

THE CARDINAL

Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord.



The Music Programs of FCS

Music is an immersive activity that draws on both the creative and the analytical functions of the brain. Research has shown that students who study music excel in reading and math, are socially well-adjusted and do better in all academic areas.

The Fairfax Christian School provides musical enrichment for our students at every level.

Lower School Music

Students in the Lower School (Kindergarten through 4th grade) enjoy weekly music lessons. They learn new music and develop performance skills. At school events, these students proudly demonstrate what they have learned onstage.

Middle School Concert Band

Students in the Middle School (5th - 8th grade) are required to participate in Concert Band for at least two years. Clarinets, flutes, trombones, saxophones, trumpets and percussion make up the classic concert band. No previous musical experience is needed. Students who begin to play an instrument in Middle School make great progress as musicians throughout the years.

In addition to performances at school events, Concert Band members share their musical gifts through visits to Sunrise Senior Living at Reston Town Center, the Band Competition at Hershey Park and the annual Concert on the Green. The fall field trip to see and hear the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center inspires them to become the best musicians they can be.



Music Ensemble

Students who want to continue their development as musicians may join the Music Ensemble in High School. This course places emphasis on developing skills at the intermediate level individually and as a group. Music Ensemble is open to all brass, woodwinds, guitars, piano and percussion instruments.

A Cappella Choir

High School students who join the A Cappella Choir develop their skill as singers. Members of the choir learn healthy vocal technique, poise and confidence in performance, rehearsal etiquette and music reading skills. The choir studies, rehearses and performs music in a variety of styles and from different musical eras.

Fife and Drum Corps

In celebration of our country's history, the Fife and Drum Corps carries forward the tradition of military music. Students taking this course learn about the role of music in the 18th-century military, when fifers and drummers served as the primary line of communication across the field of battle. These students perform at many school events in traditional costumes.

FCS also offers AP Music Theory for students interested in technical knowledge and composition.

While other schools are cutting music programs, the Fairfax Christian School continues to offer these experiences so that our students can be great scholars in all areas. We look forward to seeing you at one of our concerts this year!

News & Events

Skate Night

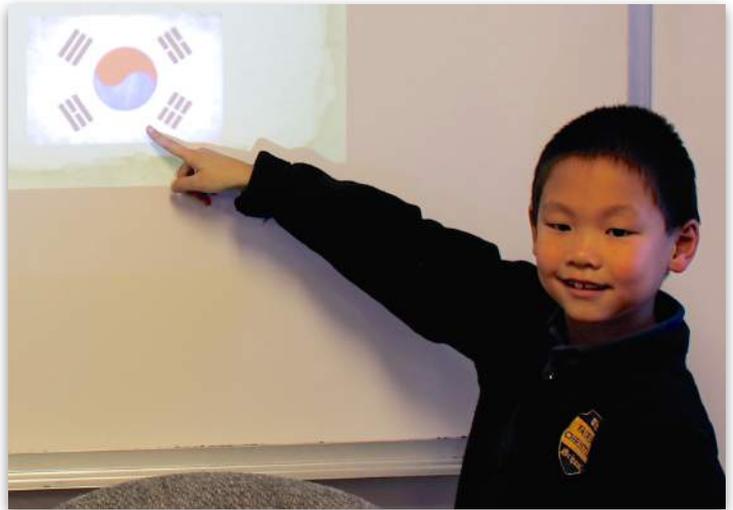
FCS families and students are invited to our school Skate Night on Wednesday, February 18, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Reston Town Center Pavilion, located at 1818 Discovery Street in Reston. Admission is free for FCS families. Please contact the Main Office with any questions.

Academic Bees

We would like to thank the Middle School students who participated in the Spelling Bee, the History Bee and the Geography Bee on Thursday, January 15. The finalists from each bee will be announced in the February *Cardinal*. Congratulations go to all the students for their hard work in preparation for these events.

Snow Day Policy

In light of recent inclement weather, we would like to remind students and families about the Fairfax Christian School's cancellation policy. In the event of a delay or cancellation, we will send out email and text notifications through JupiterGrades as soon as possible. Student safety always comes first.



Club Feature: Korean Club

Once a month, this special club meets to learn about Korean culture, traditions and customs.





CHRISTMAS

At this year's Christmas Assembly, the Drama Club performed a nativity play to remind us all of the reason for the season. The students in our music program then played a selection of Christmas music, including sing-along carols.



Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Judy McCary



Judy McCary joined our staff during the 2013-2014 school year as Dean of Admissions. She is responsible for overseeing the admissions process, recruiting students and helping new students to adjust after admission.

Students apply to FCS for a variety of reasons. "In most cases," says Judy, "students and their families do not feel that their current school is challenging them. They have a strong desire to excel academically."

For driven students, FCS offers an academic rigor that other schools may lack.

At FCS, teachers take the time to encourage students and help them as needed. Our teachers are invested in the success of their students. The results speak for themselves: FCS students earn consistently high scores on the SAT, AP and PSAT exams, and we have produced a number of AP Scholars.

Our students also excel in other areas of their lives. We have seen students win awards for service, participate in the Boy Scouts and run the Marine Corps Children's Marathon. FCS encourages students to pursue their interests and be well-rounded individuals.

Mrs. McCary understands the benefits of a close-knit school environment. Her previous experience as a schoolteacher in

a small farming community gave her insight into the unique dynamics of a sociable group of students and families. FCS creates a similar atmosphere by capping class size at a number that allows teachers to interact with every student equally. The staff, administration and students care about each other's welfare and want to see each other succeed.

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"The students may not ever be in an environment quite like this again," Judy says, "but the nurturing and support they receive at FCS gives them the confidence that they need to grow and be successful adults. This kind of support is a blessing to each of our students. I am honored to be part of the FCS family."

Eagles Among Us

On December 9th, William James "Jimmy" Young II was officially recognized for earning the rank of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America (Troop 964).

Eagle Scouts hold the highest rank of achievement within the BSA. In order to earn this rank, a scout must demonstrate exemplary service, leadership and godly character. Planning and executing a service project is an integral part of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Congratulations, Jimmy! We are proud of your achievement.

