

# THE Bear Claw



## FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

### NTI PROTOCOLS

#### Dreaming of Warmer Weather

While we're bundled up and dreaming of warmer days, now is the perfect time to imagine Summer 2027 in Greece and Italy—sun-soaked ruins, crystal-blue skies, and history coming to life. From standing beneath the Acropolis in Athens and exploring ancient Delphi, to walking the Roman Forum and soaking in the Renaissance beauty of Florence, this trip lets students step directly into the past while experiencing the vibrant culture of today.

Trade snowflakes for sunshine, coats for cobblestones, and winter blues for unforgettable memories. Sign up now and give your student something wonderful to look forward to—a true escape and an incredible learning experience all in one.

 Join us for Greece & Italy, Summer 2027:  
 [www.eftours.com/2934233UJ](http://www.eftours.com/2934233UJ)

#### MAP Matters: Parent Workshop – January 29, 2026

Understanding your child's academic progress is an important part of supporting their success, and we want to help make that information clear and meaningful for families.

We will host a MAP Matters Parent Workshop on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 5:30 PM. During this session, families will learn how to read and interpret MAP Growth reports, understand what the scores mean, and explore how MAP data is used to guide instruction and support student growth throughout the year.

To help us best support you, we are asking parents to pre-register for the workshop. Pre-registration will allow us to print current MAP reports for your child, so you can follow along with real, personalized data during the session.

We encourage all families to attend—whether this is your first time reviewing MAP data or you are looking to deepen your understanding.

We look forward to partnering with you as we continue to support every Britton Bear's growth and success

- [Registration Form](#)

#### THE BEAR NECESSITIES FOR SUCCESS

- Be Curious
- Be Kind
- Be Bold
- Be Responsible

#### VISION: BRITTON AND BEYOND

- Expose Students to Career Pathways in Health and Medical Sciences
- Ensure Equitable Access to Courses So Every Student Earns at Least One High School Credit.
- Provide Opportunities for Civic Engagement.
- Foster School Pride and a Sense of Belonging.

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM.
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball travels to Southern at 5:00 PM.
- Cheer practice at 6:00 PM.
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM
- SBDM meeting at 5:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. [Sign up here.](#)
- Crash in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM.
- Boys' basketball hosts LEX Middle at 5:00 PM
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Art Club in room C128 at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- MAP Matters Parent Presentation at 5:30 PM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball at Lexington Catholic at 10:00 AM

## LOOKING AHEAD...

- February 2: Boys' basketball hosts Bryan Station
- February 4: Boys' basketball travels to Bates Creek
- February 9: Boys' basketball hosts Morton
- February 11: Boys' basketball travels to Edythe J. Hayes
- February 12: SBDM council meeting
- February 13: Valentine's Dance
- February 14: Dance team Kiddie Camp
- February 16: No school
- February 18: Boys' basketball hosts Jessie Clark

The mission of Mary E. Britton Middle School is to foster a safe and supportive environment where every student is valued and inspired to reach their fullest potential. Through academic rigor, civic engagement, and strong relationships, we cultivate leaders prepared to thrive today and build a better tomorrow.



## Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Interest Form

Interested in being a part of the first season of our two lacrosse programs? Let us know by completing the interest survey below.

- [go.fcps.net/MEBLacrosseInterestForm](https://go.fcps.net/MEBLacrosseInterestForm)

## UK College of Education "Teachers Who Made a Difference"

Has a teacher made a difference in your life or your child's life? The [University of Kentucky College of Education](https://www.uky.edu/teachers) invites you to submit a nomination for the [Teachers Who Made a Difference](https://www.uky.edu/teachers) program. The teacher you nominate will be honored at an event hosted at UK's Kroger Field. To honor a teacher, visit [education.uky.edu/teachers](https://education.uky.edu/teachers). Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 31, or until the event reaches capacity. The number of teachers recognized is limited, so organizers ask that you limit your submission to one educator per year.

## INFO

### TIMES

- Doors open daily at 8:35 AM
- First period begins at 9:05 AM
- Dismissal is at 3:55 PM
- Walkers and car riders should be picked up by 4:15 PM

### LINKS

- [Absence form](#)
- [eOS](#)
- [Campus Parent](#)
- [Canvas](#)
- [Student and Family Handbook](#)
- [Voluntary Student Accident Insurance](#)
- [Consent for Outside Traceable Communication](#)
- [Tutoring sign ups](#)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [PhotoSnap \(Upload pics for the yearbook\)](#)
  - Access code: BEARS26

### CURRENT ENROLLMENT

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 240 (-1)
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: 181 (--)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 135 (--)
- **Total: 556 (-1)**



### BEAR HUGS

- The boys' seventh and eighth grade basketball team defeated Beaumont on January 21.
- Congratulations to our MEBMS BEARitones who were named to the FCPS All District Band. Members were Max England, Genessa Morel, Allison MOsher, Shinzo Nagano, Nabaa Alani, Norah Hoehne, and Wyatt Fields
- Congratulations to our academic team for placing second in the district in quick recall! Team captain Lawson Parsons also placed second in quick recall, fourth place in science, and fifth place in social studies!

## BEARS OF THE WEEK

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

#### GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, January 19... No school
- Tuesday, January 20... 91.79%
- Wednesday, January 21... 86.85%
- Thursday, January 22... 92.37%
- Friday, January 23... 91.82%

### STAFF ATTENDANCE

#### GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, January 19... No school
- Tuesday, January 20... 94.44%
- Wednesday, January 21... 98.42%
- Thursday, January 22... 91.11%
- Friday, January 23... 94.73%

### WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

#### SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 5
- Number in detention... 15
- RESET days... 1.26
- Suspension days... 3.5

#### SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 3
- Number in detention... 13
- RESET days... 3.75
- Suspension days... 0

#### EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 2
- Number in detention... 4
- RESET days... 0
- Suspension days... 0



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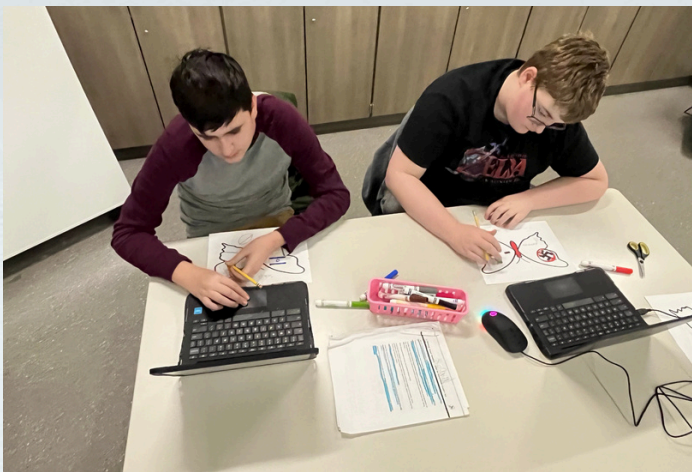
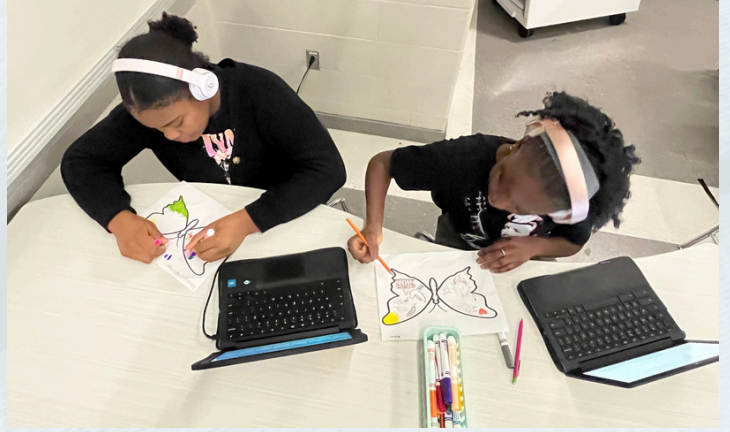
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# BEAR SNAPS



Mr. Brock and Mrs. Peugh's 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts classes worked on their butterfly projects as part of their *The Diary of Anne Frank* and Holocaust unit.

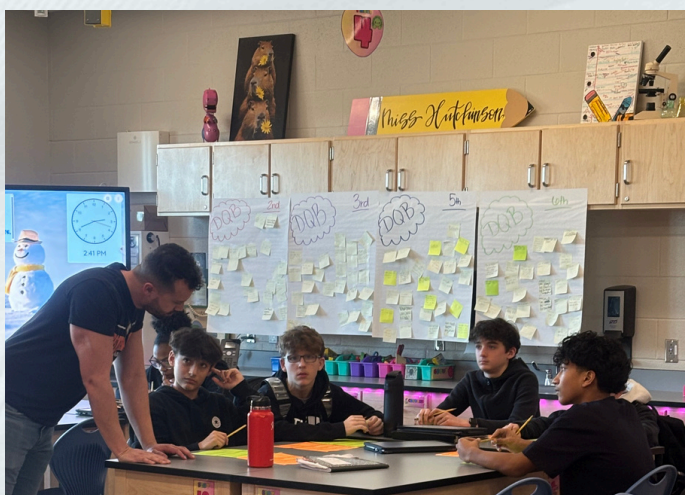




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**Left:** Congratulations to our MEBMS BEARitones who were named to the FCPS All District Band. Members were Max England, Genessa Morel, Allison MOsher, Shinzo Nagano, Nabaa Alani, Norah Hoehne, and Wyatt Fields (not pictured). **Below:** Students in Ms. Hutchinson's 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes chose a word to focus on or to strive towards as they make their transition from middle school to high school. Below are their pictures with their word as a reminder of their goals. **Below left:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders met with high school counselors to plan their transition!

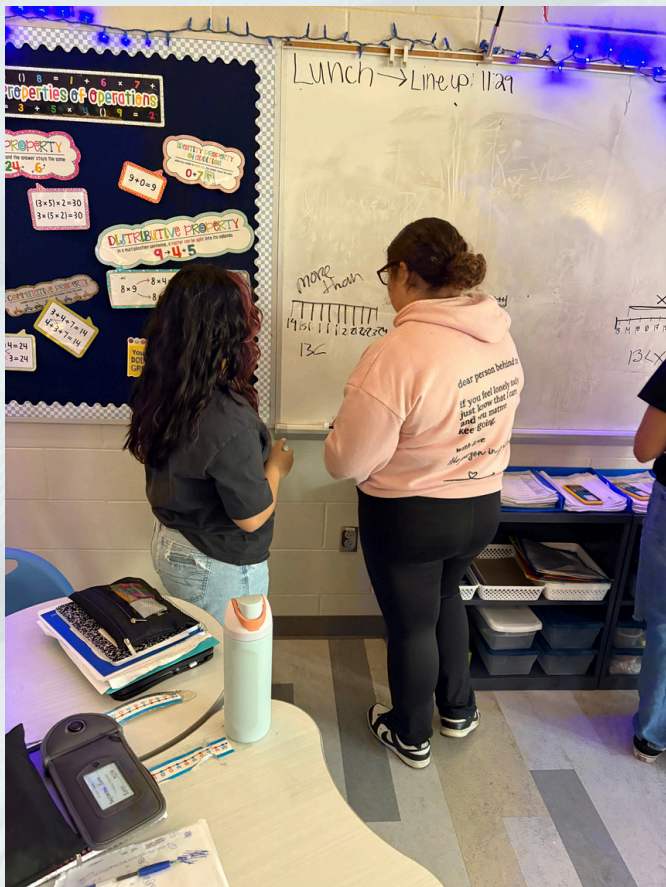


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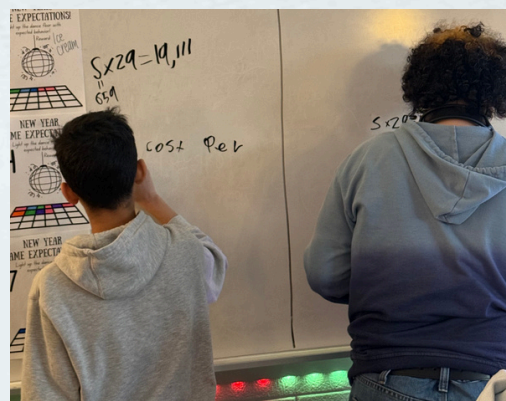
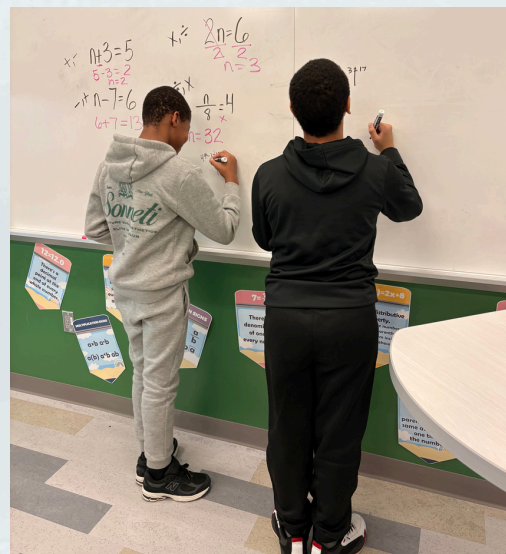
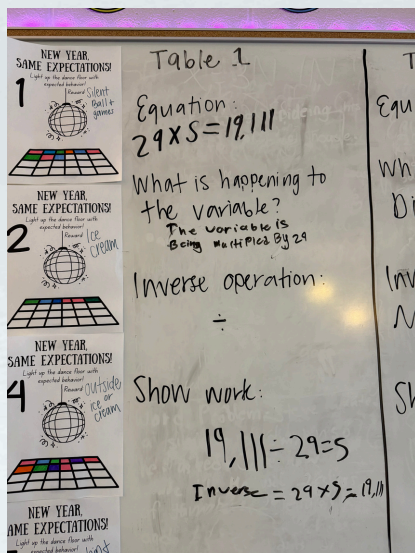
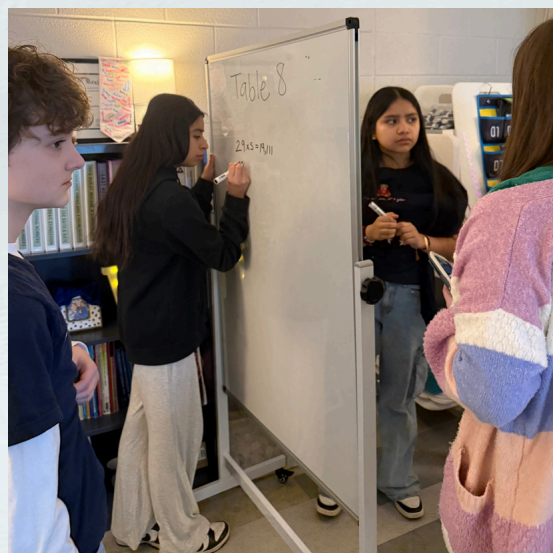




# BEAR SNAPS



7<sup>th</sup> grade math classroom implement the Thinking Classrooms concept.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

# ≡ RISING 9TH ≡ STUDENT & FAMILY NIGHT

**WELCOME, FUTURE BRNCOS!**

SCHEDULING INFORMATION • STUDENT TOURS  
MAGNET & SPECIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH @6:00 P.M.**

**FDHS AUDITORIUM**

2000 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

<https://go.fcps.net/FDHSschedulingwebsite>





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# MAP MATTERS INFORMATION NIGHT

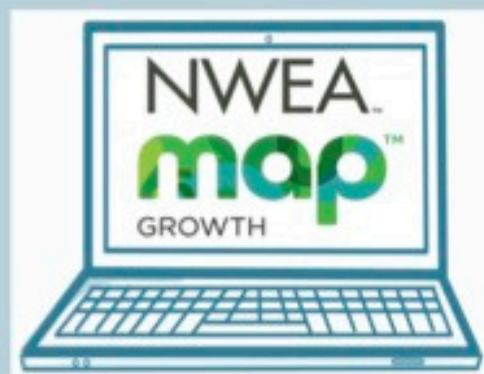
**JANUARY 29TH**

**5:30 PM-6:30 PM**



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- ✓ Understand your student's scores
- ✓ Explore how MAP data is used to guide instruction & support





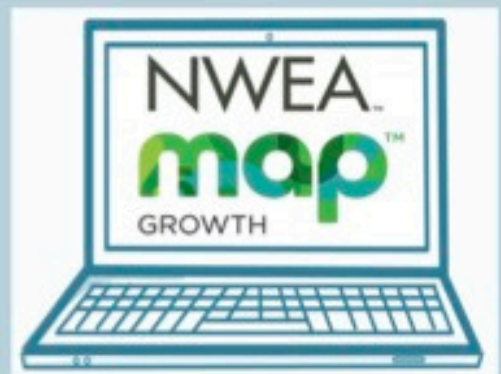
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# MAP ES IMPORTANTE NOCHE DE INFORMACIÓN

el 29 de enero  
5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Comprender el progreso académico de su hijo es importante para apoyar su éxito, y queremos ayudar a que esa información sea clara y significativa para las familias.

- ✓ Aprenda a leer e interpretar los informes de crecimiento MAP.
- ✓ Comprenda las calificaciones de su estudiante.
- ✓ Explore cómo se utilizan los datos de MAP para guiar la instrucción y el apoyo.



Henry Clay High School  
*Class of 2030*

# PARENT ORIENTATION



**Parents & Guardians of the Henry  
Clay High School Class of 2030:**

Please join us on Thursday, January 29,  
2026 to learn more about our school!

## **Parent Orientation - 6:30 PM**

HCHS Theater (Main Foyer)

Hear from school counselors about  
graduation requirements, scheduling  
info, pathways, and much more!

Other events prior to the Parent Meeting:

## **HCHS Club & Activity Fair - 5:30-6:30**

HCHS Cafeteria

Learn more about our clubs, sports, &  
programs. PTSA will have HC swag for sale.

## **AP/Dual Credit/PSR Session - 5:30-6:00**

HCHS Theater

Learn more Advanced Placement and  
Dual Credit classes offered at HC.

THURSDAY  
**JANUARY**  
**29**

6:30 PM

**RSVP**



RSVP is not required for attending!



# TEACHING & LEARNING

*at Frederick Douglass High School*

## Join us if you:

- Enjoy hands-on learning in real teaching environments
- Want to pursue a career in education or leadership
- Want to obtain paraeducator certification your senior year and have application preference when applying to FCPS

## Qualifications

- Resident of Fayette County
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> grader
- 2.5 GPA
- 60<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in Reading

**Apply by January 30**

<https://www.fcps.net/academicprograms/masp>



# BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

*at Frederick Douglass High School*

## Join us if you:

- Love math and science
- Enjoy hands-on learning (labs, dissections)
- Want to pursue a career in the science or medical field

## Qualifications

- Resident of Fayette County
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> grader
- Algebra 1 with C or higher
- Science grade of B or higher

**Apply by January 30**

<https://www.fcps.net/academicprograms/masp>



**BOYS VOLLEYBALL  
OPEN GYM INFO**

**WED, 2/4 7:30-9:30PM**

**WED, 2/11 7:30-9:30PM**

**MAIN GYM**

**Questions?**

**Email:**

**[fdhs.boys.volleyball@gmail.com](mailto:fdhs.boys.volleyball@gmail.com)**



***BOYS  
VOLLEYBALL  
TRYOUTS***

**THURS, 2/19**

**7:30-9:30PM**

**AUX GYM**

**Questions?**

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