

Have you moved, do we have your current home address & phone #? Have you changed your e-mail address? Please send your current info to: enrollment@fcwcs.org







FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL

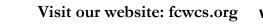
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Students in Grades Pre-K - 4 are doing school on campus again for the first time since March 13th

'Pioneer' Warriors Are Back!





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Upcoming Campus Events October

9 - 13 Fall Break (NO Instruction in-school or virtual)

November

Election Day (NO instruction . . .)

September 25, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to this most unusual educational journey we have embarked upon! As always, we are asking that you keep in close contact with us via email, website, Family Handbook (fcwcs.org), Class DoJo, this newsletter-the WARRIOR NEWS. If you can't find the answer you are seeking, please call us at 504.373.6228.

I have a few things that are most important to advise you of, please read carefully:

- 1. Look for the survey that was sent out Fri., Sept. 25th. You will have one week to let us know if your child will be a virtual or an on campus learner for the second quarter (Oct. 14-Dec. 17). Remember, your at home commitment will be for the entire 9 weeks. We need your surveys back by Friday, October 2nd.
- 2. All campus learners must be in full school uniform (with face mask).
- 3. Car rider parents should not drop kids off before 7:30 am. Staff signs in for 7:20 (we need to give them time to get in place).
- 4. Car pool parents, do not let the child out of the car until a staff member comes to you. Temperatures must be taken. Children with a temperature of 100.4° will have to return home with you.
- 5. Bus riders' temps will also be taken (see #5). You will be called to pick them up if they are above 100.4°. Please keep sick children at home.
- 6. Car pool parents, the school day ends at 2:45 pm for our students. Please be on time.
- 7. Mrs. B. Lewis has sent out information regarding on how to access your child's attendance and grades. Please sign into the link and follow the easy instructions: https://services.edgear.net/progress/. Go to REGISTER NEW USER. Your name and your child's birthday (6-digits) will get you into the site. Need help: email: enrollment@fcwcs.org. (Note: School district code is 364).

Thank you for entrusting your child with us. We appreciate the confidence more than ever! —Mrs. K. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Parents,

Having difficulty explaining the pandemic to your young child(ren)? Check this website out from the United Kingdom . . .

youthonline.org.uk/stay-safe/Coronavirus-makaton/



Did you remember to fill out the Census? It was due April 1st! It is the official count of everybody in the country taken every 10 years!

Our headcount determines \$\$\$ for Section 8 Housing, SNAP, Head Start, Unemployment Insurance, Medicaid, Small Business Development, Highway Planning & Construction, State Wildlife Grants,

Firefighters, etc. We need your numbers!

my2020census.gov or phone **844-330-2020** (6am - 1am daily) ###

Important info for Fannie Families . . .

School website fcwcs.org

Changing your contact info

(home address, phone, e-mail) enrollment@fcwcs.org

Questions & Concerns

info@fcwcs.org

School Office Phone

504.373.6228

School Fax

504. 245.2796

Bus Concerns (Dean Sisco) 504.444.1063

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Chromebook Tech Support techsupport@fcwcs.org

7:30 am - 3 pm (M-F)

Monthly Breakfast/Lunch Menu

fcwcs.org (HOME Page)

Professional Development

Days (no virtual or in-school instruction)

Friday, Aug. 28th Friday, Sept. 25 Friday, Jan. 29th Friday, Feb. 12th Friday, Mar. 26th

Homework Assistance (State of Louisiana)

http://homeworkla.org

Breakfast Served

(in classroom) 7:20 am -7:50 am

Early Dismissal Ends @ 2:15 pm

Regular Dismissal Times

Pre-K - 8th Grades 2:45 pm Please be on time!

Students in Grades 5-8, we will see you in mid-October!

Grading Quarters 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 school year is divided into four (4) academic quarters:

1st Quarter - August 10 - October 8 (41 days)

2nd Quarter - October 14 - Dec. 17 (44 days)

3rd Quarter - January 4 - March 12 (42 days)

4th Quarter - March 12 - May 21 (45 days)

Instructional Day (Mon. - Fri.)

Virtual & In-school 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Attendance Requirements 2020-2021 Must be present 159 of 169 days in the school year (State of Louisiana requirement for virtual and in-school instruction).

New Orleans Public Schools 504.365.8730

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The Month of August @ 11755 Dwyer Road

Preparing for our students kept us all busy . . . our efforts are always worth it to us! When life gives you lemons, make lemonade! This is definitely a unique way to start a school year.





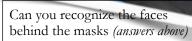




MBER 2020







Preparing the school includes setting up for Grab-n-Go Meals, setting up PPE, handling tech issues, preparing lessons, conducting lessons remotely, and keeping the campus clean. Wow! Did you say it is just August?





Are you a registered voter? We need all hands on deck!

Deadline to be able to vote in the Presidential Race is October 5th (in person) or October 13th online.

You will need your Louisiana's Driver's License or Louisiana Special ID card, the last 4 digits of your Social Security number as well as a home address in Louisiana. Must be 18 years to vote (you can register at 17 if you will be 18 by Election Day). You can register at any Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles; LA Dept. of Children's . . . Services; WIC offices; food stamp offices; Medicaid offices; Armed Forces Recruitment Offices and Offices servicing people with disabilities.

Visit the state's website for further information: sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/RegisterToVote



Don't leave money on the table . . .

If you did not receive funds in May or June of 2020 for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), your funds are still there.

Families of children receive free or reduced price school meals are eligible to receive financial benefits for meals missed in 2019-2020 when schools closed due to the pandemic. This includes all our students at FCWCS, we are a Community Eligibility

Provision (CEP) School. The application portal is open to September 29th at 5 pm. The application can be found on the Department's COVID-19 webpage.

Application Portal: pet.doe.louisiana.gov

Louisianabelievescom (Info & App): Look for P-EBT icon (sign/tab)

DEADLINE: Tues., Sept. 29 @ 5 pm ###

Decisions for 2nd Quarter Needed Soon . . . Virtual or In-house? Survey due, Fri., Oct. 2nd)

The survey to determine if your child will attend school on campus or at home (all grades Pre-K-8th) was sent to your email on Friday, September 25th. You have one week to fill it out and return to FCWCS (electronically) Due date: Friday, Oct. 2nd.

We must prepare staff, bus service and the campus to accommodate all students returning. Your commitment will be for the ENTIRE 2nd quarter.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping students and staff healthy. Remember masks, washing hands, and social distancing is followed at FCWCS at all times. ###



Cooler weather is coming! Make sure your Warrior is comfortable!!!

Buy your scholar an official FCWCS Sweatshirt:

Youth sizes: \$15.00 Adult sizes: \$20.00

Cash or Money Orders (made out to the school) only! No checks please. See Mrs. B. Watson (main office) to

make your purchase!

DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE LABEL! ###



We've got a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary, an online collection of e-books for children! Over 250 animated, talking books. Also the site has Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, quizzes, and exciting games and puzzles!

Works on your Chromebook, home computer, tablet or mobile phone. All you need is an internet connections. NO DOWNLOADS: books streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

Look for the "tumbling" book on the "splash" (opening) page of the Chromebook. Accessing on other devices (phone, home computer, etc.) you will need username and password. Inquire at info@fcwcs.org or ask your child's teacher.

Encourage reading at your home, it pays off ... –Mrs. LeBlanc, FCWCS Librarian. ###





NEW DRAWING

Programs for 2020

While Young Rembrandts has traditionally been an after-school program offered as in-person enrichment, we do have new options available for 2020 Our inperson classes are still available and new offerings include: On-Demand Classes, Live Online Classes, On-Demand Workshops and Live Online Workshops.



See our website for more details: Class times, dates, cost, locations

www.youngrembrandts.com/selouisiana

Young Rembrandts: 504.533.8485



Strategic Thoughts & NORD Presents

Fall Virtual Chess at the Center (Beginner's Series)
September 15th-November 3rd

- •Tuesday (6 pm 7:30 pm): 7th-12th Grade Chess Lesson
- •Wednesday (6 pm 7:30 pm): K-4th Grade Chess Lesson
- •Thursday (6 pm 7:30 pm): 5th & 6th Grade Chess Lesson

Contact Strategic Thoughts: StrategicThoughts3c@gmail.com 504.458.8858



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I need help

The University of Holy Cross is a private liberal arts college located on the west bank in Algiers, Louisiana. It is affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church (Marianites of Holy Cross, Catholic nuns/sisters). It is formerly known as Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Located on a 16-acre campus in a residential neighborhood, it presently has over 1200 students studying more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. Additional information can be found at its website: www.uhcno.edu.

Are you struggling with life during this pandemic? Need someone to talk to? At the **University of Holy Cross**, students pursuing doctorate and master's degrees are offering free tele-counseling for people challenged by the current social distancing and isolation situation. Students will be doing the counseling sessions from a HIPAA-complaint software on their individual laptops. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday at (504) 398-2168. Medical emergencies on weekends and other hours should always call 9-1-1.

UHC doctoral students are licensed as counselors. Master's students are supervised by faculty because they are not yet fully licensed. If a master's student runs into an issue, he or she can add a faculty supervisor to the session.

If you know people who are struggling or you personally are feeling overwhelmed, dial (504) 398-2168 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday. Professionalism and confidentiality are guaranteed.

The above information provided by Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC. Thank-you Sr. Judy!

HELP may only be a phone call away! Reach out if you need it . . .

Always dial 9-1-1 if any of these numbers cannot be reached immediately in an emergency!

Useful websites and contact numbers during COVID-19 pandemic

cdc.gov/COVID19 louisiana.gov ready.nola.gov nolapublicschools.com

University of Holy Cross Counseling by doctoral and master's degree candidates on the Westbank (Algiers, LA). 504.398.2168 (M-Th, 10 am- 8 pm); HIPAA compliant

Keep Calm Thru Covid Hotline 1-866-310-7977

National Domestic Violence Are you in a domestic violence situation? the hotline.org/help Hotline 1-800-799-7233 1-8007873224 (TTY) En Español

Veteran's Crisis Line Are you active-duty or a veteran? 1-800-273-8255

Press "1" or text 838255 from your mobile phone to chat, 24 hours, 7 days a week (24/7)

Mental Health Information nigh.nih.gov

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Are you suicidal, professional counselors here waiting to talk?

1-800-273-8255, 24/7 (all day, every day at all times the phones are manned)

National Drug Helpline

Are you struggling with substance abuse or an addition involving drug or alcohol issues? 1-888-633-6239

National Child Abuse Hotline Children, parents, and anyone concerned about the well-being of a child should call this number, available 24/7! 1-800-422-4453

YWCA Rape Crisis Hotline 504-483-8888

Local Child/Elder Abuse Hotline 504-680-9000

Poison Control Center 800-523-2222

Fire, Police, Ambulance, City of New Orleans 9-1-1

Non-emergency NOPD Assistance 504-821-222

Quality of Life Issues (City of New **Orleans)** 3-1-1 ###

Programs influenced by U.S. Census Burelau Data The 2020 Census can help shape the future of your community. Your responses inform how the following programs are funded every year. The programs exted below are examples from the fuses of Coneus Boreau Data in Reduced Fuses, Oscillatelian's import, which provides actimates of the federal functional distributed each year in whole or in part union 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data. ood Assistance Appliance and Nutrition Visitance Program (SNAP)

Who lived in your household April 1, 2020? We need y'all in the count!!! Please complete your census information (2020census.gov). It is how we receive federal monies for our community, city, and state. New Orleans has less than 60% of its forms turned in . . . we are leaving \$\$\$ on the table New Orleans! Each submission is about \$2,000!

No one will ask you for your Social Security number; for money or donations; money for politicians, your bank or credit card accounts, NO citizenship questions!

A census taker may come to your home if you don't fill the form out (check for their IDs with photos). They will keep their social distance!



Won't take more than 15 minutes to complete! Deadline approaching soon: October 31, 2020

Come on New Orleans!

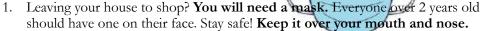
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from the desk of Nurse Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N.

Just some observations by our school nurse . . .



- Please explain to our in-school scholars that they must keep their mask on on the bus, in the class, in the restroom-everywhere on campus. They take them off only to eat and drink water. We're trying to keep everyone safe and healthy. Explain the importance of these rules (we know, it's trying).
 - Parents, please make sure your child's mask fits. If it is too large, it won't work! Try using rubber bands on the straps to shorten them. Do this at home, at night. Don't wait until the morning when you are rushed.
- Encourage frequent hand washing at home. Make sure they are using soap and warm water when preparing to eat and after using the toilet. If you don't say it/encourage it, it won't happen. If you do that, it becomes a good habit for your child to develop. Makes it easier for our classroom teachers who have multiple children to watch over and protect.
- Children need to play, but it is not a great idea for the entire neighborhood to be in close proximity to each other. Limit the visitors to your home. Ten minutes in the sun is needed to boost your immune system (that's Vitamin D you are working on, parents need this too).
- Fruit and vegetables make for strong healthy children (and adults). Purchase them and encourage your kids to eat them (especially apples, bananas, oranges, strawberries).
- Don't forget your child's immunizations (vaccinations, shots, etc.) Now more than ever, we need these taken care of immediately. COVID-19 can seem like so many other illnesses as it starts. Let's not complicate health care more than it already is!
- GET YOUR FLU SHOTS THIS YEAR NOW! Getting the flu and COVID-19 would not be a good thing! Remember sick children cannot do well at home or ###

FYI (for your information) . . . What body temperature will warrant a student or adult's removal from school?

Any student or adult entering the building must have their temperature taken. Anyone having a temperature of 100.4° will not be allowed on campus.

Employees will return home. Car riders will return home with their parents (that's why their temps are taken before their parents leave the campus).

Bus riders temps are taken upon entering the building. If the temperature is 100.4° or greater, they are placed alone in the isolation room and the temperature is retaken in 30 minutes with another type of device. They will be asked if they have been in contact with anyone has had a fever, were coughing, etc., (hopefully, the answer will be/ no). If it is still elevated, parents will be notified and they will have to come and pick them up immediately. Students will have to

Cabbage, Red

Foods Sources

Valencia Orange Issai Kiwi Fruit Turnip Greens Apricots

Ivy Gourd

Cantaloupe Apricots Beans, Yellow Snap Bell Pepper Blackberries Broccoli Brussels Sprouts abbage, Green

Cantaloupe Carambola Cauliflower, Green Collard Greens Chili Pepper, Hot Gooseberries Grapefruit Kiwifruit Lime Nori Melon, Honeydew

Prickly Pears Radishes Raspberries Rutabagas Spinach Squash, Summer Strawberries Sweet Potato **Tangerines** Watermelor Dietitians-Online®

Pineapple

remain home until the fever does not exist (without the aid of medication).

We are working hard to keep everyone safe. Please do not send a sick child to school. Refer to the school's handbook (fcwcs.org) for additional information or email info@fcwcs.org for additional information. ###

Have you submitted your current email to your child's teacher and the school (enrollment@fcwcs.org).

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.

classdojo.com Visit

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.



Are you wondering exactly ...

What is ClassDojo?

If you have wondered exactly what ClassDoJo is the WN decided to research it for our readers.

According to Wikipedia, ClassDoJo is an educational technology communication website that was launched in August 2011. It is used by primary (elementary) educators, students and families. Through its communication features-photographs, videos, and text messages from the school day can be readily shared with parents. More than 180 countries employ this app that has the ability to be used by 35 different languages. ###





Our bus service is provided by B & L Transportation.

This vendor was our provider during the 2019-2020 school year. Our busses this year will be marked C.L.A.S.S. (Community Leaders Advocating for Student Success). Ms. Sisco will field questions regarding any transportation concerns @ 504.444.1063.

Our school culture teaches that ALL Warriors are: PROMPT, POLITE, PREPARED, and PRODUCTIVE! We call these the 4Ps!!! Please encourage this behavior at your home!



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Tumble

Books is like visiting the library without leaving home! Books that read to kids or allow them to read for themselves! Check it out!

FCWCS has a Tumblebook Library subscription!

Look for this symbol on your child's "splash" page as they

log into their Chromebooks. It will take you immediately to the site. AWESOME content for kids-encourages reading, the

FUNDAMENTAL tool needed for learning.

You can also access it from tumblebooklibrary.com. Username and password will be required if you log on this way (reach out TumbleBook to your tech team, classroom teacher, or info@fcwcs. org for the username and password that is just for our Warriors! ###



Fannie C. Williams Charter School is a

POSITIVE PLACE to LEARN & GROW

Thank you for allowing our team of educators to be a part of your child's educational journey!

Class of 2025-8th Graders, you're next!

Where are our 8th Graders (2020) attending high school?

Livingston Collegiate Academy - 11 Abramson Sci Academy - 7

Eleanor McMain - 7 McDonogh No. 35 - 6

Warren Easton - 4

Sophie Wright - 3 Booker T. Washington - 2

Martin L. King, Jr. High - 1

Einstein Charter - 1

Edna Karr - 1 International High - 1 Frederick A. Douglass - 1 George W. Carver - 1 St. Katherine Drexel Prep - 1 Congratulations Class of 2024

