



WARRIOR NEWS

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Top Scholars

In-Person Instruction Returns January 24th!



11755 Dwyer Road, New Orleans
Back on campus, students have returned to in-person learning after a hiatus since the Winter Holidays.

Walking around the campus, the **WN** has noticed things are back to “normal” with teaching and learning in high gear.

Whether you are upstairs with the older students or downstairs with our younger scholars, they are all busy. Nothing takes the place of classroom instruction! ###



That's veteran teacher Helene Grey holding class through Google Classroom January 12th (top). Six days later, January 25th, class is held in person (left).

That's a foot race going on in the gym among members of Mr. Bray's class. Keeping children learning and physically active is essential to the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children of all ages.



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Principal's Message



February 2, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy February, the month of Black History and Mardi Gras Parades.

As we proceed through the school year, remember our purpose—to provide our Warriors with the best education that we can. We can only do that with your help. The opening weeks of this month, we are conducting LEAP Practice Tests for all students in grades 3-8. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time (7:30 am for breakfast, 8:00 am starts the instructional day). Remember, all students should appear in full uniform daily. The school's uniform policy can be found on the school's website (*see Family Handbook for details*).

Nurse Robichaux sent out letters explaining and consent forms for our Vaccination Day on February 10th. Please

return the consent form ASAP. Remember, vaccines have been mandated for children ages 5 and up in all New Orleans Public Schools. COVID-19 will become one of the mandatory vaccines akin to measles, chicken pox, diphtheria, etc. that is mandated for all children in school. With parade season upon us, remember to socially distance if you venture out to take part in the festivities. We hope not to have to resort to virtual instruction again.

We have partnered with Calvin Transportation to provide bus service to our school. Nine buses are needed to provide rides to and from school for our student body. Please remind your child(ren) that they must keep their masks on during the entire ride. All rules and regulations regarding riding the bus are still in place. Review these (*see the Family Handbook on the website*) rules with your scholar. Any reports of misbehaving reported by the bus driver will be taken seriously and handled appropriately by Dean Sisco.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

In a quest to keep everybody safe . . .

FCWCS Invests in UVC Sanitizing Charging Cabinets

During the hiatus from in-person instruction, ChromeBooks and chargers had to travel home with students.

When ChromeBooks are returned to school, Mrs. Lewis has the difficult task of sanitizing more than 450 devices. Enter the AC-CNC-18, a device that employs a UVC germicidal to kill bacteria.

Able to handle up to 18 devices, it can disinfect in 2 - 15 minutes. It does not use any chemicals or gases. We have three on campus.

Great purchase Tech Team! ###



Mrs. Carla Lewis, tech specialist, demonstrates The Anywhere Cart and the speciality of how easy it is to use.

ChromeBooks can be “zapped” clean in 2 -15 minutes. The three devices were \$5000.



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

WARRIOR NEWS FEBRUARY 2022

Students, ages 5 and up must be fully vaccinated (2 doses of vaccine) . . .

NOLA-PS MANDATE IN EFFECT FEB. 1ST

In January's column, I wrote of the district's mandate that all students be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, February 1st. By the time you read this, your scholar should have had their two shots to continue school.

There has been a lot of **misinformation** regarding COVID vaccines, thus the reason that it is taking so long to control this virus in our country. Unlike third world countries, who may not have access to the vaccine, the USA has all we need. What we need are the arms to place them. As parents, one of the first things you do for your child is to have them vaccinated as infants.

Infants are given diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis, influenza, pneumococcal conjugate, inactivated poliovirus, etc. before they can walk. Currently there are 16 vaccines, some requiring multiple doses that are recommended for children from birth to 18 years. Parents, did you have the measles, mumps, or chickenpox? Probably not. Do you know why? Vaccinations were developed to stop these childhood viruses. Baby Boomers (people born 1946-1964) remember these illnesses. They were born **before** the vaccines were developed.

So why is this particular virus causing so much hesitation on the part of many Americans and others in the world? **Misinformation** has caused so many to hesitate and thus allow the virus to continue on its way around the globe. Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, etc.) gets the word out too quickly and like the virus the **misinformation** grows and grows. We've given the virus time to mutate (change) and infect more and more people.

If you know of anyone who has had COVID, you know it is serious—sometimes causing death. Several members of our staff have lost love ones and several members of our staff have suffered through bouts of COVID.

Doctors do not know what the lingering effects will be on those contracting one of those horrible cases of COVID. What determines the

severity of the virus on individuals? It attacks each of us differently—the amount, or “dose” of exposure, age, individual immune conditions, etc. You might have only a runny nose—the sniffles, a sore throat, or flu-like symptoms. Who knows? It's the chance you take.

Many will say “I know people who are vaccinated and who have become infected.” That's possible. But, they fare out much better than those who have not received the vaccine at all! They may be asymptomatic (not showing any ill affects).

Scientists believe that COVID will become part of our lives in the future—like the common cold, the flu, etc. They're here, but we've learned to live with them by getting vaccines (flu) or taking cold medication. Smallpox is another virus that no longer causes a problem for humans in most cases. It was destroyed worldwide around 1980. How? By vaccinations!

So, whom are you going to believe?

Do you post on Social Media—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, etc.? How long did it take you to learn how to post on the platform? A few minutes, a couple of hours, a day or two?

The doctors and medical experts of the of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the US Department of Health and Human Services, etc., have studied for decades. There's four years of undergrad to receive a bachelor's degree, then attend medical school for four more years. After completing med school, there's three to seven years as a resident (depending on your specialty). Complete that, you will need to take a licensing exam for the state where you will practice medicine. Let's see that's 10 to 14 years to become a licensed doctor!

I'm going with the medical experts.

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COVID-19 Tuesday Testing Participants (Staff & Students) January 3 & 4

384

January 11

188

January 18

355

January 25

367

February 1

416

February 8

???

February 15

???

February 22

???

**Everyone 5 years
and older should be
fully vaccinated in
NOLA-PS by
February 1st!**

**Have questions about
COVID-19 vaccines?**

Here's where to start:
GetVaccineAnswers.org





Top Warrior Scholars

147 Earn Spot on 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Principal's Honor Roll GPA 4.0 (All A's)

Name	Grade
Guilmer Bermudez	03
Floyd Blue	01
Tyreke Day	01
Jihad Dunams	02
Jayci Gatlin	02
Drake Hall	02
Journey LeBlanc	01
Jakeem Lewis	01
Malik Martin	08
Carla Peralta	03
Melo Scott	02
Nicholas Simmons	02
Karlie Steward	01
Brayden Tardy	01
Sanah Tucker	02
Derrion Walker	08
Jamahl Washington	01
Kanigh Wells	08

"A" Honor Roll/GPA 3.5 - 3.9

Arabella Allen	03
Charles Bailey	01
Khylei Barnes	01
Laquira Cornelius	02
Mariah Edwards	07
Maci Evans	07
Allan Garcia	02
Michael George	01
Maliyah Howard	02
Karter Jones	01
Jonathan Lopez	01
Hayden Luckett	02
Rontral Martin	03
Clarence Matthews	01
Trinitee Moliere	08
Chance Oliver	02
Cornasia Parquet	01
Aaron Rivera	02
Genesis Rochez	01
Layla Roussel	02
Kyrin Salvant	02
Bryce Sanders	08
Noel Simmons	01
Zyren Simmons	01
Legacy Solomon	01
Brian Tardy	02
Lateriana Thompson	01
Ludi Vasquez-Garcia	06
Jozzae Vaughn	07
Willow White	01

"B" Honor Roll/GPA 3.0 - 3.4

Kadeline Aguilar	05
Kaylie Alexander	08
Adrianna Alvarado	03
Darvin Barnes	08
Phayla Britt	02
Donté Brown	03
Willow Burns	01
Anijah Christmas	03
Jadyn Coleman	01
Kayce Coleman	01
Rayne Conley	04
Deshawne Cornelius	08
James Crawford	07
Mi'Kiya Crawford	01
Brittany Cruz	03
Sanaé Durel	02
Sanai Durel	08
Sy'maj Evans	07
Malik Farria	07
Ashley Flores	01
Desmond Franklin	08
Jayla Gardner	06
Jamyra Garrison	04
Jeremiah Goodman	02
Paylee Griffin	01
Travion Griffin	07
Eboni Guidry	03
Da'rion Hall	08
Kody Harris	02
Melo Howard	01
Terry Jackson	03
Eddie Johnson	02
Kiersten Jones	06
Makata Keeling	02
Noah LeBlanc	02
Brooklyn London	08
Destiny Matthews	05
Jaliah McBride	06
Mason Miller	02
Ja'Quellian Mitchell	05
Ah'Moid Nathan	04
Edmond Norales Solis	03
Graciela Nunez	08
Lyric O'Conner	07
Chayce Oliver	01
Cesar Portillo	02
Jostin Portillo	04
Bry Raines	05
Carl Reed, Jr.	08
Na'siyan Reynolds	02
José Rivera	06
Savyon Sanders	01
Jamal Sigue	05
Byron Smith	03

"B" Honor Roll/GPA 3.0 - 3.4

Elaya Surtain	01
Brooklyn Tardy	03
Que Triggs	01
Jace Tyson	04
Irvin Vasquez-Garcia	05
Keli Watkins	02
Wale Weathersby	04
Jordyn White	04
Hezekiah Williams	07
Ivy Williams	02
Serenity Williams	03
Burnell Wilson	01
Jacob Wilson	01
Kebron Woodfin	05
Zael Zapata	07

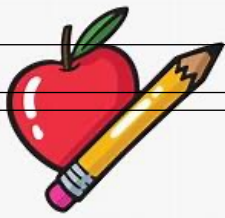
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Congratulations Warrior Scholars!

Honor Roll 8th Graders Lead by Example!

Congratulations Class of 2026!



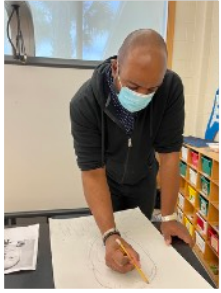


Who's in the Classroom?

Faculty Members to Know

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

Phillip Britt, Art Teacher



Britt working on his latest piece.

Male teachers are usually a rarity in elementary schools. But FCWCS has several who have become like big brothers or father figures to the student population. That last description—father figure—describes our Mr. Britt, art teacher extraordinaire.

Britt towers in height over most of the staff, but he is known for his gentle demeanor. Our first art teacher, he is part of the staff that has been at FCWCS since day one. Arriving in August 2007, Britt worked at Joseph A. Craig School in Treme for one year prior to coming to New Orleans East.

Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, he arrived in Louisiana to attend Grambling State University. Initially, the plan was to play on the football team. At Watkins Overton High School in Memphis, he lettered in football, basketball and Track/Cross Country. College football took a back seat to art education. It was at Grambling that he met his future wife, thus committing him to stay in Louisiana.

His talent in Art was obvious to those he met at Grambling. A professor and two college friends inspired Britt to become a certified teacher. A student in Advance Placement Art in high school, he was able to transfer those credits into college credits at GSU. He definitely has the patience and demeanor to deal with children, especially those who seem troubled. Anyone who is an educator can tell you that it takes a special person to teach middle schoolers. "I think I'm patient, kind, and a good listener," says Britt to the **WN**. His co-workers would agree. Fellow art teacher (and librarian) Karen LeBlanc describes him as "gentle, compassionate, and artistic." He has begun to work on his own art again in his "free" time. He recently placed 3rd in a contest by the Mardi Gras Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc for his piece depicting their namesake Joan of Arc.

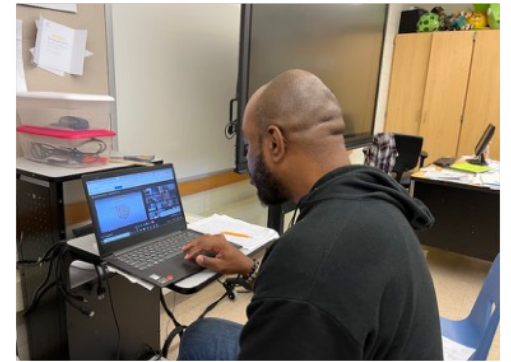
Getting through the day as a teacher and then returning home to his family composed of three children, two sons and one daughter, can be taxing. But he manages well. "Well, I try to observe the times of my day and take away something from everyone I encounter" states PB. Before COVID, Britt would visit me (Ms. Smith) during lunch. We would share a meal and a conversation about the times, especially politics. He became a treasured co-worker.

Like all educators today, he soldiers on, adapting to an ever-changing landscape in education. He states, "I do my best to instill knowledge, skills, and dispositions pertaining to the Visual Arts to my students."

At Fannie, Britt spearheads the Dad's Club. This organization is hoping to get back up and running as soon as we can have our Dads back on campus.

Thank-you Mr. Britt for all that you do for the pupils of FCWCS. We're blessed to have you!

The next column will feature math teacher Maryellen Kelly. ###



*Photos of Mr. Britt are current and from the **WN** archives.*

We're On Social Media

Join us on our **NEW**
Facebook & Instagram Pages



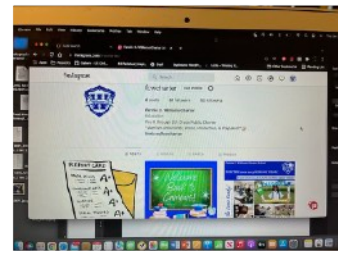
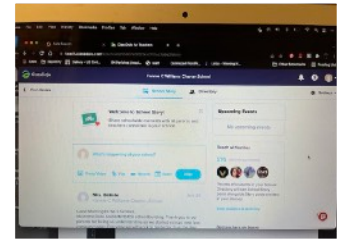
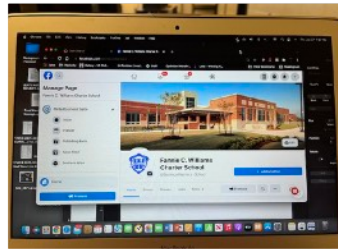
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child's HR teacher



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ONLINE**



You can't achieve if you're not here . . .

Attendance Matters

We've finished the first semester of the school year. Report cards have been issued and our counselors—Mesdames Edmond and Aziz have concerns.

They are both concerned about students missing school and tardiness to school. An absent student can not keep up academically. But if by chance they are able to keep up with the classwork, the State of Louisiana mandates 167 days that students **MUST** be in attendance. More than 10 days absent can result in repeating the grade.

According to the website the [classroom.com](https://www.classroom.com), "Regular school attendance is crucial to the development and education of children. There is a large impact on the student, the school and the community when a student does not attend school regularly. Because of this impact, in most states there are laws requiring a child to attend school until he/she is eighteen."

Required education first became law in Massachusetts in the 1850s. Currently, U.S. law requires children must attend school or be home-schooled. Attendance requirements in Louisiana mandates students attend school for 167 days to be promoted to the next grade and earn credit for the course. Under the law, students must attend school from age 7 to 18 or until they graduate from high school. See the *Warrior Family Handbook* and/or louisianabelieves.com/courses/attendance-requirements for additional information.

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." -Chinese Proverb

Pictures are from the 2019-2020 school year.



As always, we celebrate . . .



The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta
Founders Day, January 18, 2022
(left to right): Tiffany Dumas, Loretta Brown, Terrasina Bonden, Angelie Wilson, Monique Aziz, Jacqueline Edmond, and Anika Beasley.



The Divine Nine

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Founded 1906, Cornell University
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Founded 1908, Howard University
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Founded 1911, Indiana University
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Founded 1913, Howard University
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Founded 1914, Howard University
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Founded 1920, Howard University
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Founded 1922, Butler University
- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Founded 1963, Morgan State University

The Divine Nine

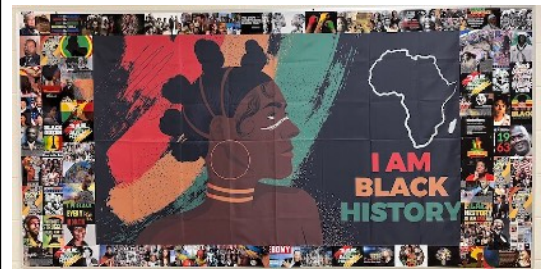
At the start of the 20th century, a small number of Black students united at mainly Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to form their own sororities and fraternities.

These organizations were known collectively as the National Pan-Hellenic Council or the “Divine Nine”. Each of these organizations were established with unique core

values but share a common goal to educate and uplift the Black community from racial inequities. The Divine Nine has more than 1.9 million members today.

Our own Fannie Cornelia Williams was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA). Many of our faculty members are members of sororities and fraternities. Most prevalent are Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta on our campus.

(Source: yesprep.org)



Even our bulletin boards advocate Black History during the month of February. This one hangs outside Room 1305. Good job Kiamco, Varnado, and Ducros.

Black History Month @ FCWCS

In previous years, before the pandemic, Black History Month was quite the celebration. Activities included a Black History Quiz Bowl, Divine 9 Stomp Show, and Friday's finale—THE Black History Program.

Here are a few scenes from February's Celebration 2019. . .



The Voices of Fannie C presenting a song to an attentive audience in '19. Stephanie Jordan, director.



That's the Black History Quiz Bowl from '19.

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Campus Sightings @ 11755 Dwyer Rd.



A tropical themed assignment is a great way to warm up in Winter.

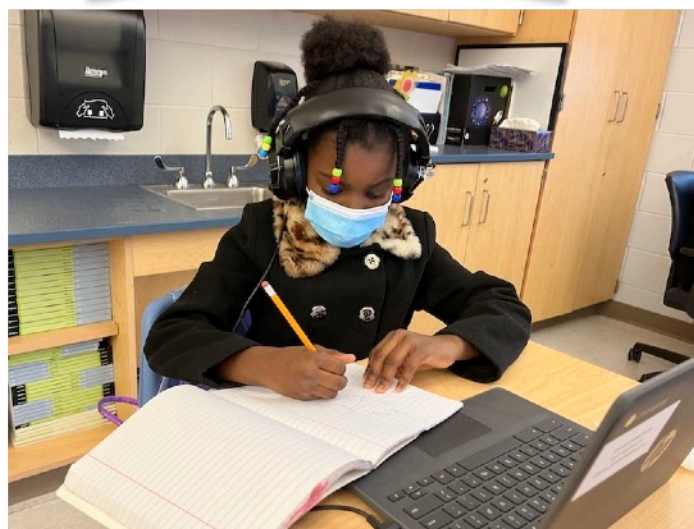


*Changing classes (above) offers a great opportunity for 7th Graders to get their pictures in the **WN**.*

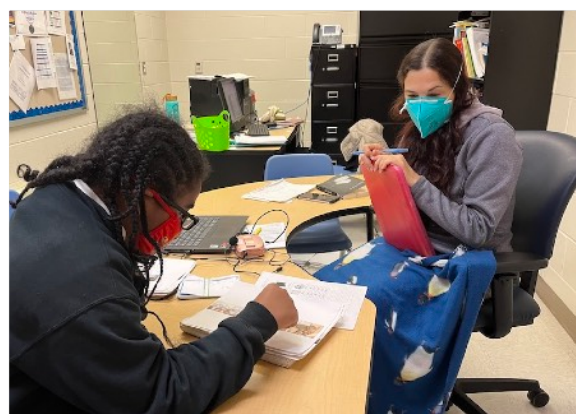
That's Mrs. Hall assisting in Mrs. Kelly's math class (right).



Working hard in Mrs. Kelly's math class (top right).



Ms. Eschman provides speech services to a hard working Warrior (right).



Mrs. Batiste goes wherever she is needed! Today's need is upstairs in the hallway (far right).



Did you know . . .

FCWCS has a mascot? He is known as **Sir William the Brave!** He made his debut in 2019 during a visit of the New Orleans Pelicans. He is also know to show up at the LEAP Pep Rally and appear in a Mardi Gras Parade or two with the Warrior Band. We are hoping he can come back soon!



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

February

- 8 COVID-19 Testing
8:45 am - 11:30 am
- 9 Virtual LEAP Parent Night
Grades 3-5
- 11 Last day to register for
Safer Smarter Schools
Incentive Program \$\$\$
- 15 COVID-19 Testing
8:45 am - 11:30 am
- 22 COVID-19 Testing
8:45 am - 11:30 am
- 23 Virtual LEAP Parent Night
Grades Pre-K - 2
- 16 3rd Quarter Progress
Reports Issued
- 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
24 Students' LAST Day,
Report Cards Issued
26 Last Day for Staff
27 Last Day for Admin/
Leadership Team

2021-2022

Report Cards Issued Days

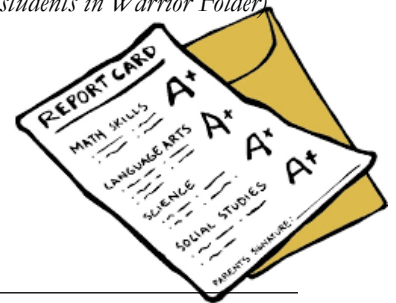
(Cards issued to students in Warrior Folder)

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~~

Weekly Testing Incentives @ FCWCS



INCENTIVE PROGRAM DEADLINE

The **last day** to register for

\$

Safer, Smarter Schools Incentive Program
(\$25. for 1st test; \$10. for all others) is

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Interested in registering your child, register at the link below:

<https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=ldh-fan-365-students>

Testing will continue beyond Feb. 11th, **WITHOUT**
the \$\$\$ incentive

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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Be safe during the
Carnival Season!

*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.*



Order **FREE** COVID-19 Testing Kits
for HOME USE

(4 per order, shipped directly to your home via USPS)

COVIDtests.gov



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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/.

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New Bus Service Calvin Transportation

On Monday, January 24th, Calvin Transportation began transporting Warriors to and from school.

We have a total of nine buses, which will arrive at school at 7:30 am and depart 3:25 pm. Routing assignments have been sent home with all currently registered bus riders.

Please review your child's information and contact Calvin Transportation at 504.912.4642 for info concerning route changes.

Other concerns (late bus, missing bus, etc.), please contact Dean Sisco at 504.444.1063 (cell) or 504.373.6228 (main office).

Our School Day
Breakfast - 7:30 - 7:50 am
Classes Begin - 8:00 am
Dismissal - 3:15 pm

*All carpool students will be dismissed beginning @ 3:15 pm.

*No early dismissal after 2:45 pm. Thanks!

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.

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Important Info for Fannie Families

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

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

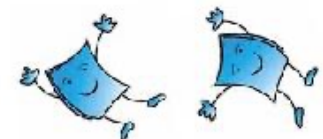
Dec. 20 - Jan. 3/Winter Break

Jan. 17/MLK, Jr. Birthday

Feb. 28 - Mar. 4/Mardi Gras

Apr. 15-19 - Spring Break

*subject to change



Tumble Book
Library

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

How to access?

techsupport@fcwcs.org has the answers!

