



FAYETTEVILLE ACADEMY

Parent Newsletter September 26, 2025



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Tiny scientists at work! Our 1st graders explore plant parts up close—stem, stamen, petals, and roots under the microscope!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28 - Independent Schools College Fair / 5:30 PM / New Gym

September 30 - Last Day to Order LS Supplies from School Tools

October 2 & 3 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (sign-ups below)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Share Your Experience on Niche

If you love being part of the Fayetteville Academy community and feel compelled to share your experience, we would be so grateful if you took a moment to leave a review on Niche. Your feedback not only celebrates what makes our school special, but also helps prospective families learn more about the FA experience. Every review—big or small—makes a difference in sharing our story.

[Leave a Review!](#)

Independent Schools College Fair

The annual Cumberland County Independent Schools College Fair will be held Sunday, September 28, from 5:30–6:30 PM in the Norris Gym. This is a great chance to meet with college representatives, ask questions, and gather valuable information for your future.

Register in advance using the link below. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Register Here!](#)
[Colleges in Attendance!](#)



College Fair Hospitality

We are excited to host the Cumberland County Independent Schools College Fair on Sunday, September 28. Each year, we provide a light dinner for the college representatives who visit our school, and we couldn't do it without your support! If you are able and willing, we would greatly appreciate your help by signing up to bring a food item.

- Drop-off: Sunday, September 28 at 4:30 PM
- Drop-off location: Cafeteria

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us make our college fair a warm and welcoming event for our guests.



Please sign up using the link below:

[Sign Up Here!](#)

ACT & SAT Testing at FA

Attention 11th and 12th Grade Students:

Fayetteville Academy will host the SAT and ACT on campus this year.

- SAT – November 8, 2025 (Register by October 24 on the College Board website)
- ACT – December 13, 2025 (Register by November 7 at ACT.org using our test center code 25800. Our site will not appear in MyACT because it is unlisted.)

Students may also register for any other SAT/ACT test date or location.

Additional Test Dates

- SAT: November 8, 2025 • March 14, 2026 • May 2, 2026 • June 6, 2026
 - ACT: December 13, 2025 • February 14, 2026 • April 11, 2026 • June 3, 2026
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M/US Self-Medication

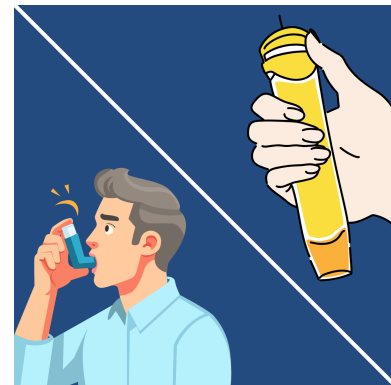
This is a reminder that any student who carries an EpiPen or inhaler must have a new Emergency Self-Medication Form on file each school year.

Please complete the attached form and return it to our school nurse, Mrs. Vantias, in the Lower School office.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mrs. Vantias at kvantias@fayacademy.org

Thank you for helping us ensure the health and safety of all our students.

[Self-Medication Form](#)



The Eagle Fund: The Power of ONE

The 2026 Eagle Fund campaign, The Power of One, is officially underway! Together, we're reaching for a bold goal of \$100,000 and aiming



for 100% participation from our current families. Be part of The Power of One by making your gift or pledge today:

- [Donate Today](#)
- [Pledge Today](#)

Explore FA's new [Guide to Giving Back](#) to see how your contribution can make an immediate impact and discover other meaningful ways to get involved in the Eagle community.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 2 & 3. To schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s), please click the link below to sign up via SignUp Genius. If you have any questions about available times, feel free to contact the teacher directly.



[Conference Sign-Up](#)

ISACS: Parent Series

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

You are invited to join us for the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) Parent Series! The series is a year-long program offering six (6) webinars designed for independent school parents and caregivers in all stages of their children's growth.



Please join us for the first webinar, *School Skills: Setting Kids Up for Success*, on Thursday, September 25, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Damour will address how to help children and teenagers manage uncomfortable emotions, adapt to new challenges, and cope with stress effectively. She also will cover when it's time to worry about how a child or teen is doing at school and, under those circumstances, what to do.

There is no charge for the webinars and all are welcome. Use the registration link: isacs.ws/PS25-26NCAIS to register for all webinars.

Please contact Dr. Sikes-Brown, Director of Student Support Services, at asikes-brown@fayacademy.org if you have any questions.

We hope you will join other independent school parents for the six evening webinars to help you support and guide your children in all areas of their development. We look forward to learning right along with you!

Italy 2027: Only 4 Spots Remain

Only 4 spots remain for our Summer 2027 Italy Tour! Imagine walking through the streets of Rome, standing inside the Colosseum, and visiting the Vatican. Picture yourself in Florence, surrounded by world-famous art and history, or taking in the beauty of Assisi while enjoying authentic Italian cuisine.

This unforgettable adventure is open to students currently in grades 7–11 (rising 9th and up in Summer 2027). Don't miss your chance to explore Italy with your classmates and friends, spaces are almost gone!

[Claim Your Spot!](#)



Help Our STEAM Students

The Middle & Upper School STEAM classes are seeking a few stuffed dogs and cats to help build a prototype for an upcoming project. They're hoping to collect about 20 stuffed animals. If you're able to donate or have any questions, please contact Schyler Garrett at sgarrett@fayacademy.org.



One More Week to Shop!

There's no better place to kick off your shopping than Fayetteville Academy's Charleston Wrap Fundraiser. Stock up on your favorite gift wrap, kitchen essentials, and so much more. The online store is open now, and students will receive packets on Monday.

For questions, please contact Mary Vanderzell at mvanderzell@fayacademy.org

[Register Now!](#)

Fayetteville Academy

REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP.
SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause. From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more, our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID: 11580

1. REGISTER
REGISTER now as a participant at www.register.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Dashboard. Very Important!

2. SHARE
INVITE 10+ friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using TEXT & EMAIL invitation tools. Don't forget to share on SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

3. SHOP
SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

Get Your Driver's Ed On—Fayetteville Academy Students!

Ready to hit the road safely and confidently? All American Drivers Education offers a specially designed driver education package exclusively for Fayetteville Academy students.

This program includes 30 hours of interactive classroom instruction, 6 hours of personalized behind-the-wheel lessons, plus an optional road test prep session. Classes run before school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:15–8:15 AM.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from licensed, caring instructors and get ahead on your driver's journey! Follow the link below for pricing and registration.

[Enroll Here](#)



Don't let this year fade away—capture it in COLOR!

From the very first day of school to championship wins, performances, class trips, and everything in between, our award-winning yearbook has it all. Every student. Every grade. Every moment.

[Buy Your Yearbook Now!](#)



Corporate Sponsorship

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2025–2026 school year, please contact Jasie Landeros, Director of Advancement.

jlanderos@fayacademy.org.



Lower School Families – It's Not Too Late To Order School Supplies!

Miss the deadline to have school supplies shipped directly to the school? No problem! You can still place your order and have the supplies shipped to your home. Orders must

be placed by September 30! Every purchase supports our Lower School and helps us provide planners for our students. Thank you for your continued support!

School Supply Kits



New Spirit Wear Arriving Soon

Don't miss your chance to grab the newest gear and show off your FA pride. Get yours today!

[School Store!](#)

Community Service Corner

Teaching our students to give back to our community is as important as the lessons they learn in the classroom. If you are in the know about any local opportunities, we would love to feature them in our newsletter in our new "Community Service Corner". Please feel free to reach out via email: agillis@fayacademy.org



NC Down Syndrome Alliance

On Sunday, October 19th, from 1-5 pm the NC Down Syndrome Alliance is hosting our largest event and fundraiser of the year at Sugg Farm in Holly Springs. We're in need of many volunteers to make this happen—we're expecting 2,000+ attendees! We need help in a variety of areas, from setting up t-shirt tents to monitoring the inflatables to assisting with our sensory tents... and much more.

North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 7:00 PM

Online Improvaneers and BINGO: Join teens/adults online for Bingo or Improv acting classes. Engage and participate with the youth to encourage their

activity.

Contact: christy@ncdsalliance.org

NCDSA Buddy Walk Info

Find more info about the NCDSA Buddy Walk, click [HERE](#).

Off-Road Outreach

October 10 & 11, 2025

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Veggies for Vets (Greenhouse Makeover): general gardening, clearing out greenhouse

*Must sign up on website

Contact: Stacey@offroadoutreach.org

Special Olympics Cumberland County

Tennis Invitational

October 11, 2025

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Contact: benjaminkowalczyk@fayettevillenc.gov

*Apply online

Soccer Invitational

November 1, 2025

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Contact: benjaminkowalczyk@fayettevillenc.gov

*Apply online

Cape Fear Botanical Garden

Heritage Family Farm Day

October 11, 2025

9:15 AM - 1:30 P

Contact: volunteers@capefearbg.org

*Application Required

Botanical

help with event or table activities

October 23-26, 2025

4:00 PM - 9: 15 PM

Contact: volunteers@capefearbg.org

*Application and 2 Hour training required

Assist staff with lawn games and table activities

October 14, 2025

5:15-9:30 PM

Contact: volunteers@capefearbg.org

*Application Required

Party of the Pines: Saving Our Savannas Art Night
(childre and family event)

Assist staff at creative art stations based on the exhibit Saving Our Savannas, such as pine needle

painting, pine tree cookie decorating, venus fly trap puppets, and more.

Veggie Garden

Every Wednesday (March-November)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Work with Master Gardeners--weeding and working with plants

Contact: volunteers@capefearbg.org

Horticulture

Every Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Assist staff in general garden maintenance

Contact: volunteers@capefearbg.org

Fayetteville Animal Protection Society

Year Rounds Needs

Care for animals, cleaning, etc.

Contact: volunteer@fapspet.org

Association of Bragg Spouses

October 18, 2025

5:00-8:00 PM

USO Trunk or Treat: help pass out candy

Contact: President@associationofbraggspouses.org

Fayetteville Urban Ministry, Inc.

10:00 Am - 1:00 PM

Service Saturday: Clothing closet, food pantry, beautification on inside and outside of building

Contact: hgreene@fayurbmin.org or

trobinson@fayurbmin.org

Sustainable Sandhills

Every 2nd Saturday

9:00-11:00 AM

Creek Cleanup: Picking up litter in our creeks and storm drains

Contact: trinity@sustainablesandhills.org

Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity

Community Clean-Ups and Shutter Builds

Contact: fcr@fayettevillenchabitat.org

FAPA News & Events

FAPA Meeting

Join FAPA on October 1 at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria.
Get updates from FAPA, Eagle Club and Arts & Entertainment Club all in one location!

Can't join us in person, join us via Zoom!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87573427195?pwd=llEF2UGaFJmRQbBWtSYBDnxHsOeMQk.1>

Meeting ID: 875 7342 7195
Passcode: 839825



Spirit Rock

Reserve the LS Spirit Rock! Sign-up to paint the rock for any special occasion. Your \$20 directly supports FAPA events.

[Reserve the Spirit Rock](#)



Eagle Club

The Fayetteville Academy Eagle Booster Club is composed of parents, faculty and staff, and friends of Fayetteville Academy with the focus of providing spirit and funding for athletics.

All of the money raised by the Eagle Booster Club goes to support ALL THE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS – team sports, the student sports medicine program and weight training.

Eagle Club encourages all parents to attend their meetings and find out what being a member is all about. Meeting dates are: **October 15, December 10, February 11 and April 15** (at 8:30 AM in the Cafeteria).

[Join Eagle Club!](#)



FA Arts & Entertainment Club

The FA Arts & Entertainment Club (AEC) is a dedicated parent-led organization committed to fostering and enhancing the arts at Fayetteville Academy.

Through fundraising efforts and promotional initiatives, the AEC provides vital support for a variety of artistic endeavors, including the highly anticipated Spring Musical and the vibrant Spring Arts Gala. Membership is just \$25, offering an opportunity to play a meaningful role in enriching the arts experience for students and the community. Join us in celebrating and sustaining the creative spirit at Fayetteville Academy!



[Join AEC!](#)

ATHLETICS NEWS



Sportsmanship

The Athletic Department would like our community to read the [sportsmanship policy](#) issued by the NCISAA. It is important that we are representing Fayetteville Academy well in our athletic competitions.

[NCISAA Sportsmanship Policy](#)

Sports Update

Varsity Girls Tennis had a strong week, defeating Greenfield 5-4 on Monday and O'Neal 6-3 on Tuesday.

Middle School Girls Volleyball lost to O'Neal on Tuesday but beat Grace Christian on Thursday, 2-1. Hard work pays off, way to go girls!

JV Girls Volleyball fell to Wayne Country Day on Monday. The team is building skills and showing progress every week.

Varsity Girls Volleyball faced tough competition, losing to Wayne Country Day on Monday and O'Neal on Tuesday. Their confidence and skills grow with each game.

Middle School Boys Soccer dominated O'Neal 6-1 on Tuesday.

Varsity Boys Soccer had a decisive win over



O'Neal, 6-0 on Tuesday.

Cross Country competed at Fayetteville Christian on Tuesday. Brooklyn Jackson placed 10th out of 54 varsity girls with a personal best time of 26:00.

Go Eagles!

[VIEW THE FULL ATHLETICS CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

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