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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

This report provides an update on the school division's performance and on student and staff achievements from the previous school year. Each household in Fauquier County receives a postcard directing them to the electronic report. Hard copies are also available upon request at (540) 422-7020. The Superintendent's Annual Reports are archived on the school division website.

## SCHOOL SUPPORT COUNCIL

The division superintendent meets monthly with this parent group to discuss topics of interest and hear concerns. The council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the School Board Office conference room at 320 Hospital Drive. While each school is asked to provide a representative, SSC meetings are open to all interested parents.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S NIGHT**

The school board chair and the superintendent meet in an informal setting to discuss specific issues with anyone making an appointment through the school board clerk. Chairman's Night is held on the fourth Monday of each month at 5 p.m. in the School Board Office at 320 Hospital Drive. To make an appointment, call the school board clerk at (540) 422-7005 or use the sign-up form located on the school board's page on the school division website.

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#### **CITIZEN'S TIME**

Time is designated near the beginning of each monthly school board meeting for citizens to voice comments and concerns on school issues. The school board meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Falcon Room at Fauquier High School (Exception: In February and June the board meets at Liberty High School unless otherwise announced.)

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#### PRC NEWS GOOGLE GROUP

The Parent Resource Center News Googple Group is an automated communication system for anyone who chooses to subscribe. When you opt into this email service, you will receive updates about the FCPS Parent Resource Center monthly newsletters and workshops, local events, and other information primarily of interest to families and professionals supporting students with IEPs. To subscribe to this group, send an email (from the email address you wish to subscribe) to prc-news+subscribe@fcps1schools.net, and you will be automatically subscribed.

## **ONE HARD QUESTION**

The FCPS superintendent answers tough questions about the school division from students, parents and community members in a web page video feature called "One Hard Question." Questions should be emailed to ohq@fcps1.org. The superintendent selects questions for the broadest audience, and his answers are archived on the web site.

# COMMUNICATION MATTERS



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## WEBSITE — www.fcps1.org

The school division website is the home of an enormous amount of information useful to the school community. Is school closed today? What's for lunch at my child's school? How do I contact the School Board? Find it all on the website

## "CONTACT US"

The "Contact Us" feature on the school division website allows anyone interested to ask a question or send a comment. Once you complete the email form, the question or comment is sent to the school division's coordinator of information for response or referral to the appropriate person.

## **NEWS GOOGLE GROUP**

The FCPS News Google Group is an automated communication system for anyone who chooses to subscribe — parents, students, staff and community members. When you opt in to this email service, you will receive school division emergency announcements as they occur. You will also receive a weekly email that lists the headlines of all FCPS news releases posted during that week — at which point you may click on only those that interest you. To subscribe to this group, simply send an email (from the email address you wish to subscribe) to fcps-news+subscribe@fcps1.schools.net, and you will be automatically subscribed.

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#### SCHOOL MESSENGER

Parents and guardians are automatically enrolled in this notification system which includes phone calls (student's primary residence only), email and text messaging of emergency announcements, including school closings, delays, and early dismissals. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all of his or her contact information is correct at the school building level.

## **TWITTER**

Receive Tweets by following @fcps1Alerts for emergency notifications or @fcps1News for all news releases.

#### **MOBILE APP**

The FCPS Mobile App may be downloaded on Apple and Android phones.



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#### **VOICE, VISION AND VIEWPOINTS**

The FCPS coordinator of information produces an employee newsletter which is distributed to employees electronically. The newsletter is archived on the school division website for community access.

## **RADIO AND TV**

Various stations are notified of inclement weather announcements affecting school. The stations are listed on the school division website under "School Closings and Delays" on the Communications Department's page.

# SCHOOL INFORMATION LINE *PHONE (540) 422-7250*

Call the number above for a message recorded in both English and Spanish announcing school closings, delays and early dismissals.

#### **INFINITE CAMPUS**

The FCPS student information system allows teachers and school personnel to send emails with school-related information. Campus Portal provides parents with access to official student records and annual on-line registration.

#### BLACKBOARD

BBLearn is a learning management software that permits communication between teachers and students.