

WARRIOR NEWS

FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL

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We're Open for Business!



August 12, 2019—11755 Dwyer Road—Home of the Warriors

The lazy days of Summer 2019 have ended and Warrior Land is once again populated with students and educators ready to begin their journey unto teaching and learning.

On campus are classrooms that are decorated to encourage students to succeed. The hallowed halls in this building have witnessed Warriors since October 2012. If these walls could talk, they would tell you stories about the joy of little ones recognizing their first printed word, instruction in the four operations of mathematics, social studies lessons about the Civil War, conversations about Native Americans, enslaved ancestors, European explorers, and Latino and Asian immigrants. Science projects involving the rock cycle. Aw wow! The sound of music drifting through the halls—young musicians learning to sing jazz songs popularized by Ella Fitzgerald, the wonder of getting that first musical tone from a horn, the beauty of creating something in art with your hands. Lessons in research in the computer lab on just about anything. Leaving campus to learn how to swim at Joe Brown Park. Book Fairs, Fall Festivals, February's Black History Programs, After School Dances, Field Trips, Kindergarten Graduation Day and that last culminating activity as an 8th grader, accompanied by unexpected tears. "Never a dull moment," our walls would tell you. Listen and learn about this positive place to learn and grow. ###



Warriors are always prompt, polite, prepared, and productive! These are our 4Ps of behavior expectations for all our students. Does your warrior exhibit these qualities? That's our goal!

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September 6, 2019
Dear Parents/Guardians

Principal's Message

This week ends our first month of the 2019-2020 school year. So many positive things are going on at FCWCS. I need to stress the importance of attendance for our kids.

Classes are back in session and we need all students present and on time each day. Remember our 4Ps (Warriors are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive)! It is our blueprint to a great school year. We've got a 169 days to move our students forward.

Their daily attendance is important to achieve this. Within this newsletter is a list of the school's holidays and professional development days for teachers. Students are not in attendance during these breaks. They are great opportunities to handle doctor, optometrist and dentist appointments. Missed days are difficult for many of our students to handle. We need to give them every opportunity to succeed in the classroom. Their attendance will help to achieve this. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time—7:20 am for breakfast or by 8:00 am if they are eating that first meal at home. Tardy children spend the entire morning trying to “catch up.”

As always, I appreciate your confidence in our team of educators—thank you for entrusting your child with us at Fannie C. Williams Charter.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Upcoming Campus Events September 2019

- 2 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL**
- 3 AfterSchool Care Begins,
3:00-5:00 pm, Monday-Friday
- 11 1st Qtr. Progress Reports Conference,
4 pm - 6 pm (NO AfterSchool Care)
- 11 World's Finest Chocolate Candy Sale
Begins
- 12 Fall School Pictures
- 23 FCW Club Day
- 27 Professional Development (PD)
NO SCHOOL for Students**
- 30 Scholastic Fall Book Fair Begins

October 2019

- 2 1st Quarter Study Guides Issued
- 4 Grandparent's Day, Time: TBA; Book
Fair
- Ends
- 5 Fannie “Fund” Run, Time: 9 am
- 7-10 1st Quarter Exams
- 11 1st Quarter Ends (42 days)
- 11 FCWCS Goes Pink Volleyball Game
- 16 LEAP Parent Night
- 17-21 Fall Break, NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Red Ribbon Week
- 23 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued to
Students; FCW Club Day**
- 31 Trunk or Treat



We Always Need Updated Contact Information!

Remember: keep the main office updated regarding your contact information. Please don't change your number, home address, or e-mail without letting us know.

It is very important that we can reach you in an emergency—for example, medical personnel (EMS) don't like to handle minors unless a parent has given authority to do so. We also use our “robo-call” system to contact you in the case of an unexpected school closing due to weather or civil emergencies, etc. (in the last three years we have experienced a tornado, the unexpected closing of school twice due to

hurricanes, tropical storms, and frigid weather conditions). Maybe the school bus returned your child to school—we can't call you to let you know your scholar is safe if we don't have your current number. We love to give our parents a heads up when we can—but we must have current contact information.

Help keep our records up-to-date! Use the sample form below as a guide to what information is needed and on a sheet of paper write the requested info and send back to school or come into the office and fill out a form there. Be sure to include your child's name and your name on the message. We appreciate your help. Thanks. ###

FCWCS Contact Information Update

Today's Date ____/____/20____

Please print legibly

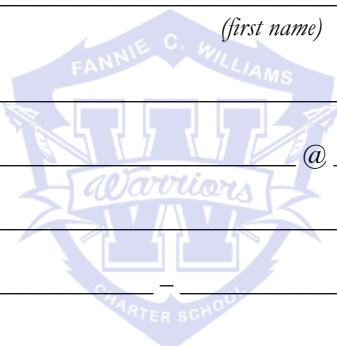
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(last name) (first name)

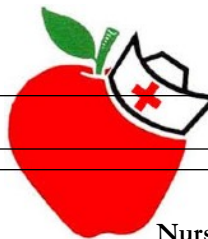
Parent's/Guardians Name _____ Cell # (____) ____-____

E-mail Address _____@_____._____

Home Address _____ Apt. # _____ New Orleans, LA 701_____

Home Phone # (Landline) (____) ____-____ Additional children? Include their names and grades also on your form. Thank you!





We've run this blurb twice before, but it still holds true . . .

Thanks to all who faithfully read the WN You make all our hard work and efforts worth the time and costs it takes to produce this newsletter. **It is our way of communicating with you all the great things that happen on our campus!** Each issue is like a time capsule of the previous month. Have you ever spotted your scholar in a picture? We hope so!

The **WN** is archived on the school's website (fcwcs.org). Old copies from as far back as 2011 can be found in color! This issue marks the start of our 13th year of publishing the **WARRIOR NEWS**.

—The Administration & Editor

Do you have gently used uniforms that your child has outgrown from last year? We're seeking male & female uniforms . . .

Used Uniform Drive

Kids outgrow uniforms, older students leave, headed to high school or parents move their homes to another community. All these examples will produce uniforms that can no longer be used at your child's new school. Our counseling department will gladly take them off your hands and provide them with a new home!

We've had students to lose everything in

a house fire, students who have arrived from out-of-town with literally just the clothes on their backs, kids have "accidents" at school—there are zillions of reasons why we can always use spare uniforms. (the school nurse, deans, counselors will accept them). We appreciate your kindness and so will the kid who is just trying to "fit in" as a Warrior!

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from the desk of

Nurse Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N

WELCOME to a healthy 2019-2020 school year!

My office exists to help keep students at their physical best—healthy students will succeed in the classroom. A sick child can not be productive! Parents are reminded that sick children should not be sent to school. We are not equipped to handle ill children for a full school day. We appreciate your understanding.

I hope you had the opportunity this summer to ensure that your child's annual check up and immunization needs are up-to-date. Students who don't have current "shots" will not be allowed to attend classes. When you are sent notifications and permission slips for inoculations done at school, please take the time to sign and return immediately to me.

Let's work hard to keep all our Warriors healthy and excelling. A healthy school is a productive school.

—Nurse Cheryl Robichaux



2019-2020

(mark your calendars)

1st Q - Wed., September 11th

2nd Q - Wed., November 13th

3rd Q - Wed., February 5th

4th Q - Wed., April 22nd

All conferences are held from 4 pm - 6 pm. No AfterCare on these dates!

FCWCS & Hancock Whitney Partners for Year Two of School Banking

Information regarding the Bank at School Program was sent home for parents to enroll their child in the savings account program. This is our second year partnering with the Hancock Whitney Bank on Read Blvd.

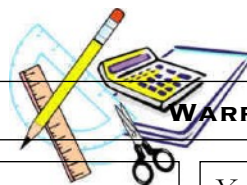
The application needs to be completed with important personal info for both the custodial parent and the minor's (student's) information for participants. Parents may sign their scholar up on September 11th, during the 4 pm - 6 pm Parent-Teacher Conferences. **The account remains free of service charges until the child turns 18.**

The second Wednesday of each month will be Hancock Whitney Wednesday at FCWCS. This will take place from September through May. Students can bring their deposits to school and reps from HW will handle the transaction. **Cash deposits will be limited to \$25.00 and coin deposits will be limited to \$10.00. Checks to be deposited are at an unlimited amount.**

Hancock Whitney Wednesday will be on the following dates for 2019-2020 at 1:00 pm: Sept. 11th (4pm - 6pm), Oct. 9th, Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th, Mar. 11th, Apr. 8th, and May 13th.

What a great way to teach children to SAVE some of their money—a lifelong skill.

*—Mrs. B. Watson, Finance Mgr.,
FCWCS*



Dennis Photofinishing will be on campus on the following dates:

Fall Pictures

Thurs., Sept. 12th

(school uniforms looking there best needed—all students will be photographed to update the school's database)



Santa Pictures

Thurs., Dec. 5th

Bunny Pictures

Wed., Mar. 18th

Cost and additional information will be sent home in Monday's Warrior Folder.

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2019-2020 Academic Quarters

1st Q (42 days)
Aug. 12-Oct. 11

2nd Q (41 days)
Oct. 14-Dec. 19

3rd Q (42 days)
Jan. 7-Mar. 13

4th Q (44 days)
Mar. 16-May 21

Total Days: 169

Students must be present at least 159 days to meet the academic requirements needed to move to the next grade.

###

2019-2020 Report Cards Days

(Parents, report cards will be issued to students, please mark your calendars so you will know when to expect them)

1st Q – Wed., October 23rd

2nd Q – Mon., January 13th

3rd Q – Mon., March 23rd

4th Q – Thurs., May 21st *(last day of school)*
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2019-2020 Professional Development Days for Teachers

(NO SCHOOL for Students on these days)

~~Fri., August 30th~~

Fri., Sept. 27th

Fri., Dec. 20th

Fri., Jan. 31st

Fri., Feb. 21st

Fri., Mar. 27th



2019-2020 School Holidays

Sept. 2–
Labor Day

Apr. 9 - 14
Spring Break

Oct. 17 - 21
Fall Break

Nov. 25 - 29
Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 20 - Jan. 3
PD, Winter Break

Jan. 20
MLK, Jr. Birthday

Feb. 21 - Feb. 28
PD, Mardi Gras Break



Your scholar has a special assignment and your family doesn't have a computer or internet access? Visit the . . .

New Orleans Public Library

www.nolalibrary.org

There are 15 branches of the New Orleans Public Library. These branches are closest to FCWCS—

Main Library

219 Loyola Avenue

East New Orleans Regional Library

5641 Read Blvd.


Norman Mayer Library

3001 Gentilly Blvd.

Nora Navra Library

1902 St. Bernard Ave.

You can borrow books, movies, music and surf the Internet at your local library—and its FREE! Hours vary by branch location, check days and times on the library's website. ###



FREE live one-on-one tutoring
certified tutors covering all subjects K-College
Sunday-Thursday
2pm-10pm

FREE! with your library card



Now accessible from your mobile device!

Please read, new time for this year





2018-2019

Join us in congratulating two of the hardest working educators on our campus last year (drum roll please) . . .

Helene Grey
2nd Grade Teacher

Leila Robinson

*Paraprofessional, Grades 1st & 2nd
Chosen by popular vote of faculty & staff!*



*Teachers of the Year Winners pictured with Principal Kelly Batiste (center),
Leila Robinson (left) and Helene Grey (right). Congratulations ladies on a job well done!*
###



Top Seller wins \$200 CASH

FCWCS's Annual

World's Finest Chocolate Fund Raiser

will be held

Wed., September 11th

to

Fri., November 22nd

*Please selling a box or two to raise money for our school's
many activities! Prizes for the top sellers! Half of all money
goes to our Warrior Band.*

Thank you!

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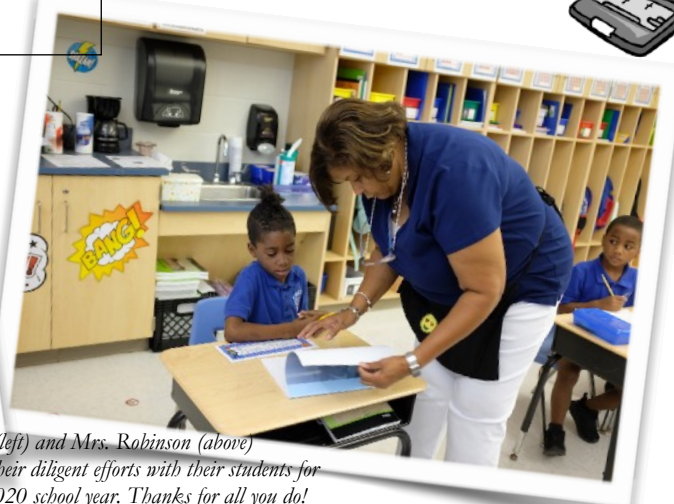
Technology Fee

*Have you submitted your child's technology fee for the
2019-2020 school year? It's how we keep our desktops,
chrome books, laptops, and i-pads current and in good
working order! Cash or money orders only. Thank you!*

\$10.00



*Mrs. Grey (left) and Mrs. Robinson (above)
continuing their diligent efforts with their students for
the 2019-2020 school year. Thanks for all you do!*



Coming Soon to Our School . . .

Scholastic Fall 2019 Book Fair

One Week Only!

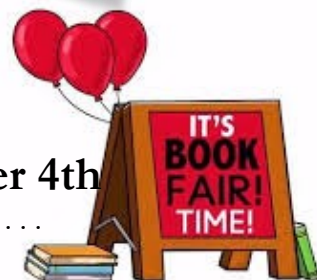
Monday, September 30th-Friday, October 4th

Save your allowance, help around the house and earn money . . .

There's always that special book just for you!

Flyers coming home soon!

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Important Info for Parents of Bus Riders

All Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students must be met at the bus stop by an adult in the afternoon, unless they are riding the bus with an older sibling in grades 4-8. ###

Stay on top of academics and attendance . . .

Parents are able to access their child's attendance and grades in JPAMS @

<https://services.edgear.net/progress>



Have you submitted your e-mail to your child's teacher?

If you haven't you are missing out on **ClassDoJo**, a great way to share what's happening in the classroom and receive announcements—keeping you in the know of what's going on!

Stay informed with your home computer, tablet or your smartphone. **Visit classdojo.com**

for additional information and don't forget to send your e-mail address to your child's teacher(s) to become part of "informed sources" about what's happening at Fannie C. ###



New Bus Service Vendor Chosen

FCWCS has selected a new bus vendor for the current school year. In order to keep costs down, we have teamed with two other schools. The bus service is **B & L Transportation**, a third-party vendor.

All rules & regulations regarding student behavior on the bus is still in place. Disruptive behavior is unsafe and therefore, not permitted. Parents and students should have received their copy of the Warrior Way for 2019-2020, the bus contract regarding student behavior on the school bus during the trips to and from school, athletic events, and field trips.

It is as follows:

Way 1—Pre-K students are to sit in the first seats, followed by kindergarten and so on;
Way 2—Girls will be seated behind the driver and boys will be on the passenger side of the bus;
Way 3—Parents will be given fair warning of impending bus suspensions;
Way 4—Major incidents, such as fighting, disrespect toward authority, or serious horse playing that could result in injury will merit one (1) week suspension from the bus—without warning.

The transportation of the suspended child with the responsibility of the parent. A child missing school because alternative transportation could not be secured is considered "unexcused."

Transportation changes must be written and/or made in person. **Questions & concerns, please contact Ms. Sisco @ 504.373.6228 and select transportation from the menu** (or 504.444.1063 cell phone). ###



FCWCS Implements New Lunch Option

FCWCS takes part in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

This year we have been chosen to provide free lunch and breakfast to all students at no charge to our families. No paperwork is required to be submitted and all students will be eligible to receive breakfast and lunch without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. This is part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Same as last year, our meals are prepared by private vendor Fresh Food Factor (in conjunction with Volunteers of America). **Breakfast is served daily in the Warrior Café from 7:20 am to 7:50 am.**

Parents are reminded that fast food of any kind, is not allowed in the school's cafeteria. This is a violation of the federal government's rules regarding their breakfast and lunch program.

Breakfast and lunch menus for the month can be found on the school's website (fcwcs.org). Please provide your child with a bag lunch from home if the meal for any given day is not something your child eats.

Contact Mrs. Brenda Watson (504.373.6228, Ext. 7) if you have further questions regarding the lunch and breakfast program. ###

Start the school year off right by marking ALL your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, and personal items with their full name and room number (Sharpies work best). Let's keep Lost Found to a minimum this year! Items with names can be returned easily to their owners! ###



Help Support Our Athletic Department

FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL 2ND Annual



3K WARRIOR BUBBLE RUN 2019 WALK

Registration - Adults: \$10 | Kids: \$5
MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, AND MORE...

SAT OCTOBER 5TH 9AM

Group discounts and Vendor opportunities
TERRY GREEN: 504-373-6228 | TERRY.GREEN@FCWCS.ORG

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THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Our first two sponsors for the 2nd Annual 3K Run/Walk have started the ball rolling! They are:

Sarah & Thomas Usdin

Rich Girl Collective/Tiffany S. Williams, Owner

Can you join them? Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$100 (tax deductible). See our school's website (fcwcs.org) for additional information.

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The NED Show returned to FCWCS to motivate our elementary students on August 29th. With its words of wisdom to develop character education, the show has proven to be a crowd pleaser with our students in grades 1-6.

Thanks to Counselor J. Edmond for remembering how much our Warriors enjoyed the 45 minute presentation on last year. NED is a cartoon character whose name stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best! This is Ned's third visit to Warrior Land. The sale of Yo-Yo's pays it forward for the next school. Thanks to all who made a purchase (*above right*). ###



Give Mam-Mam and Paw-Paw a heads up . . .

Grandparents' Day 2019

Friday, October 4th

Invites will be going out soon, be on the look out!
Don't forget to R.S.V.P. (let us know you're coming)

###

No more searching for the **WN** in child's book bag!
Parents/Guardians you can now read the
Warrior News on your smartphone, home computer, or tablet!
All we need is your e-mail address!



If you've been a reader of the **WN** previously, you know this part of the newsletter always encouraged you to enter your child in a contest. All you had to do was to **read the WN**, sign this slip and return it to school. We've simplified the process this year! Make sure FCWCS has a **valid e-mail** address for you and Principal Batiste will automatically e-mail you a digital copy of this newsletter each month. **The first parent to read the WN (we can tell), son/daughter will be that month's winner!** Simple? We think so! Don't forget to read the entire **WN**. It's our way of keeping you in touch with all the positive things going on in Warrior Land! ###

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Mission Statement of Fannie C. Williams Charter School

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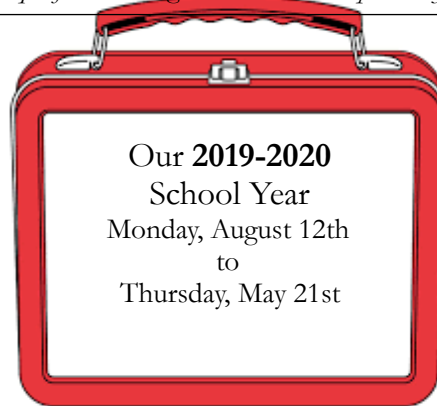
Questions or concerns regarding pick-ups, drop
offs, and bus stops . . .

Call Ms. Sisco with questions & concerns @
504.373.6228 (or 504.444.1063) ###



Parents + School + Community = An AWESOME Partnership

*Great schools always have this equation working for them! We are ONE! More than
550 students call FCWCS their educational home. They represent more than 350
unique families. Together we can accomplish anything.*



Is your scholar (Grades 4-8) enrolled in Physical Education?

Physical Education uniforms can
be purchased through the Phys. Ed.
Dept. Ordering information can be
received from Coach Green. Cash
or Money Orders only payable to
the school (*no checks please*). Cost:
\$20-\$26, Youth-3X. ###

Warriors 6th & 8th 2019 Flag Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09-12-19	Esperanza Charter	Fannie C. Williams	4:00pm
09-18-19	Crescent City	Fannie C. Williams	4:00pm
09-25-19	Audubon Charter	Fannie C. Williams	4:00pm
09-26-19	Morris Jeff	St. Mary Magdalen	4:00pm
10-02-19	Kenner Discovery	Fannie C. Williams	4:00pm
10-08-19	Moton Charter	Fannie C. Williams	4:00pm
10-09-19	Belle Chasse Academy	Fannie C. Williams	4:00pm

* All 6th grade games will start for 4:00pm, 8th grade will follow immediately afterwards.

*All teams make the playoffs single elimination Championship Tournament. Seeded by regular
season record and played at St. Mary Magdalen. 8th Grade October 14th-17th, 6th Grade October
21-24.

*St Mary Magdalen 6421 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie, La 70003

Support our Warrior Athletic Teams!

Come and watch our teams in action.
Home Games will be held in
Warrior Land.

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LADY WARRIORS VOLLEYBALL (2019)

DATE	TEAM	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday Sept. 12 th	Moton Charter	4pm	HOME
Tuesday Sept. 17 th	Belle Chasse Academy	4pm	HOME
Thursday Sept. 19 th	Andrew Jackson Middle	4pm	HOME
Tuesday Sept. 24 th	Young Audience Charter	4pm	HOME
Thursday Sept. 26 th	Trist Middle St. Bernard Middle	4pm	HOME
Tuesday Oct. 1 st	Kenner Discovery	4pm	HOME
Monday Oct. 7 th	Audubon Charter/South Plaquemines	4pm/5pm	HOME
Thursday Oct. 10 th	Morris Jeff Community	4pm	HOME
TBD	St. Bernard	TBD	TBD
Fri-Sat Oct. 25&26	Playoffs	TBD	TBD

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