

# WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIP



## Mission

Partnering to inspire academic curiosity, impeccable character, and Christian leadership grounded in biblical truth.

# Vision

Students who live with purpose and lead with intent for God's glory alone.

#### WHAT IS A "PALADIN"?

A Paladin was a Christian knight who devoted his life to serving and helping others.

#### SCHOOL VERSE

"For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light."

Colossians 1:9-12

All dates are subject to change. In the occurrence of a pandemic, extreme weather, or other incident that requires school closure, Fellowship reserves the right to take appropriate action to ensure the health and safety of our students, including the act of rescheduling or cancelling events. In the event that such an action is necessary, Fellowship will communicate changes in a timely fashion.

# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Fellowship family! As you and your children begin to acclimate to new friends, new teachers, and a new school, we hope this family guide will be a useful resource, providing you with answers to some of the basic questions you may have during this time of transition. From upcoming events, and dates, to important contacts, we have attempted to provide you with as much helpful information as possible in one place.

Throughout this guide, you will see a listing of the many events, field trips, and experiences we are so proud to provide for our students. Our students aren't the only ones who benefit from the Fellowship experience though. There are various ways in which parents can get involved in the Fellowship community. We believe that a partnership between the parents and school is vital to each student's educational success and is instrumental in creating an experience that both you and your children will look back on fondly for years to come.

As always, we welcome your feedback and hope you will let us know if we can be of service to you in any way. We are so thankful you are here and that you have chosen Fellowship as a second home for your first priority! We look forward to a bright future with you as part of the Fellowship family.

Sincerely, Dr. Kathryn M. Teston

# Save The Date

#### ORIENTATION AND NEW FAMILY GATHERINGS

#### **Division-Specific New Family Summer Socials**

Your New Family Mentor will be reaching out to you with the dates and times.

#### **New Parent Reception**

Thursday, August 4, 2022

#### ES Meet & Greet and MS/HS Orientation

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 | Details forthcoming.

#### First Day of School (1/2 Day for ES)

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 | 8:00am

#### Convocation

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 | 8:15am, BLF

#### **Back To School Bash**

Before the First Home Football Game Friday, August 26, 2022 | 6:00pm, High School Parking Lot

#### **Annual Fund Rally**

August 22-31, 2022

# HISTORY OF FCS

The school was established in 1986 as a ministry of Fellowship Bible Church. Originally named Fellowship Christian Academy, what began as a small elementary school with 48 students quickly grew to include a middle school, and Fellowship Christian High School was established in 1993.

As God continued to bless and expand the school, in 2001 the school incorporated as Fellowship Christian School and separated from the church, creating its own board and joining the elementary, middle, and high divisions under one administration. Since then the school has grown to more than 1000 students and become one of the premier PreK-12 covenant Christian schools in the metro Atlanta area.

With the goal of becoming one family on one campus, a fundraising campaign was launched in 2015 to build a state-of-the-art high school building and renovate the former middle school/high school building to accommodate moving the elementary students from the Fellowship Bible Church building onto the Fellowship Christian School campus. At the start of school in August 2017, all three divisions were together on ONE campus. As we look to the future, we are dedicated to our mission, educating students and expanding God's Kingdom.



# PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

As we pursue our Vision of inspiring students who live with purpose and lead with intent for God's glory alone, we have established our Portrait of a Graduate.

This aspirational model helps guide all of our efforts as we seek to be a place where followers become leaders.

### Truth Seeker- 2 Timothy 3:16

EXHIBITS A THIRST FOR LEARNING, DESIRES WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT, AND PURSUES TRUTH WHILE FILTERING KNOWLEDGE THROUGH A BIBLICAL LENS.

### **Creative Thinker- Ephesians 2:10**

EXPRESSES AN INSATIABLE CURIOSITY AND STRIVES TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE BY CONTRIBUTING ORIGINAL SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

#### Servant Leader - Mark 10:43-45

HUMBLY VALUES THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS ABOVE SELF AND SEEKS TO COLLABORATE AND INSPIRE.

### Image Bearer - 2 Corinthians 3:18

EMBRACES, WITH CONFIDENCE, THE ASSURANCE AND SELF-AWARENESS OF BEING CREATED UNIQUELY IN GOD'S IMAGE FOR HIS PURPOSE.

### Bridge Builder- Romano 12:18

CHAMPIONS THE UNIQUENESS OF OTHERS AND SUPPORTS HARMONY BY EXTENDING LOVE, COMPASSION, AND EMPATHY.

### Kingdom Influencer- Matthew 28:19-20

ASPIRES TO LIVE A LIFE THAT IMPACTS THE KINGDOM OF GOD BY REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE AND CHARACTER.

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- 4 Paladin Roundtable (All Dads)
- 4 ES PTF Fall Event
- 8 All School Performing Arts Show
- 10 Veterans Day Assembly
- 10 Open House for Prospective Families
- 11 Fellowship Ladies R & R (All Moms)
- 14 HS Beta Club Induction Ceremony
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Break No School

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- 6-7 **Christmas Extravaganza**
- 12-13 ES Winterfest
- 13-16 MS Exams Half Days
- 12-16 HS Exams Half Days
- 16 **ES Family Christmas Chapel**
- 16 Half Day for All School
  - 19-2 **Christmas Break**

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#### 3 Students Return

- 12 HS Jr. Parent Kick-Off
- 13 HS Jr. Workshop Kick-Off
- 3-13 HS Winterim
- 13 Paladin Roundtable (All Dads)
- 16 MLK, Jr. Holiday No School
- 20 Fellowship Ladies R & R (All Moms)
- 26 6th/7th Grade Parent Coffee
- 30 State of the School Address

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# Glossary Of Frequently Used Terms

#### Annual Fund

With **EVERY FAMILY** contributing to the Annual Fund **EVERY YEAR**, the funds raised provide for special projects, directly impacting our students. Tuition covers Fellowship's operating budget while allowing the Annual Fund to provide for additional campus initiatives to enhance the experience of our students. As our largest school fundraiser, the goal each year is 100% family participation.

#### Atlanta Christian Schools Association (ACSA)

The purpose of ACSA is to promote fellowship, encourage networking, provide staff and student development opportunities, and share successful programmatic strategies for schools in the metro-Atlanta area who share a Christ-centered mission and biblical worldview. Fellowship is an ACSA member.

#### Bob Lord Field

Bob Lord Field is our competitive playing field and home to Paladin football, soccer, and lacrosse. It is located in the stadium.

#### Cognia

Cognia works with schools and systems of all types and sizes across the globe to clearly assess the quality of institutions and help them meet the needs of every student. Cognia provides an explicit set of standards and criteria for accreditation and certification. Meeting and exceeding those standards results in a valuable recognition of excellence. Fellowship is Cognia accredited.

#### Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA)

CESA insists that academic rigor and programmatic excellence in all areas are inherent to discipleship, not contradictory. As a result, CESA schools demand quality, commitment, rigor, and excellence in every facet of the school. CESA therefore works in conjunction with schools to enable growth, provide resources for improvement, and to hold accountable all schools who strive for programmatic distinction and excellence, for the glory of God. Fellowship is CESA member.

#### Convocation

Fellowship begins each school year with a special convocation. In a typical year, faculty, staff, students, and parents are invited to attend. During this time of worship, the Head of School and division principals speak, dedicating the year for God's glory.

#### Grew

Crew is the HS small group experience. On the weeks when the HS does not meet for a division-wide chapel, students meet with their Crew, which is assigned by grade and gender and led by a teacher or staff member.

#### Discipleship Group (D-Group)

D-Group is the MS small group experience. On the weeks when the MS does not meet for a division-wide chapel, students meet in their D-Groups, which are assigned by grade and gender and led by a teacher.

#### Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)

ECFA enhances trust in Christ-centered churches and ministries through its annual accreditation of organizations based on Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™, drawn from Scripture. Fellowship is an ECFA member.

#### Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

ERB is an independent educational advisory organization whose products and services serve to assess and enhance academic ability, social maturity, and emotional awareness. Fellowship is an ERB member school.

#### FACTS

FACTS (formerly RenWeb) is a comprehensive system utilized by FCS for tuition management, extracurricular fees, payment administration and processing, online admissions/enrollment solutions, etc. It also contains class-specific information for each student, such as daily assignments, homework, grades (for MS/HS), reference documents posted by their teachers, and includes a directory of families, faculty, staff, and students.

Note: FCS does not distribute phone/address directories. You may access FACTS under the "Parents" tab on the FCS website or purchase the FACTS Family App for \$4.99 per year. The district code for FCS is "FCS-GA".

#### FGS APP

Available this fall, stay in the know with the NEW FCS App! You can download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The FCS app will allow you to "subscribe" to alerts for the newsletters, calendars, and sports teams you select.

#### Fine Arts Alliance (FAA)

The FAA exists to support and promote students' expressions of creativity in all areas of Fine Arts: visual, performing, literary, and musical. A membership in the FAA contributes to the mission of encouraging and developing young artists and to foster an environment of creativity, culture, and community for all families.

#### Flex Period

Every Wednesday, HS students have a flex period providing an opportunity to attend a class meeting, Crew, club, or a college/academic counseling session. The flex period options rotate each week, allowing students to participate once per month in each.

#### Flex Time

Recess component of the MS lunch period.

#### Georgia High School Association (GHSA)

The objective of the GHSA shall be the promotion of education in Georgia from a mental, physical, and moral viewpoint, to standardize and encourage participation in athletics, and to promote sportsmanship and an appreciation for and study of music, speech, and other fine arts through Region and State competitions. Fellowship is a GHSA member.

#### Gym 1 (G1)

G1 is the main gym with an entrance to the immediate right of the middle school office entrance. Volleyball, basketball games, school plays, convocation, and other large group gatherings are held here.

#### Gym 2 (G2)

G2 can be accessed externally by following the path to the left of the middle school office entrance or internally through the middle school hallways. This auxiliary gym is used for middle and high school practices, Jr. Paladin Basketball, ES P.E., and is converted daily for lunch service.

#### Jr. Paladin Athletics

The elementary school offers intramural basketball, soccer, flag football, and baseball programs for grades PreK through 5th Grade. This program is designed to allow students the opportunity to gain experience in various sports and provide a safe environment to learn, develop skills, compete, and most of all, have fun. We welcome both FCS and non-FCS participants. More information and registration can be found under the "Athletics" tab on the FCS website.

#### Paladin Athletic Booster Club (PABC)

The mission of the PABC is to support and promote the advancement of all Fellowship athletic programs. The PABC provides financial and volunteer support for all sports teams, student-athletes, the Athletic Director, and coaches to help increase student-athlete participation. The PABC supports every athlete in every sport at every level.

#### Paladin Genter (PG)

The Paladin Center is located at 735 W. Crossville Road in Roswell, and is our athletic training facility. It houses the weight room, athletic meeting space, coaches' offices, and equipment storage.

#### Paladin Park

Paladin Park is located on campus and includes the baseball field, pavilion, playground, softball field, hitting facility, and tennis courts.

#### Paladin Roundtable (PR)

PR exists to "Connect, Encourage, and Equip Fellowship Dads." The Paladin men meet once a month during the school year, typically the first or second Friday, from 7:30 - 9:00 am in Studio 86 on the third floor of the high school building. While this is a year-long series, it is designed so you may attend as your schedule permits.

#### Parent - Teacher Fellowship (PTF)

The PTF exists to promote a vibrant, engaging experience of Christ-centered community fellowship between our parents, students, faculty, and staff. The PTF is divided into two divisions: Elementary PTF and Middle/High School PTF. We work together on various projects throughout the year, but have separate boards. There is no membership fee, or monthly meetings, and our fundraising is passive (Amazon Smile, Kroger Rewards, Publix Partners, BoxTops for Education etc.).

### ALL parents are members of the PTF.

#### RAPTOR

RAPTOR is the system we use for visitor registration.

#### Student Academic Support (SAS)

SAS is designed to help students in PreK - 12th grade to reach their full academic potential. To close learning gaps, our elementary-aged students identified with academic needs may receive testing accommodations, classroom accomodations, and learning lab support. Middle and high school students with learning challenges, such as attention issues, a learning disability, or executive functioning difficulties, are identified through an independent educational-psychological evaluation and are given learning support through the implementation of academic accommodations.

#### Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)

The mission of SAIS is to strengthen member schools by providing high-quality accreditation processes, comprehensive professional growth opportunities, and visionary leadership development programs. Fellowship is an accredited member school.

#### Spark & Ignite

Students in 4th and 5th grade participate in choice-driven Spark & Ignite elective classes including Chorus/Drama, Dance/Worship, STEM Lab, Painting/Drawing, Mixed Media, Digital Design, and Paladin Nation News.

#### Studio 86

This meeting space is located on the third floor of the high school building.

#### Wheel Glasses

MS Wheel Classes are the rotation of required courses, each lasting nine weeks in length.

#### Winchester Field

Is located in Paladin Park and is home of the Paladin baseball program.

#### Winterfest (ES)

Winterfest is an onsite retreat that takes place over two days prior to Ohristmas break.

#### Winterim (HS)

Winterim takes place during the first two weeks of January, 11th and 12th graders participate in internships off campus and 9th and 10th graders are on campus.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

We look forward to a very active year at Fellowship. To keep you informed of all that's happening, you may receive communications from the list below. Additionally, look for communications from your child's teacher, as well as Room Moms (ES) and Grade Level Coordinators (MS/HS).

#### **ELEMENTARY**

- ES Communications
- Sherri McLeroy Elementary School Principal
- Gina Tomberlin Assistant Elementary School Principal
- Danielle Reeves Administrative Assistant to ES Principal
- Peggy Yates Receptionist

#### **MIDDLE**

- MS Communications
- Tony Tacquard Middle School Principal
- Lori Deason Assistant Middle School Principal
- Annette Jacobs Administrative Assistant to MS Principal

#### HIGH

- HS Communications
- Ari Durham High School Principal
- Amy Harriton Assistant High School Principal
- Tess Fancher Administrative Assistant to HS Principal
- Lindsey Dean College Counseling Department Chair
- Erin Sellars Academic Counselor

#### **ALL SCHOOL**

- Dr. Kathy Teston Head of School
- Clay Irwin CFO/ COO
- Joel Schuster Chief Advancement Officer
- Joel Hazard Head of Academic Collaboration and Culture
- David Lowery Director of Athletics
- Drew Lawes Director of STEM
- Trip Hughes Director of Arts
- Kevan Wallace Director of Information Technology
- FCS Text Communications
- Fellowship Marketing and Communications Department

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CARPOOL**

**Drop. Off** 7:30 - 8:00am (M, T, TH, F) 8:30 - 9:00am (W)

Please enter and exit from the Woodstock Rd. or Crossville Rd. Fellowship Bible Church entrances and follow the route displayed below. In addition to faculty and staff, the 5th Grade Safety Patrol will be present to help your children exit cars and make their way to Gym 2.

**If you have middle school siblings,** you may either drop them off at the entrance to Gym 1 or exit campus and proceed to the Jones Road entrance to enter the middle school carpool line.

**If you have high school siblings,** please drop off your elementary children first, then proceed back towards the Woodstock Rd. entrance and follow the high school route along Bob Lord Field.

#### Pick Up

#### PreK - Half Day Kindergarten Pick Up 12:00pm

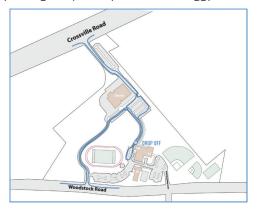
Please pick up your child at the Elementary School main office entrance via the Jones Road entrance.

#### Full Day Kindergarten - 5th grade Pick Up 2:45pm

Please follow the same route as drop off to pick up. You may also park in the lower Church parking lot and walk up to the benches.

**If you have middle school siblings,** please proceed through the ES pickup and then either park in the church parking lot and wait for your middle school children to walk up after 3:10 dismissal, or proceed to the Jones Road entrance to enter the middle school carpool line by the ES office.

Special Notes: If your child(ren) will be riding home with a friend or family member that does not have a carpool tag, please email each child's teacher and Peggy Yates in the ES Office. Family members without carpool tags should be on the approved carpool list in your family record in RenWeb and will be required to show identification. Extra or replacement carpool tags may be requested from Peggy Yates.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL CARPOOL

Drop Off

7:30 - 8:00am (M, T, TH, F)

8:30 - 9:00am (W)

**If you are only dropping off middle schoolers,** please use the Jones Rd. entrance when entering and exiting campus. Your child(ren) will enter at the Elementary School entrance, go down the stairs immediately to the right, and follow the hall to Gym1 for Morning Room.

**If you are dropping off elementary and middle schoolers,** please drop your children off together via the elementary carpool route. Elementary students will walk to Gym 2 for ES Morning Room. Middle school students will report to Gym 1 for MS Morning Room.

**If you are dropping off a high school sibling,** please drop off your elementary and middle school children first, then proceed back towards the Woodstock Rd entrance and follow the high school route.

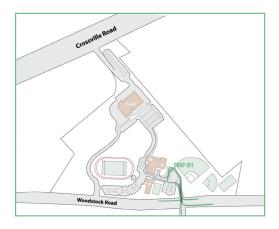
#### Pick Up

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**If you are only picking up middle schoolers,** please follow the morning route, entering at the Jones Road entrance to pick up in front of the ES office.

If you are picking up elementary and middle schoolers, please pick up your elementary children first at 2:45pm and then either park in the church parking lot and wait for your middle school children to walk up after 3:10 dismissal, or proceed to the Jones Road entrance to enter the middle school carpool line by the ES office. Please communicate plans clearly with your children.

**If you have high school sibling(s),** after picking up elementary and middle schoolers, either proceed back towards the Woodstock Rd. entrance and follow the high school route, or wait for your high schoolers to walk up to the church parking lot.



# HIGH SCHOOL CARPOOL

#### Drop Off

7:30 - 8:00am (M, T, TH, F)

8:30 - 9:00am (W)

**If you are only dropping off a high schooler,** please enter from Woodstock Rd. and follow the route below to drop off in front of the high school, then exit from either the Jones Rd. or Woodstock Rd. entrance.

**If you have a middle school sibling, after dropping off your high schooler,** please proceed toward the Jones Rd. entrance and join the middle school drop-off route.

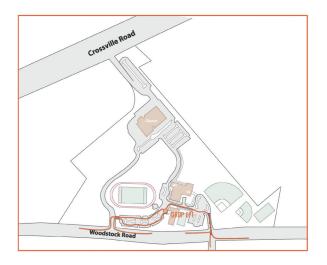
**If you have elementary and middle school siblings,** please drop off your elementary and/or middle schoolers together at the elementary drop-off, then proceed back toward the Woodstock Rd. entrance and follow the route below to drop off high school children.

#### Pick Up. 3:15 pm

**If you are only picking up high schoolers,** please enter from Woodstock Rd. and follow the route below to pick-up in front of the high school, then exit from either the Jones Rd. or Woodstock Rd. entrance.

If you have elementary and middle school siblings, please pick up your elementary children first at 2:45pm and then either park in the church parking lot and wait for your middle school children to walk up after 3:10 dismissal, or proceed to the Jones Road entrance to enter the middle school carpool line by the ES office. After picking up middle school sibling(s), please either wait for your high schooler to walk up after 3:15 dismissal, or proceed back toward the Woodstock Rd. entrance and follow the high school route.

Please communicate plans clearly with your children.



# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

#### **ES Phone:**

770-641-6815

#### **School Hours:**

8:00am-2:45pm 9:00am late start each Wednesday

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF**

#### Principal:

Sherri McLeroy (sherri.mcleroy@fcspaladins.org)

#### **Assistant Principal:**

Gina Tomberlin (gina.tomberlin@fcspaladins.org)

#### Administrative Assistant to the Principal:

Danielle Reeves (danielle.reeves@fcspaladins.org)

#### Receptionist:

Peggy Yates (peggy.yates@fcspaladins.org)

#### Nurse

Danielle Hansen (danielle.hansen@fcspaladins.org)

#### Absences

If your child will be absent, please e-mail your child's teacher and copy Peggy Yates.

If you plan to take a family trip that will require your child to be absent from school, please notify your child's teacher, Peggy Yates, and Sherri McLeroy in advance for the absence to be excused.

### Chapel

ES Chapel is in Gym 1 on Wednesday mornings at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to attend any Wednesday. Your children may sit with you or with their class.

### Weekly Specials

Each week, in addition to the core classes, students visit the Library and attend Spanish, Music, Art, Computer, and PE. 4th and 5th grade students participate in Spark & Ignite.

#### Dress Gode

Please refer to the website and Student Handbook for division specific dress code information.

#### Safety Patrol

Fifth grade students may volunteer to serve during morning and afternoon carpool. These students assist teachers with the carpool line and escort younger students to and from their cars. Be on the lookout for more information from Janet Milton, ES P.E. Director who will send a sign-up in August to 5th grade parents.

### Awards Day

If they wish, children are allowed to dress more formally for the end-of-year awards day. Also, it is important to note that students who complete the requirements for the Book It reading program are recognized at awards days. Additionally, some classes recognize students who memorize and correctly recite all of their Bible verses throughout the year.

### Special Event Opportunities

Throughout the year, students will have many opportunities to take a break from standard dress code attire and show their creative side! Homecoming is a week full of dress up options. Additionally, Read Across America Day, various PJ days, and many other celebrations allow students to be festive and have fun with their wardrobe. Participation is always optional but is highly encouraged. At the elementary school level, a vast majority of our students actively participate on these special days.

### Off-site Learning

To augment classroom instruction, students have the opportunity to participate in multiple field trips throughout the year to experience the great cultural and educational programs offered in the metro Atlanta area and beyond.

In past years, field trips have included: Chattahoochee Nature Center, Zoo Atlanta, Bullock Hall, Chick-fil-A's headquarters, Tellus Museum, 5th gade overnight trip to Rock Eagle, Art Barn, Funk Heritage Museum etc.

#### Jr. Paladin Athletics

Jr. Paladin Athletics offers an intramural program for grades PreK through 5th grade. This program is designed to allow students the opportunity to gain experience and develop their athletic abilities in the sport of the season, work on team-building skills, compete, and most of all, have fun.

Various sports including soccer, baseball, basketball, and flag football are offered during the fall, winter and spring seasons.

Please check the "Athletics" page of the FCS website for more information.

### Spark and Ignite

Students in 4th and 5th grade participate in choice-driven Spark and Ignite elective classes. In past years, course offerings have included:

Chorus/Drama
Dance/Worship
STEM Lab
Painting/Drawing
Mixed Media
Digital Design
Yearbook

#### Winterfest (ES)

Winterfest is an onsite retreat that takes place over two days prior to Christmas break. Faculty and students take time off from core academic classes to focus on spiritual development. The days are filled with worship, messages, service projects, small group time, fun, and fellowship.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### **MS Phone:**

770-641-6855

#### **School Hours:**

8:00am-3:10pm; 9:00am late start each Wednesday

# Middle School Staff Principal:

Tony Tacquard (tony.tacquard@fcspaladins.org)

#### **Assistant Principal:**

Lori Deason (lori.deason@fcspaladins.org)

#### Administrative Assistant to the Principal:

Annette Jacobs (annette.jacobs@fcspaladins.org)

#### **Nurse:**

Danielle Hansen (danielle.hansen@fcspaladins.org)

#### **Morning Tardies**

Students arriving after the tardy bell must check in at the middle school office to receive a note admitting them to first period. For absences and early dismissals, email: msattendance@fcspaladins.org

#### **Class Tardies**

If a student is tardy to a class four times in one semester, a morning detention will be assigned. On the sixth tardy, another morning or afternoon detention will be assigned. On the eighth tardy and each one thereafter, a Saturday school detention and \$25 fine will be assessed.

### Chapel

Chapel is held on most Wednesdays at 10:10am. All parents are welcome to attend chapel. Students will meet once a month in discipleship groups (D-Groups). Discipleship groups are assigned at the beginning of the year by grade and gender and are led by a middle school teacher.

#### Glass Schedule

An e-mail from Annette Jacobs will be sent in August to all MS students and parents as soon as schedules are published and ready to view. Please note that until you receive notification that the class schedules are finalized, schedules could change.

#### Student E-mail

Communication and messages sent to students will be sent to their school email address. Student email is: s.firstname.lastname@fosweb.org.

## Tests and Quizzes

To ensure that a students' workload is balanced, students will not be required to take more than the following in a single day: 2 tests; 1 test and 2 quizzes; or 4 quizzes. A weekly test calendar will be posted on the grade-level Google Classroom every Friday for the following week.

#### Dress Gode

Please refer to the website and Student Handbook for division specific dress code information.

#### Missed Tests

Tests dates announced prior to a student's absence are to be made up on the day of the student's return. If a student signs in late and misses a test, they must be prepared to make up the test after school that same day.

### Summer Work and School Supplies

School supply lists and reading assignments can be found on the home page of our website in June. Math packets are e-mailed to parents in early June. Please contact the middle school office if you need a copy of the math packet. Students are required to complete a math packet, their summer reading, and the assignment that is due on their first day of school. Please keep in mind that summer work does count as a grade and may require a fair amount of time to complete.

#### Gurriculum

The academic emphasis at Fellowship is not only to prepare middle school students for their high school experience, but to equip students with everything they need to have a successful high school experience. Students are challenged to accept increasing amounts of responsibility in a rigorous, yet nurturing environment. Study skills, discipline, and character development are integrated into the curriculum consistently as students prepare for success in a college preparatory high school.

A distinctive of FCS academics is the purposeful integration of Biblical thought and values with the content in all fields of study. Our teachers are committed Christians who intentionally incorporate this Biblical worldview into their teaching. They are passionate about what they teach, and more than half of our middle school faculty hold a Master's Degree in their field. Middle school course offerings include Bible, mathematics, science, history, english, physical education, art, computer, speech, and music.

Middle School electives include: 3D Exploration, Portfolio, Drama, Film and TV, Chorus, Paladin Press, Yearbook, Chapel Praise Team, Girls Ballet, MS Band, Boys Sports Skills, Girls and Boys Lifetime Fitness, Robotics, Strategic Games, and Study Hall. (Students sign up for elective choices in June or as they are enrolled before the first day of school.)

#### Homework

Homework is a necessary element in providing enrichment, re-enforcing principles learned in class, incorporating good work habits and time-management skills, supplementing classroom learning, and providing practice in needed skills. FCS recognizes the tension in family life as you attempt to balance family time, church, ministry, extracurricular activity, recreation, rest, and school work.

We also recognize our accountability in preparing each student for the future. If a student experiences consistent difficulty in completing assignments in an acceptable time frame (i.e., 60 minutes maximum each night for a 6th grader, 70 minutes max for a 7th grader, etc.), the teacher and parents should consider the following possible causes: too many assignments, insufficient time management, student fatigue or illness, amount of time spent in extracurricular activities, and/or learning challenges. Students are encouraged to use time efficiently.

If the student workload appears excessive, please contact the appropriate teachers to address concerns. Homework and class assignments are posted in Google Classroom.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL CONT.

#### Semester Examinations

At the end of each semester, students in 6th - 8th grade take examinations in most subjects. Scheduled 75-minute examinations will count for 10% of the semester grade for 7th and 8th grade and 5% of the semester grade for 6th grade.

### Technology & Gell Phones

The purpose of all electronic resources is to support the school's educational mission. Applying information and technology skills is an integral part of teaching and learning. Students are expected to follow the requirements of the Honor Code and the Code of Conduct with regard to technology use. (Refer to the Parent Handbook for the Honor Code and Code of Conduct.)

All MS students will be issued a Chromebook device for academic purposes. Devices need to be brought to school fully charged every day. Any use of technology in the classroom is up to the discretion of the teacher.

Cell phone use during school hours is prohibited unless a teacher gives permission. If communication is needed with a student during school hours, please contact the front office. Student-owned devices may not be used once a student enters the building and throughout the school day unless given specific permission by the teacher for educational purposes. This includes smartphones, smart watches, etc. Smartphones and devices are to be turned off and remain in backpacks during school hours, which includes both between classes and at lunch.

#### Lost and Found

All lost articles will be collected and placed in the MS lost and found cabinet located at the very end of the hallway near Gym 2. If clothing articles are labeled with a student's name, the student will be notified. If articles of clothing, shoes and other items are not claimed at the end of a four-week period, they will be given to a local charitable organization. Lost textbooks will be turned in at the office. Lost Chromebooks will be turned in at the TEKe helpdesk.

#### Spring Musical

Parents will receive information from FCS Drama/Music teachers about auditions and performances.

## Field Day

This fun-filled, sports-centered day is held in May.

### Retreats and Trips

#### CAMP HIGHLAND (ELLIJAY, GA)

Our Middle School retreat is a unique experience that happens early in the school year. Each grade has 24 hours\* at camp by themselves with our staff and the camp's staff. They experience worship, messages, team building, fun, water activities, and much more.

\*As part of the 8th grade experience, they are allowed an extra day at camp.

#### **6TH GRADE CREATION TRIP**

The Creation Museum, Ark Encounter, and Mammoth Cave all fit perfectly into our 6th grade Bible, History, and Earth Science curriculum. Students will enjoy learning scientific evidence that the Bible is absolutely true and, by knowing that, we can absolutely trust the Bible as 100% truth.

Tour Objectives:

During the trip, we will focus on:

- •The 7 C's as found in the Creation Museum (Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation)
- •The evidence of a worldwide flood
- •How the Bible supports dinosaurs
- •God's handiwork in creating Earth's magnificent structures

#### 7TH GRADE JEKYLL ISLAND EXPEDITION

At Jekyll, students experience firsthand all that they have been learning about in science class throughout the year. Students will visit Georgia's coastline to seine for crabs, shrimp, fish, and other sea life, observe the fresh and saltwater marshes, explore natural forests with some of the largest oak trees on the island, and visit one of the largest sea turtle refuge centers in the south. While exploring God's creation, students also worship together, work as a team and strengthen relationships with their classmates.

#### 8TH GRADE DC TRIP

Starting this year, the 8th Grade will be going on a Mission Trip in the Spring.

# HIGH SCHOOL

#### **HS Phone:**

770-993-1650

#### **School Hours:**

8:00am-3:15pm 9:00am late start each Wednesday

#### **High School Staff**

#### Principal:

Ari Durham (ari.durham@fcspaladins.org)

#### **Assistant Principal:**

Amy Harriton (amy.harriton@fcspaladins.org)

#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Tess Fancher (tess.fancher@fcspaladins.org)

#### Attendance:

Cindy Pizza (attendance@fcspaladins.org)

#### Nurse:

Laura Tribble (laura.tribble@fcspaladins.org)

#### Class Schedule

An e-mail will be sent during the summer months to all HS students and parents as soon as schedules are published and ready to view. If there are any schedule conflicts with a specific course you will receive a separate email.

# Summer Work and School Supplies

There will be an e-mail titled High School Summer in View 2022 sent in June to all HS families. There will also be another important e-mail sent the second week of July with details about orientation and applying for a parking pass. These will be sent from HS Communications. If you do not receive either of these e-mails in June and July, respectively, please contact Tess Fancher at tess.fancher@fcspaladins.org.

#### Lost and Found

All lost articles will be collected and placed in one of the lost and found cabinets. If clothing articles are labeled with a student's name, the student will be notified. If articles of clothing, shoes and other items are not claimed at the end of a four-week period, they will be given to a local charitable organization. Lost textbooks will be turned in at the office. Lost Chromebooks will be turned in at the TEKe helpdesk. Please check with the high school office for lost valuables such as jewelry, eyeglasses, and keys, etc..

#### Dress Gode

Please refer to the website and Student Handbook for division specific dress code information.

## Spiritual Growth

Chapel is held on most Wednesdays from 2:10 - 3:15pm. All parents are welcome to attend. On the off weeks, students meet in breakout chapel groups or CREW groups that are led by a faculty or staff member.

#### Absences

Absence from school must be communicated to the office by email (attendance@fcspaladins.org) before the start of the school day on the day of the absence and state the specific reason. Teachers will be given an absentee list at the beginning of the day, notifying them of all student absences. Failure to notify the office of an absence before the start of school may result in the absence being unexcused. **Excuses by phone are not accepted.** 

**ABSENCES** (including late arrivals and early dismissals) are considered excused only for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Medical or dental appointment that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours\*
- Serious illness or death of an immediate family member
- Court appearance
- College visits (see 'College Visits' in the Parent/Student Handbook)
- School-sponsored activities
- Religious observances
- Driver's License (half day only)
- · Other reasons may be approved by HS Administration

#### **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

Student absences from school for any reason not listed above will be considered unexcused. Consequences for unexcused absences are as follows:

1-3 classes missed: 1 detention 4+ classes missed: 2 detentions

Any unexcused absences after the fourth will be handled by the Principal or Assistant Principal as a behavioral issue to determine an appropriate course of action. Any class work missed (assignment/project/quiz/test) due to an unexcused absence must be made up within 24 hours.

#### LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY DISMISSALS, AND TARDIES

If a student is arriving late to school or leaving early, the parent should email (attendance@fcspaladins.org) before the start of the school day with a specific excuse and an estimated time of late arrival or early departure time.

Phone calls are not accepted.

**LATE ARRIVAL EXCEPTION** Athletes who finish a game/match after 10:45pm, or who do not arrive home until after midnight (assuming the student goes straight home), may have until the end of the first period the next day to report to school.

**MORNING TARDIES** Students arriving after the start of school must check in at the office to receive a note admitting them to class. A student is given five morning tardies per semester without consequences. At the sixth tardy, the student will receive a morning detention. For each additional three morning tardies, a Saturday school detention will be assigned. Students with a medical excuse will not receive a tardy. Students missing more than half of a class period are no longer considered tardy but absent to that class.

**CLASS TARDIES** Teachers keep track of tardies. Five class tardies per class equates to an absence for Exam Exemption purposes. Six class tardies equates to a detention. Every three detentions after the initial consequence will result in a Saturday School (SS). Habitual tardiness, as determined by the administration, will be handled by the Principal or Assistant Principal as a behavioral issue to determine an appropriate course of action.

\*For more information on Pre-planned Absences, College Visits, etc., please refer to the Parent/ Student Handbook.

# HIGH SCHOOL CONT.

#### Academic Diploma Tracks

Fellowship Diploma Tracks cover a breadth of core high school courses while offering an extensive range of options that allow students to dive deep into areas that most interest them.

The Three Diploma Tracks are:

- · College Prep & Scholar's Diploma
- STEM Diploma
- Artisan Diploma

#### **COLLEGE PREP DIPLOMA**

A student must complete a minimum of 24 credits including: 4 credits in Mathematics; 3 credits in Social Studies; 4 credits in Science; 4 credits in English; 4 credits in Bible; 2 credits in World Language; 2 semesters of Fine Arts or Technology; 1 semester of Physical Education; 1 semester of Health; and 1 additional elective.

#### SCHOLAR'S DIPLOMA

A student must complete a minimum of 26 credits including those on the College Prep Diploma list, as well as 1 additional elective and 1 additional credit of the same World Language. Three courses must be AP level and the final cumulative numeric average must be 80.0 or higher.

#### STEM

The STEM Diploma track enrollment is available for all rising 9th and 10th grade students. Students accepted into the track will engage in a demanding program of study focusing on STEM-related competencies and hands-on experience.

There are five different Pathways to accommodate the different interests, talents, and goals of our students. Each Pathway requires a combination of on-level, honors, dual enrollment, and AP courses.

The Pathways are:

- Engineering Sciences
- Engineering Technology
- Computer Science
- Architecture/Industrial Design
- Digital Technology

#### **ARTISAN DIPLOMA**

The Artisan Diploma Track allows students to passionately pursue God in their lives, and also prepare them for collegiate success. The four pathways will prepare students for more focused exploration, provide quality mentoring, and build confidence in their given discipline. All pathways will give students real life application in the respective fields along with providing valuable academic experience that typically students are not exposed to until their second or third year in college.

The Pathways are:

- · Performing Arts
- Language Arts
- Visual Arts
- Hybrid

More information on all Diploma Tracks can be found on the FCS website.

#### Course Drop/Add Policy

Course drop/add requests for on level and honors courses may only be made through the first two full academic weeks of the school year. If the drop/add request is granted, all work for the new course must be completed by a date specified by the instructor.

Drop/add requests for AP courses may only be made through the first three full academic weeks of the school year. All fees are non-refundable if courses are changed. Dropping a class does incur the risk that the desired alternative course may not be open. If the drop/add request is granted, all work for the new course must be completed by a date specified by the instructor. Drop/add for a second semester course needs approval by the principal and only available for elective courses and 11th and 12th grade Bible.

Students who withdraw from a course after the drop request deadline will receive a "W" (withdrawn). The details of how this grade is calculated will be determined by the administration. This policy applies to all courses that are part of the student's approved academic schedule.

#### Homework

A college-preparatory diploma requires hard work, time, and discipline. FCS recognizes the tension in family life as families attempt to balance family time, church, ministry, extracurricular activity, recreation, rest, and school work. FCS also recognizes, however, its accountability in preparing each student for the future. Homework is an element that provides enrichment, reinforces principles learned in class, incorporates good work habits and time-management skills, supplements classroom learning, and provides practice in needed skills. Students are encouraged to use their study hall time efficiently. If the student workload appears excessive, please contact the appropriate teacher to address the issue. Homework assignments may be accessed online, through FACTS or the Google Classroom.

#### Tests

Students in 9th and 10th grade are not required to take more than two tests per day. Students in 11th and 12th grade are not required to take more than three tests per day. Please note that this rule does not apply to quizzes. There is no restriction on the number of quizzes given in a day. Making the arrangements to complete missed work is the responsibility of the student, not the teacher.

#### Semester Examinations

At the end of each semester, students take comprehensive examinations in most subjects. These examinations count as a percentage of the course grade as stated in the syllabus.

Students who are unable to take their exams at the appointed time due to illness or a death in the immediate family should notify the office immediately. A doctor's note may be required if an illness prevented the student from taking an exam. Students will not be permitted to take an exam earlier than scheduled. Parents should make vacation and travel plans to accommodate the exam schedule.

No student will be required to take more than two exams per day. Students will be excused from campus after the completion of their exams for the day. Transportation should be arranged accordingly.

# HIGH SCHOOL CONT.

#### **GOProgram**

At Fellowship Christian School we are compelled to serve our surrounding community. Jesus calls us to live our lives in a way worthy of him. One way to exhibit this glad obedience is through service. Service for a Christian school can exist within the classroom, on the field, court, or in our community. It is our hope that through encouragement, expectations, and experiences of service during their years of schooling, we will foster both a duty and delight in serving others.

GO hours are a mandatory requirement for high school students. Students are required to complete 20 GO hours per year. Ten hours will be completed during school-sponsored projects with the remaining 10 to be completed during the student's personal time. (Service hours completed during the summer count toward the coming year.)

The GO Program also seeks to provide leadership opportunities for students.
GO Ambassadors are students who research, organize, promote, and lead service projects.
Students who would like to serve as GO Ambassadors must apply.

Parents and students seeking more information on the GO Program should contact tripp.durden@fcspaladins.org.

#### Winterim

We believe there is benefit in immersive learning, offering unique interdisciplinary experiences by taking a brief break from the standard classroom model. Winterim is a HS exploratory/field trip-based educational experience that is outside the typical classroom. It is academic in nature and investigative in practice. During Winterim, 9th and 10th grade students have electives for two weeks. The classes are a combination of in-class learning and hands-on field trips. Juniors and Seniors are engaged in off-campus internships during these two weks. They may intern for one company for two weeks or 2 different companies for one week each. We hope that as a result of Winterim, our students' experiences will act as a catalyst – helping to focus and spur them to action in using their gifts and talents.

#### Retreats and Trips

#### **HS RETREAT**

The retreat is held at Sharptop Cove Camp on August 31 - September 2 for seniors and September 1 - 2 for all students. This time away provides students a time to bond and experience activities and worship together. Parent chaperones are appreciated.

#### **SENIOR TRIP**

Scheduled for May of each year, this trip to Disney World, chaperoned by faculty/staff, offers seniors an opportunity to make lasting memories and celebrate as a class prior to graduation.

### Senior Privileges

Senior privileges are granted by the HS administration toward the beginning of the first semester. Senior privileges correspond to study halls and are limited to two study hall periods and lunchtime, and involve the permission to be off campus during study hall(s) and/or lunch or on campus in designated areas. (If a student is failing a class, their senior privileges are revoked until they once again have a passing grade.) All privileges are approved by parents and are subject to change according to parental discretion. Late arrival, inappropriate conduct, and/or failing grades will result in losing these privileges for a designated time.

#### **DRESS CODE PRIVILEGES:**

Once accepted to a college, Seniors may wear college tees and sweatshirts on Fridays. Once committed to a college, Seniors may wear their college tee or sweatshirt Monday-Friday.

#### **LEAVING CAMPUS:**

Seniors are required to scan in and out at the office when leaving campus for senior privileges.

Seniors may leave for lunch if an approval form from a parent has been submitted. Students are not permitted to ride with other students to lunch off campus. We are a closed campus therefore friends from other schools are not allowed to visit during lunchtime.

### College Guidance

Students at Fellowship are prepared for their next steps beyond high school by the College and Academic Counseling team. Each year, beginning in 8th grade, students will interact with their college and academic counselors as they work towards their college and career goals. Utilizing age-specific curriculum, the team host: in-class student lessons, parent events, college application workshops, individual family meetings, lunch and learn workshops, standardized testing, college recruiter visits, and senior celebratory events. The team is here to help students and parents understand the how and why of college admissions as they seek the best fit for their dreams beyond graduation.

# HIGH SCHOOL CONT.

#### Garwand Parking

Students who drive to school must have a valid driver's license, a signed parental consent form on file in the school office, and be in good disciplinary standing. The parking area closest to the HS entrance along the sidewalk is reserved for visitors. Students should park in the upper area or in the lower church parking lot. All drivers must have a parking permit displayed in the car window and park in their assigned space.

The speed limit while on campus is 15 mph. (Please watch for young children at the elementary school area and near the turf field.)

Students will receive one warning for violating the speed limit or driving recklessly or improperly while on campus. The next violation will result in one-week parking privilege suspension and a parent conference. Further violations may result in parking privilege revocation for the remainder of the semester.

Other than when arriving and departing from school, students are not allowed in the parking lot during the academic day without the express permission from the office. Students are not allowed to go to their cars during the school day. (Cars are not to be used as a locker or storage area for books, lunches, or personal belongings to be retrieved during the school day.)

Under no circumstances are students permitted to leave campus in their cars before the end of the class day without specific permission from the office. Car audio is to be kept at low volume until the student leaves campus.

All students, parents, faculty and visitors park their cars on campus at their own risk. The school assumes no responsibility for damage due to theft, vandalism, accidental or malicious action of others, acts of nature, etc.

#### Driving Violations

Students who are able to drive are expected to do so carefully, respectfully, legally, and obeying the guidelines set forth by the school. Speeding or hazardous driving, inappropriate parking, or playing music too loudly while driving on campus will result in a warning, and possible loss of driving privilege depending on the level of violation. Campus Security will attend to driving and parking violations along with the high school administration. Students may lose their parking privileges on campus and seniors may lose their senior privileges.

# **ALL SCHOOL**

### Security

### **GATE SCHEDULE & POLICY**

The Jones Road gate will be open from: 6:30-8:10am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 6:30 - 9:10am Wednesday 2:30-9:00pm Monday - Friday

The crosses gate at BLF and the church gate will be open from:

6:30-8:10am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 6:30-9:10 am Wednesday

2:30-5:00pm Monday - Friday

Visitors needing access during school hours must enter from the Jones Road entrance and use the call box for entry.

Requests for the gates to be open during after-hour special events must be made in Planning Center by the faculty, staff, or volunteer event sponsor.

When entering through the gates, please do not follow others. The gates pause before closing, and we ask that you stop as you approach to ensure the gate does not close on your vehicle.

**NOTE:** If you proceed through an open gate and it starts to close, **STOP IMMEDIATELY**. The gate will bump your car but should not cause damage. Stopping will trigger the gate to reopen. Cars and gates may be damaged if the vehicle continues moving.

#### **VISITOR POLICY**

All guests on campus are required to present proper identification and sign in at the appropriate division front desk where they will receive a visitor sticker via the RAPTOR system.

Guests include parents, vendors, maintenance personnel, etc. FCS staff will question anyone who is not wearing proper identification and advise them to proceed to the front desk to sign in. FCS staff will also contact the security officer to notify them of a visitor's presence.

All exterior doors are locked and visitors must be buzzed into the building. (Middle school visiors may enter the atrium but then must be buzzed into the front office and classroom corridors.)

### **CAMPUS SECURITY**

Fellowship is thankful to have full-time campus security.

#### Les Bennett

(les.bennett@fcspaladins.org) is our Campus Police Officer and is on campus Monday-Friday. He, or a member of the Roswell Police Department, is also present at almost all extracurricular activities.

### Morning Bus Routes

FCS provides morning bus transportation, for an additional fee, from the following locations:

#### **East Cobb Route:**

- Eastside Baptist Church (Marietta) at 7:00am
- Johnson Ferry Baptist Church (Marietta) at 7:10am

#### Milton/Birmingham Hwy Route

- Birmingham United Methodist Church (Milton) at 7:00am
- Providence Baptist Church (Milton) at 7:15am

#### Alpharetta/Johns Creek Route:

- Mavis Tire (Corner of State Bridge and Kimball Bridge in Johns Creek/Alpharetta) at 6:55am
- 285 S. Main Street (Alpharetta) at 7:15am
- \*Please note that

Wednesday morning pick-ups are one hour later due to the late start time.

More information is available on the FOS website.

## **LUNCH SERVICE**

For the first time in Fellowship's history, we are pleased to provide full dining service to students. We have contracted with Metz Culinary Management to provide students with delicious lunch options.

**ABOUT METZ**: Metz is a family-owned company that has been providing on-site dining and support services to independent schools for more than 25 years. With Metz, it's all about the food. Their menus offers tailored, fresh, nutritious, enticing options. Menus are designed to encourage healthy eating and promote nutrition education.

### How Do I Sign Up?

You will receive a website link to access monthly menus, as well as access to "MySchoolBucks" where you can load money in your child's account.

### What Are My Options To Purchase?

### There are two options to participate:

- You may make a one-time purchase of a meal plan for the entire year. This will include hot lunch for your child every single day.
- 2. You may choose to load money into your child's account via "MySchoolBucks". This declining balance account will allow your child access to either hot lunch or the cold lunch options each day.

### How Will My Child Pick Up Their Lunch Each Day?

The concession area outside of Gym 1 has been converted to house our dining service. Students grades 3rd through 12th will be able to walk through the serving lines and pick up their hot lunch (if on the meal plan) or choose their lunch (if on declining balance). There will be a check-out kiosk, managed by Metz personnel, where students will then give their last name or 4-digit account number. Students will then proceed to Gym 2 to eat.

**PLEASE NOTE**: PreK, TK, and Kindergarten students will have their lunch delivered to their classrooms each day. Additionally, 1st, and 2nd grade students will have their lunches delivered to their tables. Parents are required to pre-order lunch for students in these grades.

Lunch service is optional. You may still send a packed lunch if you prefer.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Canceling school is a complicated decision that affects students, staff and families. The decision is further complicated by the fact that school families reside in many different geographic areas throughout North Georgia. With the understanding that canceling school may cause hardship for some families, exceptional consideration is given to this decision, and FCS does everything possible to keep the school open.

The primary criteria considered when making a decision include:

- 1. The safety and well-being of students and staff
- 2. Severity of the weather
- 3. Timing of the weather hazard
- 4. The ability for buses and cars to travel safely

FCS continually monitors the forecast from the National Weather Service. The Head of School, administrators, and campus officer evaluate all information available in order to make the best decision for students, staff and families. While FCS knows some decisions will be very inconvenient and that the weather does not affect every family in the same way, the school takes this as a very serious responsibility.

In cases of inclement weather, a decision about a delayed start, early dismissal or school closing will be made by 6:00am on the day in question. While the Head of School will make the decision for the school, each family has the right and responsibility to decide what is in their best interest. Because our school families are in many different geographic areas, families, for any reason on any day, who fear they cannot get to school safely, should not attempt it and will not be penalized for making this kind of decision. It will simply be considered an excused absence.

In the event that inclement weather causes a delayed start, early dismissal, or school closing, parents will be contacted via e-mail, text, and social media. Please check the FCS website, official FCS social media, and your local TV station for Fellowship Christian School closings or delays. Arrangements have been made with the following stations: WSB-TV, 11-Alive, CBS Atlanta, and FOX 5.

\*To ensure that you receive all communications, please keep us updated with all changes for your cell numbers and e-mails.



### The playing field is a powerful place to build character, deepen faith, and learn life's lessons.

At Fellowship, the physical and mental challenges and rewards of playing sports are a complement, not a contrast, to classroom learning. Whether team or individual, intramural or club, our athletic programs value and teach Bible-based principles: Teamwork. Sportsmanship, Leadership, Responsibility, Humility, Respect, In athletics, as in all we do, our talents, skills, and strengths are testaments to God's love and work.

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### **Paladin Athletic Teams** Baseball: MS, JV, & Varsity

Basketball: MS, JV & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Cheerleading: MS, JV, & Varsity

Cross Country: MS, JV, & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Fishing: Varsity

Football: MS Developmental Team, JV, & Varsity

Golf: MS & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Lacrosse: MS, JV & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Soccer: MS Developmental Teams, JV & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Tennis: MS & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Track & Field: MS & Varsity (Boys & Girls)

Volleyball: MS, JV, & Varsity Wrestling: MS, JV, & Varsity

We are proud to have student-athletes competing in multiple sports. Fellowship, like many private christian schools, has a policy that requires athletes to complete one sport season before moving to the next sport season.

#### Jr. Paladin Athletics

Jr. Paladin Athletics offers an intramural program for grades PreK through 5th grade. This program is designed to allow students the opportunity to gain experience and develop their athletic abilities in the sport of the season, work on team-building skills, compete, and most of all, have fun.

Various sports including soccer, baseball, basketball, and flag football are offered during the fall, winter and spring seasons, Please check the "Athletics" page of the FOS website for more information.

## Atheltic Participation Fees

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### HIGH SCHOOL

TIER 1	PARTICIPATION FEE	MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE FEE	PARTICIPATION FEE	MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE FEE
Cheerleading	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$250
Cross Country	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$250
Soccer	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$250
Tennis	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$250
Track	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$250

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

### HIGH SCHOOL

TIER 2	PARTICIPATION	MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE	PARTICIPATION	MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE
	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE
Golf	\$300	\$250	\$400	\$300
Softball	\$300	\$250	\$400	\$300
Volleyball	\$300	\$250	\$400	\$300
Wrestling	\$300	\$250	\$400	\$300

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

### HIGH SCHOOL

TIER 3	PARTICIPATION FEE	MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE FEE	PARTICIPATION FEE	MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE FEE
Baseball	\$400	\$300	\$500	\$400
Jr. Baseball	\$250	\$200	N/A	N/A
Basketball	\$400	\$300	\$500	\$400
Football	\$400	\$300	\$500	\$400
Lacrosse	\$400	\$300	\$500	\$400
Jr. Lacrosse	\$250	\$200	N/A	N/A

Multi-Sport Athletes (same athlete, different seasons, multiple sports) reduced fee applies to subsequent sports. Participation fee for first sport shall be the regular participation fee.

Dual-Sport Athletes (same athlete, same person, multiple sports) shall pay the participation fee of the highest tier and \$100 for the second sport.

Three-Sport Athletes (same athlete, different seasons, multiple sports) shall receive additional \$100 discount on third sport (including Jr. level sports).

The children of community coaches shall pay the fee equal to the multi-sport participation fee. The above fees are mandatory to participate in each sport.

Any extra cost will be communicated by the Athletic Department to athletes and their parents on or before the commencement of try-outs of the beginning of a no cut sport.

# **FINE ARTS**

"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." -Ephesians 2:10 RSV

The mission of Fellowship Christian School's Fine Arts program is to awaken, nurture, and affirm the artisan soul within every student through creative expression. We embrace the arts as an essential element of a well-rounded education. Our extensive, K4-12 award-winning program includes studies in broadcasting, music, music theory/composition, performing arts, and visual arts (both traditional and digital).

Fellowship students have the opportunity to explore their artistic interests and showcase their talents in a variety of ways, including:

### Performing Arts\*

Beginning in PreK, elementary school students have music and art classes weekly. Through the Spark & Ignite program, 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to further explore their passion for dance, chorus, worship, and drama. There are also performance opportunities in the Christmas and Spring concerts, as well as at weekly chapels. Middle and high school Performing Arts students will be featured in choral, dance, and music theory performances at the Fall and Spring Concerts, various chapels, and ACSI competitions. Beginning in High School, Performing Arts students also have the option to participate in Chapel Band, Concert Band or Drumline.

### Literary Arts\*

High School Literary Arts students put their design talents and creative writing skills to use as they publish the school's literary magazine, which showcases all FCS arts and is submitted in regional competitions.

### Visual Arts

Through various electives offered in classes such as Portfolio and Photo Journalism, Middle School students explore the creative process, design, layout, video editing, and reporting, as well as art history, art criticism, and artistic perception. High School students interested in the Visual Arts have the opportunity to participate in AP art courses, as well as display their work at competitions and venues throughout the school year. These include, but are not limited to, ACSI art competitions, Scholastic Art Awards, and various other Georgia art shows.

### Paladin Productions

Students in grades 4-12 who are interested in production have the opportunity to participate in Paladin Productions, the student-run audio/visual production team. This team provides production support for school-wide activities, plays, graduation, chapels, and sporting events, as well as produces a school news segment.

\*Both the Performing Arts and Literary Arts students will compete in the GHSA Literary Competition each year.

# DEVELOPMENT

We are so grateful for our incredibly generous community whose gifts provide our students with the opportunity for an enriched educational experience. Your generosity makes a life-changing impact on the academic experiences of our students. We hope that each family will prayerfully consider supporting our community to the extent that they feel led.

### Fellowship Giving Opportunities

### THE ANNUAL FUND:

The Annual Fund is our yearly fundraising effort that is utilized to supplement the operating budget and provide enhancements that are not funded through tuition. These funds have provided additional technology, furniture, security enhancements, classroom renovations, etc., supporting Fellowship as we create a place for students to learn about God, the world He created, and themselves.

We encourage participation by **EVERY FAMILY**, **EVERY YEAR** for two reasons:

- To meet the yearly Annual Fund goal and be able to provide the enhancements not funded through tuition AND
- To show that our families actively invest in the future of Fellowship, which places our school in a favorable position to approach philanthropic foundations to raise additional money.

#### FELLOWSHIP'S ENDOWMENT:

You can invest in the future of Fellowship! A gift to our Endowment, like the Annual Fund, supports the operating budget and also helps to minimize increases to tuition. Gifts made to the Endowment are invested and left in the fund so that the resulting investment income can be used to sustain Fellowship – providing resources for financial aid, campus maintenance and improvements, and faculty salary and benefit support.

#### **GEORGIA GOAL:**

The Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program offers an opportunity to redirect your Georgia tax dollars to Fellowship Christian School for the purpose of providing financial aid assistance to FCS students. During the 2021/2022 school year, Fellowship had 43 students on GOAL Scholarship! That means families redirected the tax dollars they were required to pay anyway, to Fellowship, helping to provide a covenant Christian education for students who may not have otherwise been able afford it.

#### WHO CAN GIVE TO FELLOWSHIP?

Everyone! Parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, faculty, staff, board members, and other friends of Fellowship are encouraged to participate each year.

#### **HOW DO I GIVE?**

Fellowship accepts cash, credit/debit cards, stock gifts, checks, and matching gifts. Please use the QR code to give or access more information on our website.





There are lots of opportunities to volunteer throughout the year ranging from school-wide events to specific grade level events. You can volunteer at your own comfort level. Room Moms (ES) and Grade Level Coordinators (MS/HS) will notify you of volunteer opportunities.

### PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP (PTF)

The PTF exists to promote a vibrant, engaging experience of Christ-centered community fellowship between our parents, students, faculty, and staff. The PTF is divided into two divisions: Elementary PTF and Middle/High School PTF. We work together on various projects throughout the year, but have separate boards. **ALL parents are members of the PTF.** 

Some of the PTF events and initiatives during the school year include the following: New Family Mentor Program, Teacher Appreciation Events, Fall Family Event, Student Life Events (i.e. assisting with Homecoming activities and blessing the students), Prayer and Care Initiative, Grandparents Day, Seasonal School Decorating, Moms Fellowship Opportunities, Paladin Roundtable Support.

We engage in passive and community-centered fundraising to support these events and do not collect dues.

### PTF CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **ES PTF Advisor:**

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### **MS/HS PTF President:**

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Instagram: @fellowship\_ptf

### Facebook Private Group (Fellowship PTF):

FCS parent, faculty, and alumni community.

Please email fcsptf@gmail.com for an invitation to the group.

### PALADIN ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

### Mission:

To support and promote the advancement of the athletic programs of Fellowship Christian School.

The PABC provides financial and volunteer support for all sports teams, studentathletes, Athletic Director, and coaches with the goal of helping to increase our student-athlete participation. The PABC supports every athlete in every sport at every level.

Our members are integral in helping us execute on great game day experiences, fundraisers, and improvement projects. The Booster Club is a critical part of the overall athletic program and membership is open to anyone with an interest in supporting athletics.

To join the PABC, visit the **Booster Club** page under the **Athletics** tab on the FCS website.

### FINE ARTS ALLIANCE

The Fine Arts Alliance exists to support and promote our students' expressions of creativity in all areas of fine arts: visual, performing, literary, and musical.

A membership in the FAA contributes to our mission to encourage and develop our young artists and to foster an environment of creativity, culture and community for all of our families at Fellowship.

To join the FAA, visit the **Fine Arts Alliance**Page under the **Arts** tab on the FCS website.



# Get Involved

#### Moms-in-Praver:

Matthew 18:20 encourages us stating "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Join other Fellowship moms at the Paladin Pavilion on Tuesdays from 8:00-8:45am.

### Paladin Roundtable:

Paladin Roundtable (PR) exists to "Connect, Encourage, and Equip Fellowship Dads."

The men of Fellowship meet once a month during the school year, typically the first or second Friday, from 7:30 - 9:00 am in Studio 86 on the third floor of the high school building. Check Fellowship's social media and newsletter for specific dates.

# New Family Mentors (NFM)

A New Family Mentor (NFM) is a current parent who has been trained to serve as a mentor to our new families. The NFM warmly welcomes new families to Fellowship and helps them get acclimated to our amazing FCS community.

Your NFM has a child in the same grade level and of the same gender as your child(ren). Your NFM will contact you prior to the start of school to arrange social opportunities for you, your child and your family to meet other families and children in your child's grade level.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to make connections prior to the start of school. During the school year, your NFM will continue to aid you in navigating the amazing activities and opportunities available for you and your child.

In addition, after the start of school, MS/HS Grade Level Coordinators (GLC's) and ES Room Moms will be assigned and serve as an additional resource for you regarding school-wide and division-specific information and events.

### MY NEW FAMILY MENTOR IS:

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