



THE CARDINAL



Preparing for a New School Year

The 2017–2018 school year is just around the corner. Here are a few guidelines for a strong start and a successful year at the Fairfax Christian School.

JupiterEd

FCS uses JupiterEd as an online grade book, communication tool and information hub. Parents will receive an email with login instructions before the school year begins. Please contact the Main Office with any questions.

Uniforms and Dress Code

All uniform pieces must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara. Students are expected to arrive on their first day in uniform.

The 2017–2018 Dress Code is available in the Main Office and on JupiterEd. Please put your student's name on all uniform pieces to prevent permanent loss.

iPads

New Middle and High School students need to purchase an iPad (new or used). Other tablet brands are not permitted. Any full-sized iPad, third generation or later, is acceptable.

All students with iPads must have a signed iPad Policy Agreement. This policy allows students to have

a better educational experience with their iPads. Students should bring their fully charged iPads to school daily. iPads should have a cover or case to keep them protected.

FCS does not allow students to use "jailbroken" iPads. "Jailbreaking" is a process by which the default operating system of a device is deliberately altered. Student iPads must run the most recent iOS version that their device supports.

Students are not permitted to use LTE, 4G or hotspots to connect to the internet while on campus. All students must keep their WiFi connection turned off unless a teacher has asked the class to login specifically for an activity.

Gaming apps may not be installed on students' iPads (except when a teacher instructs students to download an educational gaming app from the approved list).

Teachers may delete any games found on a student's iPad. iPad sounds must be muted at all times unless part of classwork.

Students are expected to access JupiterEd daily for assignments. Some classes will use ebooks and supplemental materials on the iPad. Teachers may administer

tests and quizzes using Juno, our online testing app. Students may also use their iPads for word processing, study, research and presentations.

Students must cite online sources by URL and date where applicable. Please remember that it is illegal to copy large sections of a copyrighted work without the author's permission.

Failure to comply with the rules in the FCS iPad Acceptable Use Policy will be considered an Honor Code violation and result in disciplinary action accordingly.

Summer Reading

There's still time to read a few books on the Summer Reading list! Students may earn extra credit for up to four book reports on the reading list for their grade level. Please see our website or contact the office for more details.

Lunch Program

This year FCS has partnered again with Smart Lunches. This service allows students to have lunches tailored to their tastes and dietary needs. Interested families can get more information and sign up at www.smartlunches.com.

News & Events

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 16 10:30am	New Campus Groundbreaking Ceremony
Friday, August 18 9:00am – 3:00pm	Uniform Exchange (<i>new & returning families</i>)
Thursday, August 24 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Homestay Orientation (<i>required for all Homestay families</i>)
Monday, August 28 through Friday, September 1	International Student Placement Testing
Tuesday, September 5 9:00am – 12 noon 5:00pm – 6:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	<u>Orientation Day:</u> Lower School Open House International Orientation Middle & High School Orientation

Uniform Donations

Graduates, returning and non-returning students are encouraged to donate to the Uniform Exchange. Please bring lightly used uniform pieces to the Main Office from 8:00am to 3:00pm on or before Thursday, August 17.

Girls' Volleyball Camp

There will be a week-long Girls' Volleyball camp from Monday, August 28, through Friday, September 1, from 9:00am to 12 noon. The camp will take place at the FCS outdoor basketball court. Girls should bring water and wear appropriate clothing. Girls in 5th through 12th grade with an interest in joining the fall Girls Volleyball team are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the school.

2017 Graduates Spotlight



Every graduate is special. This year we had two extraordinary graduates, Grace Thlawur and Deborah Ishaya, who risked their lives to receive an education. These frightened, optimistic and brave girls were kidnapped and managed to escape captivity by Boko Haram, a group whose name translates in their local dialect as "western education is a sin." A horrific event that

began for them in the middle of the night on April 15th, 2014, when armed men posing as Nigerian military, there to protect them, herded them from their school before looting and burning it. The boarding school, which had recently been closed to protect students from attacks that had become commonplace in the region, had only just reopened the day before to allow students to take their final exams.

In spite of the many challenges they've faced on their journey to acquire an education and to live free from oppression, Grace and Deborah are capable, intelligent and kind young women with the world open before them. We wish them well and hope they will always remember that they have family here at the Fairfax Christian School.

Dulles Campus Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Fairfax Christian School has been working tirelessly to meet and exceed the expectations of our students and parents. To that end, we have made the first steps associated with the building of our new Dulles campus. We hope you will join us for our groundbreaking ceremony to acknowledge this significant milestone in the growth of the Fairfax Christian School. You, as parents, students, alumni, friends and faculty have been a big part of making it possible for FCS to achieve its full potential. The groundbreaking for our new campus in the Dulles area is a major step toward realizing our shared goals. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Wednesday, August 16, at the new campus site located at 22870 Pacific Boulevard, Dulles, Virginia 20166, at 10:30am.



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Annual Golf Scramble

The Fairfax Christian School hosted another fun and successful golf scramble at Hidden Creek Country Club. This year's winners were FCS Alumni James and John Lee, Nathan Shin and James Park.



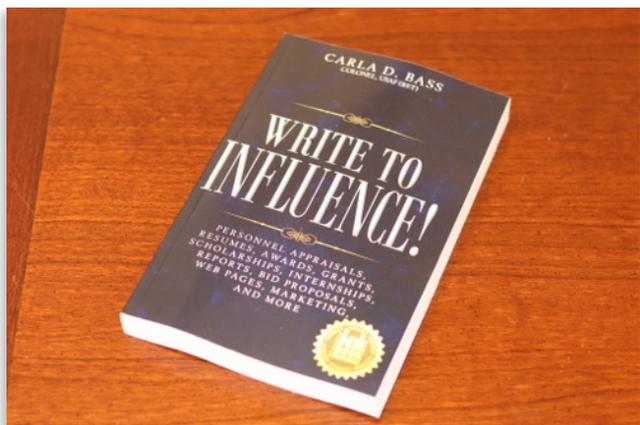
FCS Students in Motion



Way to go Hayden Weaver!
She competed in another triathlon on Saturday, May 27, 2017. This time she participated in the Rev3 Salute to the Military Triathlon in Warrenton, Virginia.
She finished in 2nd place for her age group.



Featured Alumna: Mrs. Carla D. Bass



Col. Carla D. Bass, a Fairfax Christian School alumna, is the author of the book, *Writing to Influence! Personal Appraisals, Resumes, Awards, Grants, Scholarships, Internships, Reports, Bid Proposals, Web Pages, Marketing, and More*. Her book has received high praise and was recently recognized by the Next Generation Indie Book Award in the Career category as a finalist. Mrs. Bass was kind enough to autograph copies of her book for all of our graduating class of 2017. She is in development of a new version of her book geared to middle-school-age children to teach

them to be clear, concise and compelling with their use of the written word.

Col. Bass graduated from the Fairfax Christian School in 1973. She has fond memories of her time with us, ones she wouldn't trade for the world. By her senior year, she had met all of her academic requirements in the previous years, which enabled her to take five languages; Spanish, French, Latin, German and Russian. Her heavy exposure to foreign languages in high school fostered an ability that led her to study Russian in college and to later teach herself Turkish and Bulgarian. To this day, her mastery of many languages brings her great joy. Carla fondly remembers her seventh-grade English teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Gelwicks at the Fairfax Christian School, who instilled in her a deep appreciation and love of the English language and grammar in particular.



Carla is the president of the Orlean Community Trail System and a board member of the National Military Intelligence Foundation. She and her husband, Lynn Reeves, enjoy life in the Virginia countryside with their cocker spaniel, Cash. They have two grown children, Sarah and Eric.

Fun facts: While in high school, Carla was 1st runner-up at the national level in a sewing contest. She adores baking (especially the desserts featured on the cover of Southern Living magazine) and revels in throwing crazy, elegant dinner parties. She describes riding a horse as "pure bliss." Carla once took six months of polo lessons, which she describes as, "Croquet on a horse, doesn't get any better!" Her passions – writing and teaching others to write, of course!

Field Day!

Students took an afternoon off for fun and games at Field Day! The students had a great time playing all of the games, participating in the activities and just enjoying the nice weather with friends. The annual Students vs. Staff volleyball tournament ended in a draw for the second year in a row. There's always next year students.



FCS Summer Programs

Our Summer English Institute and our U.S. Culture Camp offer students an opportunity to explore, engage and expand their minds.

Students excel in our intensive summer English classes which are designed to quickly increase English skills. A comprehensive placement test is used to place each student in the appropriate levels for phonics, reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, conversation, public speaking and TOEFL preparation. Students work in small groups with personal attention from FCS teachers. They also attend weekly educational field trips.

Our U.S. Culture Camps are designed for groups of students interested in learning about U.S. culture and education. The program includes daily lessons and corresponding field trips.



Staff Feature: Mrs. Jenny McCambridge



Mrs. Jenny Han McCambridge joined the FCS staff as the Admissions Director in the spring of 2017. Prior to joining FCS she was the assistant director at another private school in Northern Virginia. Previously she worked as in-house counsel for an international firm based in Manhattan.

Mrs. McCambridge has long been passionate about education. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Rochester, then further pursued her thirst for knowledge at the University of Miami Law School. She went on to earn her J.D. and LL.M. from New York University School of Law.

Mrs. McCambridge, has had a passion for educational admissions since her time serving on the alumni board at both The Hotchkiss School in Connecticut and for the University of Rochester.

Jenny has lived in the Northern Virginia area for nine years. She and her husband Patrick have four children and currently

reside in Great Falls. Throughout her life, she has lived and traveled all around the globe. She developed an interest in international educational programs from her time spent in foreign countries, including South Africa, Switzerland, France and Korea.

She loves working with our students and promoting our school and our international program. She is excited to work with Fairfax Christian School families and to be a part of taking our school to the next level in the new campus.

When she isn't working, she enjoys spending time playing with her children and attending political events with her husband.

2017 Graduates!

