



# WARRIOR NEWS

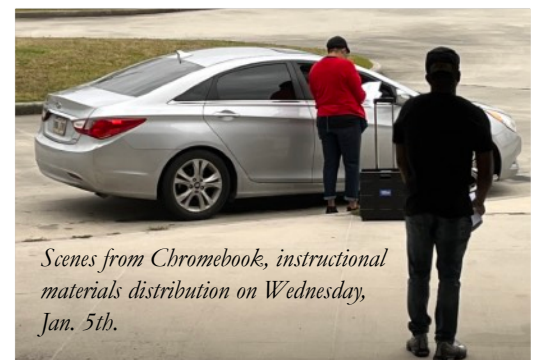
## FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL

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*High Positive Tests results after Winter Break causes . . .*

## FCWCS REVERTS TO VIRTUAL LEARNING



*Scenes from Chromebook, instructional materials distribution on Wednesday, Jan. 5th.*

*11755 Dwyer Road, New Orleans*

Testing before resuming school after Winter Break has caused the school's administration to revert to Virtual Learning once again.

Screenings on Monday, Jan. 3rd sent the alarm out—the positivity rate was at 23%, far too high to have open school with students on campus. This number was acquired before Tuesday's results were acquired.

Principal/CEO Kelly Batiste immediately informed staff to begin preparing for virtual school again. Chromebooks, instructional materials, etc. had to be prepared so that parents could pick them up on Wednesday, January 5th.

The plan is to have virtual learning going January 6 -19. January 17 is MLK's Birthday and COVID-19 testing will

resume on Tuesday, January 18th. Parents will need to bring their child(ren) to school to test BEFORE returning to the building for in-person learning. Hopefully, numbers will be conducive to resuming in-person learning.

**Parents are reminded that they need to have the child(ren) vaccinated with at least one shot by January 20th.** This mandate comes from New Orleans Public Schools. NOLA-PS has stated that it will assist with providing vaccinations on school sites. Parents can also utilize city vaccinations site.

The city of New Orleans has also required children 5 and older to have proof of at least one shot or a recent negative COVID test to get into a restaurant with their family. This mandate has been in effect since January 3rd.

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## WARRIOR NEWS JANUARY 2022

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## Principal's Message



January 10, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Holidays and thank you once again for all your support and understanding in these difficult times for all of us.

More than 350 students and staff were tested on the 3rd and 4th of this month. The results were not what we wanted to see. As you now know, it has caused FCWCS to pivot and revert back to virtual learning from January 6-19.

On a moment's notice, staff began to prepare the Chromebooks and learning materials needed to handle this (*see first page of this newsletter*). We bombarded you with Class DoJo and website (fcwcs.org) notices. Please read to keep abreast of this ever-changing situation.

Responsibility comes with the borrowing of the school's technology (Chromebooks). Remember they will be needed for classroom activities and state-mandated testing in the Spring. It is the responsibility of parents and students to keep these devices in good working order. When you return them, the chargers will also be needed at that time. Any devices abused, missing a charger, missing keys, etc., will have to be repaired or replaced. Costs will be assessed to the parents of the student. Below is a breakdown of repairs or replacements:

### Chromebook Repair Costs

Repair Needed	Cost for Repair
1. Replace keys on the keyboard ( <i>not a keyboard replacement</i> )	\$ 10.00
2. Headphones broke off in jack ( <i>if motherboard isn't damaged</i> )	20.00
3. Damaged Cord	20.00
4. Lost Cord	10.00
5. Broken LCD Screen	40.00
6. Body/Hinge Replacement	50.00
7. Keyboard Replacement	30.00
8. Dropped Chromebook	50.00
9. Loss, stolen, or willful damage to device	150.00

Returning to virtual learning necessitates your assistance in monitoring your child's participation. Please make sure they are online or doing the assignments as prescribed. **Attendance will be taken and scholars must be present and in camera view at all times** (*not aimed at the ceiling*).

We hope to return to campus learning on Thursday, January 20th. Remember to get your vaccination and wear your mask!

-Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

RECOGNITION DESERVED... Know a child needing a Pre-K placement?

**We've got an EXCELLENT PRE-K PROGRAM!**

### State Assessment, 2020-2021

Performance Rating:  
**EXCELLENT**

2020-2021 Site Score:  
6.03 out of 7

Emotional Support  
5.87 High Proficient

Classroom Organization  
5.83 High Proficient

Instructional Support  
4.06 Approaching Proficient

Emotional & Behavioral Support  
6.10 EXCELLENT

Engaged Support for Learning  
4.41 Approaching Proficient

Responsive Caregiving  
5.50 High Proficient

1. Best Practices  
Assessment (*Measuring child's progress*)  
2. Children per Teacher  
3. Curriculum Quality  
★ ★ ★ out of 4

### Certified Teachers

100%

Thank you educators Tolliver, Singleton, Wimberly & Allen!





Readers of the **WN**, the pictures and text on this page were slated to be the cover page of this issue. However, the closing of our campus due to COVID-19 caused me to rethink the page. Couldn't leave our Warriors hanging. So . . .

*Athletics Returns to FCWCS, Wins 1st Game 20-15, Falls Short in 2nd Game . . .*

## Warriors Playing Basketball Again!

### 2021-2022 8th Grade Boys BB The Squad

Player	#
Rayvinel Colbert	10
Tyren Donaldson	25
Symaj Evans	3
Tyjh Evans	23
Colby Johnson, Jr.	6
Ja'siah Joseph	14
Quincy Jynes	11
Ty'Quine Lewis	13
Daniel Marshall	5
Mekhi McKnight	4
Joshua Parker	12
Caddo Preston	2
Melvin Rayford	34
Carl Reed, Jr.	0
Damon Singleton	30
Ashanti Temple, Jr.	24
Coach: Jared Townsend	
AD: Terry Green	

### Opponents

12/14

St. Bernard Middle

4 pm

12/15

Esperanza Charter

4:30 pm

01/04

Morris Jeff

4 pm

01/06

Andrew Jackson

4 pm

01/13

Phoenix Middle

4:30 pm

01/20

Hynes Parkview

4 pm

01/25

Belle Chasse Academy

4 pm

01/27

Hynes Parkview

4 pm

*All games played at FCWCS Gym*



11127 Dwyer Road, New Orleans

Two games—that's all the Warriors were able to muster in this abbreviated season. One victory, one lost. A new coach and

plenty of enthusiasm. Thanks Coach Townsend and Coach Green for attempting a season during these most unusual times.

-The Editor (aka Ms. Smith)



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

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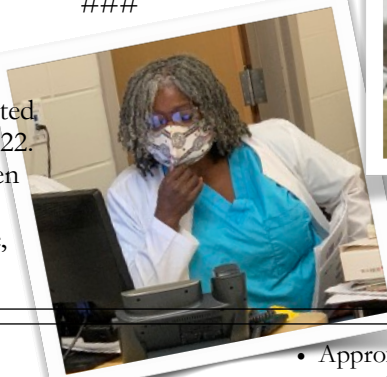
## NOLA PS mandates by . . . **Feb 1st All Students Must Be Vaxxed!**

The rise of omicron has caused NOLA-PS to rethink vaccination mandates for students. The newest version of COVID is believed to be highly contagious, thus causing a rise in our area.

To protect pupils and staff, all pupils 5 and older must be vaccinated by February 1st of 2022. About 43% of children 5-17 have already received the first dose, with 32% having

completed the two-shot series as of December 16th.

Parents have a right to claim an exemption (*for religious, philosophical, or medical reasons*). We are planning vaccination events soon to help parents to meet the February 1st deadline. ###



*Nurse Robichaux (left) talks via phone to a parent. Young Warrior (above) receives a vaccination from a nurse from Children's Hospital. Vaccinations save lives and health.*



## **COVID-19 Tuesday Testing Participants (Staff & Students)**

**November 2**  
284

**November 9**  
319

**November 16**  
324

**November 30**  
327

**December 7**  
338

**December 14**  
331

**January 3 & 4**  
384

**January 11**  
188

## **January is Thyroid Awareness Month**

*What is the thyroid gland?*

The thyroid is a hormone-producing gland that regulates the body's metabolism—the rate at which the body produces energy from nutrients and oxygen—and affects critical body functions, such as energy level and heart rate.

*Where is the thyroid gland located?*

The very small thyroid gland is located in the middle of the lower neck. Its job is to produce a hormone that influences every cell, tissue and organ in the body.

*What can go wrong?*

The gland can sometimes not produce enough thyroid hormone. Symptoms include extreme fatigue, depression, forgetfulness, and some weight gain. This is known as **hypothyroidism**.

The exact opposite of hypothyroidism is known as **hyperthyroidism**. This disease causes the gland to produce too much hormone. Symptoms include irritability, nervousness, muscle weakness, unexplained weight loss, sleep disturbances, vision problems, and eye irritation.

*Basic Facts about Thyroid Disease*

- There are several illnesses and diseases related to the thyroid—hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, Hashimoto's disease, Graves' disease, goiter, and thyroid cancer.

- Approximately 20 million Americans have some form of thyroid cancer.
- More than 12% of U.S. population will develop a thyroid condition during their lifetime.
- Up to 60% people with a thyroid condition are unaware of having the problem.
- Women are more likely to have a thyroid problem (5-8%) than men.
- 1 out of 8 women will develop a thyroid disorder during her lifetime.
- Thyroid cancers can usually be treated, but some can be very aggressive.
- Undiagnosed thyroid disease may put patients at risk for cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis and infertility.
- Pregnant women with untreated or inadequately treated hypothyroidism have an increased risk of a miscarriage, preterm delivery, and severe developmental problems in their offspring.
- Mandatory screening of newborns for congenital hypothyroidism, and early treatment has prevented mental retardation.
- What causes thyroid problems are largely unknown, but the life-long condition can be managed with medical attention.

*Source: [www.saintjohnscancer.org](http://www.saintjohnscancer.org);*

*[www.unicityhealthcare.com](http://www.unicityhealthcare.com); [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org)*

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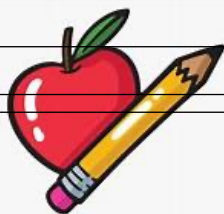
## **Everyone 5 years and older must be vaccinated in NOLA PS by February 1st**

Have questions about  
COVID-19 vaccines?  
Here's where to start:  
**GetVaccineAnswers.org**



January 3rd & 4th Testing produced positive tests resulting in the school returning to Virtual Learning! **We will test again on Tues., January 18th, 8:45-11:30 am.**





## Who's in the Classroom?

*Faculty Members to Know*

*This column is the eighth in a series about the educators who teach and supply support services at FCWCS.*

### Jacqueline Scott Edmond Professional School Counselor, LPC

Ask Jacqueline Edmond her job title and she proudly replies, "I am a professional school counselor."

Exactly what are the duties of a professional school counselor? They provide advice and helpful resources to students regarding certain personal and academic situations (*according to [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)*). They offer counseling assistance to students and teachers alike, including group counseling and individual sessions to assist students academically and personally. Our eighth graders have also been exposed to future career choices and individuals in those fields from Career Day. The Silverback Society, High School Night, NED Visits, Red Ribbon Week, conferring with SPED teachers, parents, and sessions with students are all part of what Mrs. Edmond does or encourages on our campus to aid all students to develop to their full potential. Her concerns are always about their academic, social, emotional, and mental well-being. Her curious nature allows her to probe situations and challenges students often encounter at school and home.

Before working as a school counselor, Mrs. E was a 1st grade teacher at Morris Jeff Elementary. In 1996 she was awarded the school's **Teacher of the Year** accolade. Our Mrs. Edmond has spent the last decade diligently using her talents at "Fannie." Prior to her time here, she spent nine years as a School Counselor elsewhere.

A native New Orleanian, Edmond attended Joseph S. Clark High. She was a member of the school band (clarinet player, section leader no less). Edmond continued her education at Dillard University, where she pledged Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and co-ed Phi Gamma Nu Business organization. She earned her Master's at LSU.

Where did the motivation come from to spend a career as a school counselor? Edmond cites inspiration by family, college professors, and peers she has met along the way. Their inspiration has developed Mrs. Edmond into an individual who is very confident, dependable and full of integrity when it comes to her career. Over her lifetime, spiritual and family values have also developed Mrs. Edmond into the professional you see today.

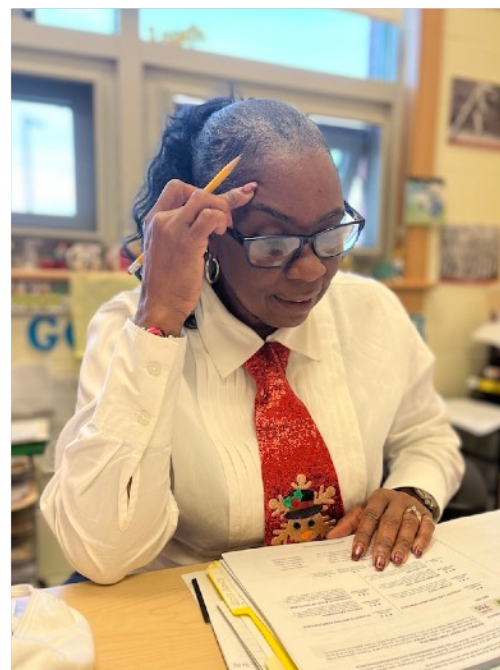
You must be a talker if you aspire to be a Guidance Counselor. Edmond has interests outside of the school setting that helped to develop her vocal side. She is a member of the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church Choir. Edmond also works with the prison ministry, and is learning to speak Spanish. She also sews.

That self-confidence has been elevated probably by her involvement in Toastmasters International (*a U.S. headquartered nonprofit educational organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of promoting communication, public speaking, and leadership among its members. [see [toastmasters.org](https://www.toastmasters.org/)]*). She has earned leadership positions/offices within the organization and garnered the title Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM).

Thank-you Mrs. Edmond for all that you do for the scholars of FCWCS. Your dedication has been noted!

*The next column will feature art teacher Phillip Britt.*

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SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR





# Warriors Playing Basketball . . . (cont'd from page 3)



*Scenes from the unfinished season—Warriors vs. St. Bernard Middle December 14th.*

*Thank-you Warrior Scholar/ Athletes for 8 quarters of roundball on campus (not seen since Winter 2019).*

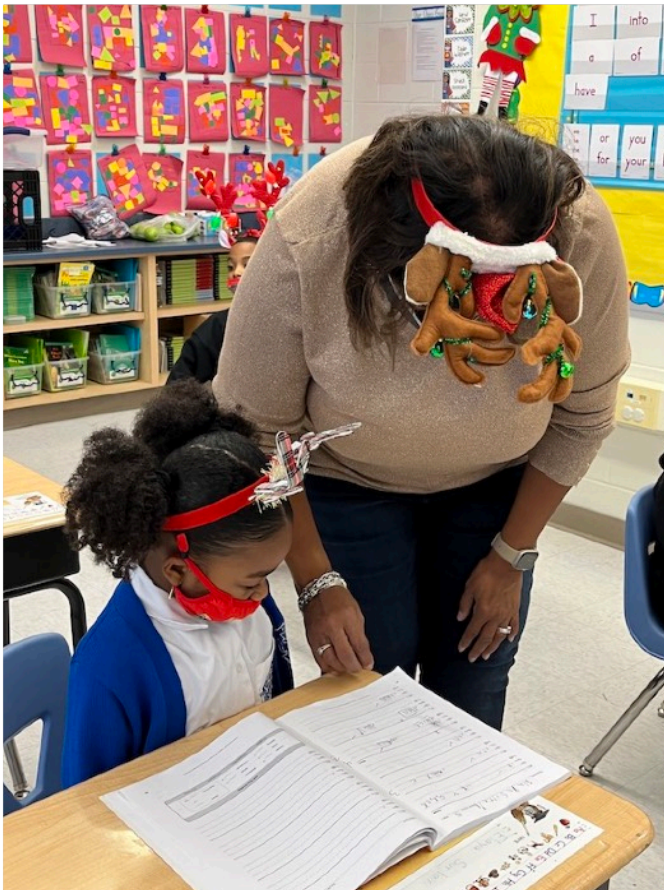


# Winter Holidays @ FCWCS 2021



**Holiday Celebration**  
**Santa Day-**  
*wear a Santa Hat*  
**Candy Cane Day-**  
*wear red & white*  
**Pajama Day-**  
*wear your PJ's*  
**Reindeer Day-**  
*get those antlers on*  
**Ugly Sweater Contest**

*Triplet Elves picture by B. Lewis. Thank-you.*







December 3, 2021

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# Saints Training Camp Visits



11755 Dwyer Road, New Orleans  
It's been quite a while since we've seen the Saints Football Experience pull up to our campus.

What a great way on a beautiful day for middle school students to get outside and soak up some sun on December 3rd. Of course, the

importance of keeping fit and getting a good education were emphasized to students. Saints trivia questions were asked for prizes (practice jerseys, gloves, helmet decals, etc.)

According to facilitator, Mrs. K. LeBlanc, we've had the Saints on campus since the days of the

portables on the back lot. That's more than a decade! They were never so welcomed as they were this year after a two year absence.

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## Upcoming Calendar Events 2021-2022\*

*\*This calendar is published to keep our families informed, but it is subject to change. Thanks for understanding.*

### 2nd Semester

#### January 2022

4 3rd Quarter Begins;  
School Resumes Today, 7:30  
for breakfast, 8 am for  
classes

4 COVID-19 Testing Resumes  
8:45 am - 11:45 am

5 2nd Quarter Report Cards

6 Virtual Learning Returns  
Jan 6 - 14

10 2nd Q Reports Issued

10-14 Parent Phone Calls

Regarding 2nd Q Grades

17 MLK, Jr. Birthday,  
NO SCHOOL for students  
and staff

18 COVID-19 Testing, 8:30 to  
11:30 am

20 **Proposed** return to  
on campus learning

20 LEAP Parent Night,  
Grades 6-8 (virtual)

24-27 LEAP Practice Test

#### February

9 LEAP Parent Night,  
Grades 3-5 (virtual)

16 3rd Quarter Progress  
Reports Issued

23 LEAP Parent Night,  
Grades Pre-K-2

28 Mardi Gras Break, NO  
SCHOOL for students and  
staff

### March

1 - 4 Mardi Gras Break, NO  
SCHOOL for students  
and staff

7 3rd Quarter Exam Study  
Guides Issued

14 - 18 3rd Quarter Exams

21 **4th Quarter Begins**

23 3rd Quarter Report  
Cards Issued; **Miss  
Fannie C. Williams  
Birthday (Founders  
Day)**

### April

15 - 19 Spring Break

20 School Resumes

25 - 29 LEAP Testing,  
Grades 6th, 7th, 8th

### May

2 - 6 LEAP Testing,  
Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th;  
8th Grade FINAL  
Exams

9 - 13 8th Grade Spirit Week;  
9 - 12 FINAL Exams for  
All grades *except* 8

11 Pre-K EOY Activity

12 Kdg. Promotional

13 8th Grade

Promotional Activity  
Students' LAST Day,  
Report Cards Issued

24 Last Day for Staff

27 Last Day for Admin/  
Leadership Team

## 2021-2022

### Report Cards Issued Days

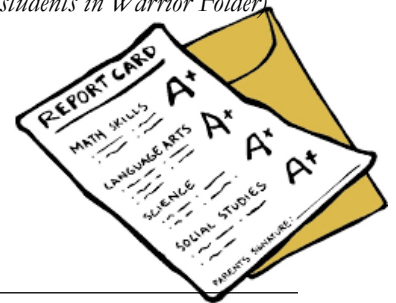
(Cards issued to students in Warrior Folder)

1st Q — ~~October 20th~~

2nd Q — ~~January 5th~~

3rd Q — ~~March 23rd~~

4th Q — ~~May 20th~~



## 2021-2022

### Academic Quarters

1st Q — ~~August 9~~ — ~~October 11~~

2nd Q — ~~October 12~~ — ~~December 17~~

3rd Q — ~~January 4~~ - ~~March 18~~

4th Q — ~~March 24~~ - ~~May 20~~

*Need help with homework?  
Visit Louisiana's website for  
K-12 students & adults seeking  
employment . . .*



**www.HomeworkLA.org**

*Tutoring in Spanish and Vietnamese; access from your  
computer or your mobile device.*

## Science Teachers Receive In-Service Training

*Science instructors, grades 3-8 receive in-service professional development from  
Greater New Orleans STEM Science, January 4th.*

## WEDNESDAY'S FOLDER

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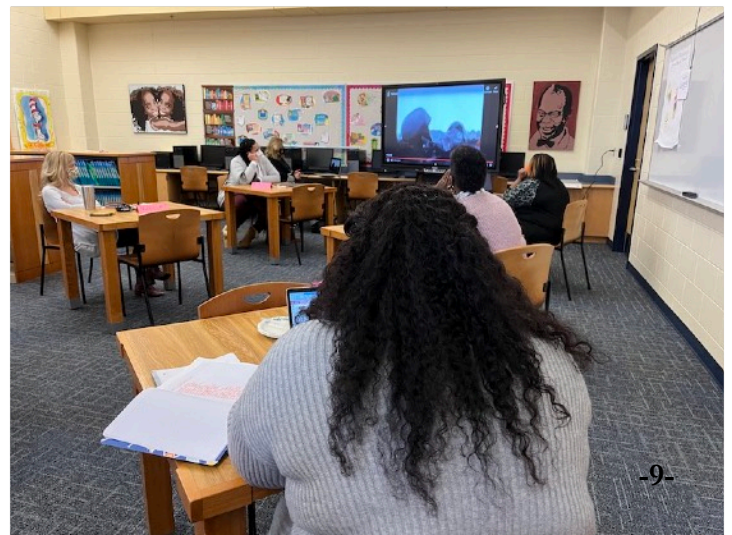
Check the **Wednesday Folder** for assignments, graded  
activities, messages from FCWCS and the classroom  
teacher.

Please return the folder each **Thursday**.

Thanks,

Mrs. K. Batiste, Principal

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## Weekly Testing Incentives @ FCWCS

Each time a student is tested, they earn a payment. The virtual card will be reloaded with that amount. Testing pays off, for a safer, smarter school. All participants in Tuesday's testing are eligible.

### Payments will be uploaded to the cards at the end of every month.

- For the first test of the year (in September), students received \$25.00.
- For every test taken after the first payment, participants will receive \$10.00.

### Incentives for Students:

The first registration process must be handled on line through the Color system. Parents or legal guardians must grant their approval for students under 18 years of age. Virtual payments will be delivered to the email address provided by parents/guardians during registration.

Greenphire ClinCard Prepaid Visa offers a free mobile app you can download on with the Apple or Google Play Stores. You must be a registered participant to download the app.

### For additional information, customer support or questions:

Phone: 1.866.952.3795

Website: <https://support.greenphire.com>

<https://ldh.la.gov/coronavirus>

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## FCWCS Gifted with Supplies from Natchitoches Central High



School Social Worker Aziz during the Winter Break received a call from the Junior ROTC. They wanted to drop off a donation to our school.

They were in Zachary, Louisiana and made the trip down to Mrs. Aziz's home to drop off 400 pounds of school supplies and \$400.00 donation to the school's coffers.

The money was initially collected to ship the supplies, but it was decided that they would get them to New Orleans. Zachary to New Orleans is 96 miles away. Lt. Col. Spears of Zachary High School's JROTC volunteered to get them to New Orleans. Our neighbors to the north went quite an extra mile to be generous.

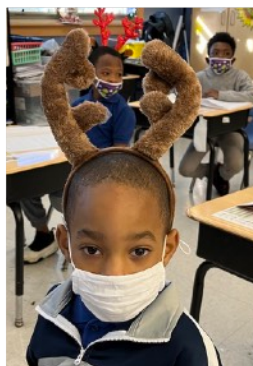
This beautiful gesture was a project of the school's JROTC Program. The cadets, under the command of Cape. Kaylee Fredieu (assisted by 1st Sergeant Selby). FCWCS was chosen because they were studying African Americans in history and our school's namesake came up in their research! It was decided that they wanted to make a donation to a south Louisiana school affected by Hurricane Ida.

That's quite a few helping hands to get 400 pounds of supplies and \$400.00 to FCWCS. Zachary High's JROTC thank you and Natchitoches High JROTC we are forever grateful, thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!

—The warriors of FCWCS



Photos by Mrs. Aziz. Thank-you!

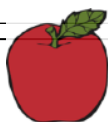


**Antler sighting  
@ 11755 Dwyer!**





From the desks of the  
Principal and School Nurse



## Update from Louisiana Dept. of Health and NOLA-PS

### Things You Should Know

- Masks are required both indoors and outdoors
- Suspension of extracurricular activities
- Suspension of social gatherings
- Use of high-quality masks in school (N95/KN95) are recommended
- Revised quarantine guidance
  - If asymptomatic, vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine. They should test on day 5 (molecular or antigen tests)
  - Students who are unvaccinated close contacts must quarantine for 5 days. They should test on day 5 (molecular or antigen)
- Register your child for our Tuesday Morning COVID-19 testing.
- All students, ages 5 and up are required to be fully vaccinated (two shots) by February 1st.

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The sign on the library's window points the way to testing.



That's Data Manager B. Lewis logging a student into Tuesday's testing database.



The Food Pantry of New Orleans were the recipients of 1100 cans of food, compliments of the families of FCWCS! Thank-you Warrior Families . . .

Our Resource Teacher Mrs. Taylor and her students @ Delgado Community College brought gifts for our youngest Warriors. Thanks to Mrs. Taylor and the Dolphins of DCC for their generosity.





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## SMOKE ALARMS NEEDED IN ALL HOMES

Have you changed the battery in your smoke alarm lately? Can't reach it? Do you have smoke alarms in your home?

The New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) will change the battery or install FREE smoke alarms (2) to residents of New Orleans.

Alarms are now available for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens (consists of a strobe light, vibrating bed/pillow shaker and a traditional audible alarm).

To receive the services of the NOFD, call the departments community relations division at 504.658.4717 or fill out the form located at [www.nola.gov/nofd/citizen-services/free-smoke-detector-installation/](http://www.nola.gov/nofd/citizen-services/free-smoke-detector-installation/).  
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## Mission Statement of Fannie C. Williams Charter School

The mission of Fannie C. Williams School is to achieve the highest academic success through collaboration of staff, parents, and community. ###

## Important Info for Fannie Families

**School website**  
fcwcs.org

**Family Handbook**  
fcwcs.org

**Changing your contact info**  
(home address, phone, e-mail) or questions about the Student Progress Center  
enrollment@fcwcs.org

**Questions & Concerns**  
(answered by our Principal)  
info@fcwcs.org

**School Office Phone**  
504.373.6228

**School Fax #**  
504.245.2796

**New Orleans Public Schools**  
504.365.8730

**Bus Concerns**  
(Dean Sisco)  
504.444.1063 (cell)  
504.373.6228 (main office)

**Chromebook Tech Support**  
(Mrs. C. Lewis)  
techsupport@fcwcs.org  
8:00 am - 2:30 pm  
M-F

**Monthly Breakfast/Lunch Menu**  
fcwcs.org (HOME Page)

**Breakfast Served** (in classrooms)  
7:20 am - 7:50 am

**Homework Assistance** (State of Louisiana)  
<http://homeworkla.org>  
**School Day**  
8:00 am - 3:15 pm

## Grading Quarters 2021-2022\*

**1st Quarter**  
August 9 - October 7

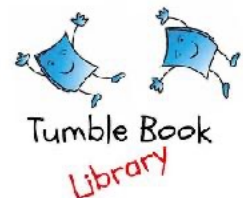
**2nd Quarter**  
October 13 - December 17

**3rd Quarter**  
January 4 - March 18

**4th Quarter**  
March 21 - May 20

**School Holidays**  
Sept. 6/Labor Day  
Oct. 8 - 11/Fall Break  
Nov. 22 - 26/Thanksgiving  
Dec. 20 - Jan. 3/Winter Break  
Jan. 17/MLK, Jr. Birthday  
Feb. 28 - Mar. 4/Mardi Gras  
Apr. 15-19 - Spring Break  
\*subject to change

**Wednesday Warrior Folder**  
Is sent home weekly (on a Wednesday, of course). Please check your child's book bag for it. Review tests, assignments, correspondence from the school or classroom teacher. Please return the next day (Thursday).



**Tumble Book Library is back!** FREE access for all Warriors, Pre-K - 8.

**How to access?**  
[techsupport@fcwcs.org](mailto:techsupport@fcwcs.org)  
has the answers!