

Falcon Flyer - December 15, 2018



A Special Gift

BELL TOWER BRICKS



As the School has grown and changed, some things remain the same. It is, above all else, a community of parents and teachers whose common bond is total commitment to educating children for a life of scholarship, leadership and service in an atmosphere of caring and civility. The Bell Tower has been a centerpiece of the campus since its construction in 1974. As it stands today, it remains a testimony to the steadfastness and unity of the school. The Bell Tower holds the memories of the past and the promise of the future. You can purchase an engravable brick in memory or honor of individuals. Bricks make great graduation gifts! [Click here for order form.](#)

From the Head of School

JOHN H. MELTON



Mr. Melton's comments given at Opus.

Over the last month I have been contemplating the true power of service and gratitude. It may just be the season we are in, but for me this deeper contemplation began as we planned for our Veteran's Day program and the 100th commemoration of Armistice Day in early November, and we were privileged to hear Dr. Joe Seiler's perspective on the importance of service.

Then, over Thanksgiving our Lower School/Middle School Head, Dara Tucker, initiated a Fuqua School social media gratitude "blitz" by asking families to share a picture to post that captured what they were grateful for. She received many thoughtful and heartwarming submissions that were posted on Facebook and Instagram - thus enlisting the power of social media to do good!

Just last week on the final day of November our 41st President, George Herbert Walker Bush, departed this life and in the following seven days our country set aside partisan politics to honor and mourn a man who demonstrated a deep love for and service to his country.

Calendars

[ACTIVITIES CALENDAR](#)

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Athletics

WINTER SPORTS - BASKETBALL & SWIMMING



Please check [Rschool](#) for sport team schedules and updates!

Regular Season Pass Cost:

Student Yearly \$25, Adult Yearly \$50, Family Season \$50, Family Yearly \$150

Just in Time for Santa

SCHOOL STORE LOCATED ACROSS FROM L/MS OFFICE

New hoodies and more just in time for Christmas!

We Need You!

PTSA *Teacher *Student *Association

Volunteers to work concession stands at home basketball games are always needed! Please visit fuquaschool.shutterfly.com to see which dates work for your schedule so you can lend a hand.



And here we are on December 7, marking the 77th year since the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor catapulted our country into WW II. A global conflict that gave rise to a generation of men and women who responded to dire circumstances by demonstrating the highest level of service to country. And in our gratitude for their service we have identified this generation as “the greatest generation.” This special recognition is a testament to the nature of their service - it was not born out of a need for affirmation and praise, rather, it was mandated by the circumstances and offered with the hope that every contribution, small and large, would result in the survival of democracy.

This special type of service, the type that expects no payment and possesses no pride, is the cornerstone on which our school is built. I see it every day and I am filled with gratitude:

I am grateful for our students and the special energy and curiosity they bring to our school, much of which was on display in the Opus program.

I am grateful for Amanda Foster and Tyler Gage, our music and band teachers, who poured themselves in the planning of this program and all of the other faculty, staff, and coaches who are the heart and soul of our school.

I am grateful for the creativity and commitment of Sarah Grant, Susan Pemberton, Teri Harris, and all the members of our PTSA who go the extra mile to support and promote our school.

I am grateful for Erin Whaley, our board chair, and the other twelve members of our board for their leadership and for giving so generously of their time, talent, and treasure.

Falcon Threads: Shop at your convenience - stop in and stock up! Pick up the key from your division office, shop, and return payment with key!

Red Team vs Black Team

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Falcon Flyer

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Social Media

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I am grateful for Becky Kelly, Daphne Mason, and the other retired teachers who have joined us this morning and who gave so much of themselves to offer the gift of learning.

And of course I am grateful for all of you - the families that entrust us with your most cherished possession - your children.

Serving together with the primary goal of supporting our students is the only way we can demonstrate our appreciation and gratitude for what previous generations provided for us and the only way to pay forward the importance of true service.

So, as you revel in the holiday season, please take a moment to consider why this is a special time of year, a time worthy of celebration and an appropriate time to express our gratitude for the service of others.

Compassion & Kindness



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School Pictures

LINK FOR SPORTS & SCHOOL PICTURES

Sports and school pictures are located on www.karensmithphotographer.com with the password = falcons. You may view or purchase pictures from this site.



Throughout the month of November, the Lower School SCA partnered with Centra PACE and The Piedmont Area Veterans Council to support Christmas Love for Seniors. Lower and middle school students donated much needed items for our local senior community such as blankets, toiletries, socks, gloves and scarves. Upper School students also participated in "giving back to our community" by partnering with the Heart of Virginia Christmas Mother program. Upper School students collected toys and games which were suitable for children aged newborn- 18 years. This continues the SCA's monthly "giving back to our community" initiative started in 2015. This collection also highlighted our November and December's Core Values of compassion and kindness.

The Anatomage Table at H-SC

UPPER SCHOOL



Ms. Jones' Honors Anatomy class visited Hampden-Sydney College's campus on December 5th to observe the anatomage table in Gilmer Hall. Dr. Werth, a Biology and Anatomy professor at HSC, showed students how to utilize the table and discussed its use in the medical field. Students enjoyed interacting with and observing virtualized cadavers of both humans and animals and exploring various body systems.

Sounds of the Season



The traditions of the Lower School Holiday Program and the Middle School/Upper School OPUS program kicked off the holiday season. Both programs, held in the Upper School gym, highlighted the quality of music education at Fuqua School. The Lower school program, under the direction of music teacher Mandy Foster, featured movement selections from *The Nutcracker*, group recitations of poetry, familiar holiday songs in English, a song in Latin, a song in Hebrew, and selections played by the fifth grade beginning band and by the fourth grade recorder class. Opus, under the direction of Tyler Gage, Band Director, showcased all band students in grades sixth through twelfth. Students performed a collection of traditional Christmas music from Eartha Kitt's "Santa Baby" to Danny Elfman's "Nightmare before Christmas" and an impressive work entitled "The Polar Express". The Fuqua Players also joined the Opus program, but this year with their voices in a choir. The Fuqua Players, accompanied by Sophie Watson on piano, sang four traditional style songs. The program also featured vocalist Maggie Encaracion, 6th grader Marina Morris on violin, 6th grader Marissa Dempsey on piano, and a group of high schoolers performing their rendition of "Little Drummer Boy". There's no doubt, both programs successfully highlighted our students and put us all in the holiday spirit.

Fostering a Special Bond

LOWER SCHOOL & UPPER SCHOOL



Students in grades 9-12 traveled down the hill to enjoy a special lunch with the lower school students. Our littlest Falcons were smiling from ear-to-ear as they were able to sit next to "the big kids" and talk to them about several topics including the upcoming holidays,



the football state championship game, and what their upper school teachers were like. There was also lots of chatter about the girls' varsity softball team and their rings. This special combined lunch helped foster a bond between our lower and upper school students. It was such a success, we are already making plans for another in the spring.

Supper with Santa

PTSA HOSTED



On Friday, November 30, Fuqua's Parent Teacher Student Association hosted its first annual Supper with Santa, to get everyone in the holiday spirit! The fantastic Santa and Mrs. Claus were joined by many sweet, smiling faces from our Fuqua family and our wonderful community. Guests enjoyed a delicious pasta buffet prepared by the talented Magnotti family, followed by a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus captured by Jennifer Overstreet Photography. The children were filled with such excitement as they shared their wish lists with Santa! No tears here- just laughter and Christmas joy! **Many thanks to ALL of Santa's elves who contributed to make this event a success!**

A Kindergarten Teacher for 47 Years

LOWER SCHOOL

Mrs. Johnson's PreK 4 class has a very special volunteer whom we met during our annual Halloween visit to the Woodlands. Anne Jones, AKA 'Granny Annie', was dressed in colonial attire



that day and she told the children all about her old-fashioned clothing. It was obvious that Granny Annie has a lot of spunk and having been a Kindergarten teacher for 47 years, it was the perfect fit for our class when she volunteered to come and read to the children. On her first visit she read *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. After reading the book she shared with the children a story about a hot air balloon ride that she had on her 80th birthday! We enjoyed her visit so much and are looking forward to her next visit when she will share a holiday story with the children.

Very Important Bear

LOWER SCHOOL

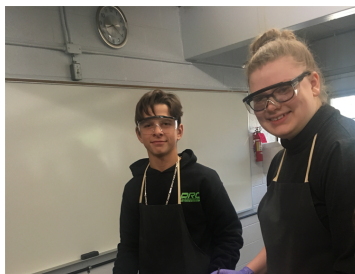


Mrs. Susan Johnson's K/1 class celebrated VIB Day in November. VIB Day honors each student's Very Important Bear in their life. Students were asked to bring their VIB into school so that the bear could experience a day in the life of a K/1 student. The VIBs helped with spelling sorts, reading, specials classes, and even got to enjoy lunch and snack time (thankfully the bears didn't eat ALL of the food). We hope each student's VIB enjoyed their day at Fuqua and that he/she comes back for another visit soon.

Dogfish Sharks vs. Humans

UPPER SCHOOL

Ms. Jones' Biology class dissected dogfish sharks in lab after learning about the animal kingdom. Students observed the anatomy of the sharks and discussed the function of each structure. After the dissection, they discussed the similarities and differences between the



internal anatomy of dogfish sharks and humans.

Making Spaces Festive

MIDDLE SCHOOL



8th grade students enjoyed a special trip to The Woodlands on Friday, November 30. While there, students were assigned residents to partner with and decorate three trees. The three trees were beautifully decorated and the students even started to decorate other spaces within the rooms to continue to make their common spaces festive. As they decorated, special memories from the residents were shared with their students and our students shared their holiday traditions with their partner.

Friendly Competition!

UPPER SCHOOL



On November 29th, the Class of '19 defeated a faculty squad during a close game of volleyball played in Gilmer Gym during the midday activity period. The competition was part of a new initiative called the Senior Games. Class of '19 member Virginia Haney first proposed something for seniors, and that idea gradually grew to include fun monthly activities for the whole US. Last month the classes played each other, and in November the winner challenged the faculty. The goal of the Senior Games is to build school spirit, and the students

hope to move to outside activities when the weather warms.

Reading to Those at the Woodland

LOWER SCHOOL



On November 19, Monica Williams' 2/3 class visited the Woodland to read Thanksgiving books with residents. Residents were interested in what the students were planning to do for Thanksgiving. Students shared their favorite foods and plans for the holiday. Our new student, Walker Ramsay, was able to read to his great grandmother.

Finally Arrived!

UPPER SCHOOL



The Class of 2020 gathered in the Gee Price on Thursday, December 6th to continue the tradition of class rings.

Sports Awards Takes On New Format

MIDDLE SCHOOL & UPPER SCHOOL



The Fall Sports Awards program took on a new format this year and was held during the school day. According to Mike Edwards, Athletics Director, "The program was moved to the school day due to the number of nights that parents

and students are spending at the school for games, parent meetings, college nights, plays, and concerts. By moving the program to the school day, it allows for the student/athletes to receive their team awards in front of their classmates and peers.” The entire middle and upper school were present for the program. Parents and other family members were encouraged to attend. A special evening banquet will be held at the end of the school year where All Conference, All State, and College Scholarship Awards will be presented.

Recruiting

UPPER SCHOOL



Fuqua alum and VMI Freshman, Andrew Horton '18 enjoyed a visit to his alma mater to do a little recruiting.

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