

# THE FARQUHAR NEWS

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WEEKLY EDITION

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

February 16-19: African American Heritage events

February 17: Northeast Consortium (NEC) Registration Night for Grade 8 students and parents (at students' assigned high school), please read attached information

February 18: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation Meeting and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Scheduling Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., upper gym for Welcome and Introductions

February 19: PTA dance 7-9 p.m., tickets will only be sold at the door, \$5

February 22: All registration cards due: to elementary schools for current 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to counselors for current 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades

February 25: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

February 26: Honor Roll & Straight A celebration and picture, a.m.

February 26: Early release day: planning/grades, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

March 2: Orchestra Festival, Wootton HS

March 2: Interims mailed home

March 4: Band Festival, Clarksburg HS

March 4: Students vs. Teachers Basketball game, 2:45-4 p.m., upper gym

March 8-17: Maryland State Assessment (MSA) testing begins with modified bell schedules. March 8-17 modified bell schedules will be published around March 1.

MSA Reading:	March 8-9	Grade 6
	March 10-11	Grades 7, 8

MSA Math:	March 12 & 15	Grade 6
	March 16-17	Grades 7, 8

March 9: Boys and Girls soccer tryouts begin, please read attached information

March 9: PTA general meeting (7-8:30 p.m.), lmc

March 12: PTA newsletter deadline

March 16-18: Soccer tryouts continue

March 19: Career Café, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

March 19: PTA Roadrunner Night, 7-9:30 p.m.

## 2010-11 COURSE REGISTRATION UPDATES

Due to schedule changes, below are updates for 2010-11 course registration:

### **HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**Sherwood HS:** Counselors will be visiting FMS on Thursday, February 18 to distribute high school registration materials. Due dates and instructions will be provided at that time.

**Blake HS/NEC:** Registration materials will be distributed at the parent meetings at the assigned high school on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. (see below). Please arrive at the meeting by 6:30 p.m. to allow time to pick up your child's high school registration card. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your child will receive her or his registration card on Thursday at her or his middle school.

The deadline for returning the completed registration card to the middle school has been extended to Monday, February 22.

### **CURRENT 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> GRADES:**

Students have received registration materials in math classes. Registration cards are due on Monday, February 22 to the student's counselor. Parent Information Meeting: February 18, 7 pm

### **CURRENT 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

Mr. Ingram, incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, will be visiting all feeder schools February 17-19 to distribute registration materials. Registration cards are due to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on Monday, February 22. Parent Orientation Meeting: February 18, 7 pm

## LOOKING AHEAD....BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

Tryouts begin on March 9. Tryouts will be held from 2:45-4:30 p.m. on the afternoons of March 9-11 and March 16-18, and the 4:30 p.m. sports will be available. The following forms are required prior to tryouts: parent/guardian permission, medical card, and current physical (good for two years). Forms are available through the PE department or soccer coaches. Please return girls' forms to Coach Vukovich and boys' forms to Coach Dworin. If your child makes the team, a one-time extracurricular activity fee (\$30) is required by the county. If you have any questions, please contact [John M Vukovich@mcpsmd.org](mailto:John_M_Vukovich@mcpsmd.org) or [Jonathan M Dworin@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jonathan_M_Dworin@mcpsmd.org)

## STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING AWARD MODIFICATION

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, all students who meet the 75 hour Student Service Learning (SSL) graduation requirement by the first Friday in April of a middle school year will receive a Superintendent's SSL Award. Due to this year's scheduled spring break and the holiday on April 2, 2010, middle school students will have until the second Friday in April (April 9, 2010) to qualify for this award. For additional modifications to the middle school SSL awards program, please visit the MCPS SSL website at: [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org)

## HELPFUL LINKS

Updates News & Information: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/farquharms/)  
Calendar: <http://coldfusion.mcps.k12.md.us/cfms/webteam/calendar/calendar.cfm?calendarID=farquharms>  
Staff Directory: <http://coldfusion.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/directory/index.cfm?s=dbd&pl=03507>  
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Daily Cafeteria Menu: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv)  
H1N1 Information: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/h1n1/>  
Student Service Learning: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>  
Bullying: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/230-35.shtm>  
*PrepTalk*: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>  
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