

# WARRIOR NEWS

## FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL

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Winter Break  
Fri. Dec. 23, 2022 to  
Fri., Jan. 10, 2023



*The skies above us are not always this sunny and blue, but . . .*

### There's Always Something Positive Happening @ Fannie



*Working hard to get our groove back. You can't keep a good Warrior Family down!*

*Super Heroes at school and home have activated for our kids! You in?*

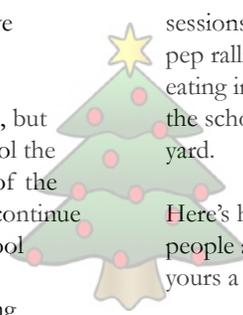


*It's back to work for staff (above) on July 25th; Our Staff for the Year Honors is awarded to Mrs. G. Johnson (left) with Teachers-of-the Year Mrs. M. Hodges (center) and Ms. S. Theard; The rush is on to Meet & Greet Teachers and drop supplies Aug. 5th (center pic); The 1st day of school, Aug. 8th. Our students are ready for action on Day One!*



The headline says it all—there's always something positive happening at Fannie!

The last two and half years have been trying for all of us, but we're making a comeback. In an effort to make our school the ultimate place of learning, fun, and a true collaboration of the school, family, and community, the events and activities continue to roll by—Grandparents Day, athletic games, High School Night, STEAM Night, Math Night, Club Days, Kedila Afterschool Program, Silverbacks & Girls' Talk mentoring



sessions, field trips, music classes, faculty versus students games, pep rallies, progress report conferences and simple things like eating in the school's cafeteria as a class, borrowing books from the school's library, and enjoying recess in the sun on the school's yard.

Here's hoping you savor the minutes of each day and enjoy the people and positive experiences life brings you. Wishing you and yours a most Happy Holiday Season.

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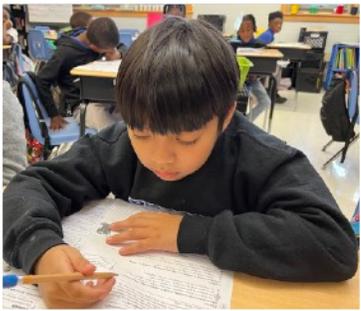
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**There's Always Something Positive Happening . . .**



*That's Ms. B. Sisco (far left) conducting morning meeting via Zoom; that's Mrs. L. Brown dressed in western attire for the 12 Days of Comfort on 12/13; a bright sunny fall day is perfect for outdoor recess for Mrs. Toledano's class; learning to handle scissors to complete a homework assignment keeps this lower elementary student busy during our after school program; mornings on our first floor is spent with ELA (English Language Arts instruction); being able to borrow a book from the school's library is a serious job for Ms. Sanchez's first graders. She is providing assistance in choosing just the right book; the 21st century education uses the computer in addition to the 'old-fashion' paper & pencil; that's Ms. A. Singleton and her Pre-K classes reading a story for comprehension; Mrs. S. Tolliver shows guests from NOLAPS her classroom and activities. ###*

  
**News from the Principal**

December 19, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're in the midst of the Holiday Season and joy of the season is apparent on our campus.

The Board of Directors and the school's administration and faculty, as always, appreciates the confidence you have in our team of educators to provide a positive place of learning and growth for your child(ren).

Hoping you and your family have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Until next year . . .

—Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal





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

**RSV+ FLU + COVID  
= Triple Threat**

Christmas time, the season of giving. But don't let this be the season you give *or* receive respiratory syncytial virus, influenza, or covid (**coronavirus disease**).

All three are respiratory ailments, transferred from one person to another through coughing, sneezing, or touching contaminated surfaces (desks, door handles, etc.). So how do you protect yourself? Getting vaccinated for the flu and COVID has proven to be effective. However, there is no vaccine for rsv for the general public. But on March 2nd, Pfizer announced that it is developing a therapy for infants (up to six months of age by immunizing their pregnant mothers). They are hoping by 2023 to have a vaccine to protect infants right after birth. But until then, . . .

**GET YOUR FLU & COVID  
VACCINES, WASH YOUR HANDS  
OFTEN, AND COVER YOUR  
MOUTH WHEN YOU COUGH *or*  
SNEEZE!** ###

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**There's Always Something Positive . . .**



Room 1703, the former Computer Lab, has become our Parent Resource Center and large meeting room. This is where parents and staff meet to assist in improving our school.

**VERY IMPORTANT**

**Info for Warrior Families**

**School Website**  
fcwcs.org

**Changing your contact info**

T. Batiste

*(or questions about the Student Progress Center or home address, phone, e-mail)*

enrollment@fcwcs.org

**Questions & Concerns**

info@fcwcs.org

**School Office Phone**

504.373.6228

**Bus Concerns**



Dean Sisco  
504.444.1063  
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**Chromebook Tech Support**

C. Lewis

techsupport@fcwcs.org

**Monthly Meal Menu**

fcwcs.org

**Family Handbook**

fcwcs.org

**Homework Assistance  
(State of Louisiana)**

http://homeworkla.org

**New Orleans Public  
Schools**

504.365.8730

**Local Child/Elder Abuse  
Hotline**

504.680.9000

**Fire, Police, Ambulance**

9-1-1



**Upcoming Events  
2022-2023**

**December 2022**

- 2 1st installment of 8th Grade Budget due
- 7 PD Day (NO School for Students)
- 9 Staff v. Students Basketball Game
- 15 1st Family Math Night; Saints Pep Rally, Black & Gold Dress Down Day
- 16 Santa Holiday Pictures
- 21 Wednesday's Warrior Folder with Grab and Go Activities
- 22 Classroom/grade level Holiday Parties, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm; 2nd Quarter Ends
- 23-31 Winter Break (NO School for Students and Staff)

**January 2023**

- 2-6 Winter Break (NO School for Students and Staff)
- 11 Classes Resume today, 3rd Quarter Begins
- 13 2nd Installment of 8th Grade Budget due
- 9-10 PD Day (NO School for Students)
- 16 MLK, Jr. Day (NO Classes for Students and Staff)
- 17 Afterschool Program resumes, 3:15-5:15
- 19 Basketball Regular Season Ends
- 20 Class Brunch
- 23 Girls Basketball Playoffs Begin
- 25 Parent LEAP Night, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- 26 Club Day #3

**February 2023**

- 1 Black History Month Begins
- 3 3rd Installment of 8th Grade Budget due
- 6 Boys Basketball Playoffs Begins

**March 2023**

- 3 Last installment of 8th Grade Budget due
- 20 4th Quarter Begins
- 24 8th Grade Field Trip to Whitney Plantation, Edgard, LA

**April 2023**

- 21 City Park Amusements Field Trip for 8th Grade

**May 2023**

- 6 7th/8th Grade Formal & Social
- 8 Twin Day, 8th Grade
- 9 High School/College Day, 8th Grade
- 10 Career Day, 8th Grade
- 11 Baton Rouge College Tour (SU, LSU) Grade 8

*As we near the third year of the COVID Pandemic, we continue to provide weekly test on staff and students wishing to participate. Financial incentives in the form of a gift card is used to encourage participation. This money is provided by the U.S. Congress. We test about 310 students and staff on our campus weekly. ###*

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**There's Always Something Positive . . .**



*Athletics have always been a part of developing our students—volleyball, flag football, cross country, basketball. At one time we had a tennis team and provided swimming instruction for students, courtesy of the Red Cross (using the pool at Joe Brown Park). FCWCS developed participation in team sports to keep students physically active. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for athletics, the band, and auxiliary marching units.*

**Cross Country Team**

Kristal Barbee•Malik Farria•Todd Jones• Edmond Morales•Snaider Nolberto•Jude Robinson• Kevon Stephen•Keyon Stephen•Zael Zapata

**Girls Basketball Team**

Kristal Barbee•D'Nyri Cains•Nylania Hines• Darrionna Nealy•Bryarni Nolberto•Cylie Norden

**Boys Basketball Team**

Kyri Burns•Symaj Evans• Wilmer Gilmore•Alex Gobernado•Lydon Jones•Quincy Jynes•Todd James•Tyson James• Keith Joseph•Daniel Marshall•Mekhi McKnight• Bobby Perkins• Caddo Preston•Damon Singleton•Ludi Vasquez• Damon Singleton•Joseph Smith•Gregory White

**Club Time**

*Club Time is scheduled to happen on six occasions this year. It provides students an opportunity to socialize while doing activities that are fun and educational. All 470 students take part and no club has more than 10 participants. Club Time last one hour, in lieu of Enrichment Classes for that day. ####*



*Club Time with Mrs. Lewis entails learning to cook (far left); That's Ms. Allen and Pre-K students putting together a puzzle on the library's floor; Mrs. LeBlanc always includes something tangible to take home. October and November were aprons with Halloween and Thanksgiving themes; Basic Hair Skills with Ms. Dent is popular with middle school females (left). ####*

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**There's Always Something Positive . . .**



**P.B.I.S.** (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support). Since the earliest days of our school (2007), we've had this as part of FCW school's discipline plan. The first and most important part of the behavioral model is positive

behavior is learned. Support is given to those having problems. Students earning 85 points are treated monthly to a reward. October and November's reward was ice cream sundaes! Great treat for deserving Warriors. ###

**High School Night**

On November 15th, 8th graders and their parents came to campus to make decisions about next year. Representatives from high schools used this as a recruiting opportunity. At least two schools (St. Augustine and The Living School), had former Warriors recruiting. This also provides an opportune time to get help completing NOLAPS app process (see pic on right) and info regarding 8th grade end-of-year activities. This night is sponsored by Mrs. J. Edmond, counselor. ###



**ALUMNI**



**Grandparents Day**

Fri., November 18th, grandparents & special friends arrived to support Warriors. It was the first such celebration on campus since 2019. Pictured on left is Ms. S. Jordan and the Voices of Fannie C performing the Fannie C. Williams Alma Mater. ###



Keys photos courtesy of TU and his family. Thanks to Mrs. L. Brown for securing them for the WN.



**Alumni Visits & Successes**

Nothing makes us prouder than to have visits from former students. Pictured on left are members of the Livingston HS Band, all former students at FCWCS. Dedic Jones, Director also directed the Warrior Band. Big brother Fefie visits

and is pictured with his two sisters. The photo above are of former Warriors who are now Purple Knights. The Tulane U football player is Lawrence Keys III, former Warrior flag football player. ###

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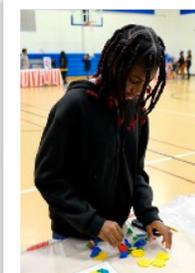
### Black & Gold Pep Rally

For about a decade, FCW has had visits from the N.O. Saints and the Pelicans. These visits are 'training camps' to get our Warriors moving. Librarian/art teacher Mrs. LeBlanc has cultivated a relationship with these organizations. Thank-you! This year's indoor activity was advertised as a Black & Gold Pep Rally. Students and staff all showed up in their Black & Gold, as the Saints set-up shop in the gym. DJ Raj Smooth kept the crowd on their feet! There were athletic activities, a 'photo booth,' coloring table, and prizes for 150 Warriors. Great fun for all! ###



### 1st Family Math Night

Our 1st Family Math Night on December 15th was held to involve parents and children in math activities and games using fun learning experiences and games. We hope to inspire our students' interests in mathematics, while helping them comprehend and master math concepts. Held from 4-6 pm in the gym, there were games, food, fun, and prizes for all! Thanks to all who came out. ###





Cold weather has arrived, along with the flu and other respiratory illnesses. We have FCWCS Sweatshirts for sale, see Mrs. Watson in the main office. **\$15 for child sizes** and **\$20 for adult sizes. Cash or money orders only** (made out to Fannie C. Williams Charter School). Receipts will be sent home with your purchase.



*Ms. Sisco on evening bus duty awaiting the loading and departure of the buses of Calvin Transportation.*

Our bus service is provided by

### Calvin Transportation

Ms. Sisco will field questions regarding any transportation concerns @ **504.444.1063**.  
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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!

#### Important Info for Parents of Bus Riders

All Pre-K, 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 with an older sibling in grades 4-8. If no adult is there to receive them, the driver will bring them back to FCW. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to pick them up from the campus. ###

*Did you know that . . .*

FCWCS is a part of the NOLA Public Schools district. Currently there are 71 public schools in the district. It is led by Superintendent Dr. Avis Williams, the first woman in the District's 181 years to serve as its permanent superintendent.  
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**enrollment@fcwcs.org**

#### 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. ###

#### Need to call the school to talk to Nurse Robichaux? Our phone number is 504.373.6228

*Mrs. G. Johnson is our school's Executive Assistant and will probably be the "voice" pleasantly answering your questions!*

*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 receive info on what's happening in the classroom and on campus. Visit [classdojo.com](http://classdojo.com) for additional information about this great app! ###

