



Tiger Tracks

FCCHS - "Where tradition meets today"

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Improving spring temperatures remind us of some of the warmest memories of our high school experience. Spring sports have started and soon we will have prom, Junior Ring Ceremony, the Louisville Belle Cruise, the spring play, senior trips, and of course, graduation. In June, we will honor our 93rd graduating class at Fern Creek High School who have seen dramatic achievement gains identifying us as a Proficient and Progressing School by the Kentucky Department of Education.

One significant change is the removal of "Traditional" from the school name that was formally passed by the JCPS Board of Education in January. The removal was a two year process where students, staff, parents, and our Alumni Association weighed in on the decision. Even former Fern Creek principal, Tito Castillio, who led the change to add "Traditional" in the 1990s, agreed that the time had come to return to our old name. Simply, in the era of high-stakes accountability, our transformation as a Communications, Media, Visual and Performing Arts School, and serving a diverse student body, traditional methods of teaching and learning no longer matched student needs.



Once again, I want to thank the Alumni Association for what they have provided our school. Through your ongoing support, the students and staff at Fern Creek have the ability to teach and learn in better equipped computer and science labs, participate in off-campus learning opportunities both far and wide, and attain post-secondary scholarships, among the myriad of smaller projects that you support. This partnership is an invaluable resource to us and something we use a selling point to attract quality students and staff into our building. Together, we will ensure that "the Creek is rising."

Nathan Meyer, Ed.D.

Principal

REUNIONS AND HOMECOMING WEEKEND

There are several reunions already planned or in the planning process at this time. Our website has a tab with a list of classes with contact info for details and questions. Homecoming weekend will be Sept 25-27. There will be a tailgate catered by Marks Feed Store under a tent before the football game. At halftime the alumni band, drill corps, cheerleaders and football players will take the field (update your current contact info with co-chairs Debby Murrell and Connie Upton-Thomas at RLTCUT@aol.com). On Saturday morning a breakfast will be held in the cafeteria prepared by our award winning cooking club students. On Sunday the Hall of Fame lunch and induction ceremony will be held at Wildwood Country Club. Plan to be a part of these events.

APPEAL FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We have a goal to identify one or more representatives for each class that will help us keep in contact with their classmates. We would love for them to attend our General membership meetings held on the third Monday of each month (except July and Dec). We especially want them to be in attendance at our annual meeting held each November. If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity of service please send an email to joeybaileycpa@gmail.com or call 502-500-4830.

ALUMNI AUDITORIUM SEATS

We continue to sell seat adoptions for \$100 each. We provided funds for the renovation of the room a few years ago and will be making other contributions soon for additional upgrades. About 30% of the seats have been adopted to date. We have placed tags on the back of each seat that was adopted listing the name of the donor/donors and the person/persons the seat was adopted to honor or remember. Seats have been adopted for loved ones, teachers, administrators, parents and coaches. Consider adopting a seat today with your tax-deductible gift. Please send a check today in the enclosed envelope.



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