day situations, FCA reaches out to the community through several methods. This year alone FCA has sponsored a monthly gathering for the residents at Sterling House and spent a Sunday afternoon distributing Easter baskets to residents at Hammond House. The club members have sponsored several events over the course of this school year: the Powder Puff game in November to pay for spring retreat which will happen this month in Garden City, Red Ribbon Week in October, Kiss the Pig Contest during homecoming, Toys for Community Kids in December, campaign to fund a gas card for a hospitalized community child and her family, Field of Prayer in conjunction with MMS and STHS FCA teams last fall, Leadership Camp in September, assistance with Interact Club for road-side clean up in March, and a trip to Rally in the Valley in September. Needless to say, FCA is an active organization, *geared-up* to serve FCHS students and the community. The officers this year are Hanna Jacobs/captain, Arnold Ruelas/co-captain, Jessica Harris/secretary-treasurer, and Ms. Nancy Cowart/sponsor. Guest speakers have included past president Anna Wade, Mr. Jeff Bryan, Mr. Ian Bramhall, and Mr. Bill Warnken.

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