

THE FR. SAUER ACADEMY'S NEWLETTER

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Dear FSA families,

We have almost made it! May is finally here and we will soon be celebrating our 8th graders as they become our third class to graduate as Fr. Sauer Academy students. We are so proud of all of our students and graduates! We have so much to be thankful for as we look toward winding up this academic year. Eighth grade students and parents can find more information about graduation in this newsletter and from the May Parent meeting slides.

Our last day of school for this semester for rising 7th and 8th graders is Wednesday, May 25th. We all look forward to a little break from our school activities and can plan some time to daydream, read, and be outdoors with our family and friends.

Mandatory Summer Programs for all rising 7th and 8th graders begin on Monday, June 6th. All academic classes are on the FSA campus and camps/electives have already been assigned and registered for each student. Please do not request any schedule changes as space is limited for all camps/electives.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 3 Virtual Parent Community Meeting

May 6 **No School** - Staff Professional Development Day

May 9-11 MAP Testing

May 13 Awards Banquet/ Beach Day

May 19 Breakfast with Fr. Reese & Last Day of Class for 8th Graders

May 20 8th Grade Graduation

May 25 Last Day of School

May 26 Intersession Summer Break Begins

June 6 First Day of Summer Session (Rising 7th and 8th Graders)

July 1 Last Day of Summer Session

Happy Mother's Day to all of the women who care for our students and their families! We see you and appreciate all that you do every day for us.

Stay healthy and stay safe,

Theresa

FINAL REMARKS FROM 8TH GRADE

With less than three weeks left of school, we spoke to graduating 8th graders Jordan and Ta'mya to reflect on their three years at FSA and to share what the next steps are for them.



What are some of the biggest lessons you've learned while at FSA?

J: I learned that you need to take accountability for your mistakes, and you need to try to fix anything you can before the end of the year because it all comes back to you. You also wanna stay on top of everything you can, because if you can do that then you're setting yourself up for success, creating a good work ethic, and bettering yourself for SI.

T: I did not do my work in 6th grade, and my grades were not so great. I had many missing assignments. But now I have As. I think the change came from me deciding to put in the effort. Also, we didn't have DASH when I was in 6th grade, so using DASH to raise my grades really helped me raise my GPA.

What are some hopes and goals you have after graduation?

J: I want to continue to improve at sports, like basketball, but also to make sure that my academic skills are continuously growing, so I'm prepared as possible for SI. I also want to join as many extracurricular clubs as I possibly can at SI, and just go from there.

T: I hope that everything that I've learned while at FSA, I can shift over to SI. And that I continue to do good work.

What are some words of advice you have for the students continuing at FSA?

J: Communicate with people, especially your teachers. Just ask if you can get any extra work or if you ever need help; always try to reach out to someone and they'll try to help you with anything you need, because sometimes you can't do things by yourself and it helps to have someone aid you along the way.

T: Sixth grade is the year to do whatever you can to find your way through the school, to figure out what you want to do while you're here, and just enjoy being a student. So enjoy your time and don't worry much.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

FSA will be holding a new Student Council Election for the 2022-2023 School Year. Open positions are; President, Vice President, Secretary, Publicist, Social Justice Officer, and Student Activities Coordinator.

Important Dates

- May 2- Materials Available
- May 9- 2022 Election Materials due
- May 13- Speech Written Drafts due, Campaigning begins
- May 20- Speech Day, Winners
 Announced

Key Details

- Review qualifications for office (grades, responsibilities)
- Get endorsements from classmates, teachers, and parents.

Contact Mr. Geraghty (cgeraghty@siprep.org) for questions.

PROJECT GLIMMER

• We were invited to participate in a partnership with Project Glimmer, an organization that has opportunities for our students who were assigned female at birth to grow personal confidence, meet positive role models, and build a support network.

Project ** Glimmer

• Activities include Empower Hour, Empowerment Academy for High School Students, Student Ambassador Opportunities, Book Club, and Information about Job and Career Opportunities.

Empower Hour

- Empower Hours are live, virtual events featuring exciting career discussions with companies from the beauty, retail, tech, finance, entertainment, and business spaces, designed to inspire young students to achieve success in school, work, and life.
- Our first Empower Hour was on May 4th at 2:00 pm. Our students who were assigned female at birth were invited and we have 19 students who will attend a screening with Ms. Rojas-Martinez to hear from people who work at Freeman Beauty.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

MANDATORY FSA SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Summer session runs from June 6th to July 1st and is mandatory for rising 7th and 8th graders. ***Some of the venues for our Friday excursions will require all visitors to be fully vaccinated.

Daily Schedule

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Morning Classes (English, Math, Elective) 12:00 PM-1:00 PM LUNCH 1:00-4:00 Nike Sports Camps and Electives (changing weekly) Fridays: Excursions

FSA PARENTS CLUB-INVOLVEMENT

How to Contact: Email at parentsclubFSA@gmail.com. How to sign-up: Go to www.fsaparentclub.org.

Fundraising and Volunteering

Field Trips, Electives, Student Support, Community Events

Room Parents

We will be looking for 2 room parents per class for 2022-2023 whom will help with communication among parents, students, teachers, and leading class events.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, May 13th, 12:30pm-2:15pm

We need two parents per class to join us at Ocean Beach to help with supervision and support.

Friday, May 20th, 5:30pm-7:00pm

We are in need of 3-4 parents from the 7th grade class to help set up and facilitate the 8th graduation.

Contact Ms. Robles (drobles@siprep.org) and the FSA Parents club if you are interested.



Guest speaker Kevin Greene spoke last month about his career and life experience as a young man from the Bay Area.

8TH GRADE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Each student will receive four tickets for graduation and one parking pass. Parking in front of the school will be reserved for families of graduates. There will be assigned seating, and the ceremony will be live streamed. The dress code is elevated-casual. Parents, please gather in the Orradre Courtyard before the event.

SCHEDULE

5:15pm All students gather in Orradre Chapel. The Commons opens for families.6:00pm-7:00pm Graduation ceremony7:30pm The Courtyard closes.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

Summer classes for 9th graders are mandatory. All FSA graduates have been registered for these classes. Classes run from June 13-July 15, from 9am to noon, Monday through Friday.

All FSA graduates have also been and registered for Cat Camp. Cat Camp runs from July 11th-14th, from 1pm-5pm.

Please see the Admissions Welcome Portal for more information about Summer Opportunities for rising 9th graders. Anything other than academic classes and Cat Camp will need to be funded by the graduate's families.



Make sure to check your student's backpack for a small gift from Project Glimmer!



As always, please contact us with any questions, or go to our website for more information.

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