

# The Colonel Courier

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### JWHS Webpage

For the latest information regarding daily announcements, faculty contacts, policies and procedures, important dates, and other information please visit the James Wood High School Webpage.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

- 17 No School-Inservice Day
- 20 No School-President's Day

### March

- 16 End of 3rd marking period
- 17 No School - Flexible Teacher Workday
- 27 Report Cards issued

### April

- 14, 17, 18 No School, Spring Break



Frederick County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination process:

Title IX Coordinator  
John Linaburg  
Executive Director of Human Resources  
1415 Amherst Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-3888

Section 504 Coordinator  
Lynette Johnson  
Director of Special Services  
1415 Amherst Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-3888

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of OCR enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

## Seniors:

It is not too late to order your cap and gown. Go to [www.highschool.herffjones.com](http://www.highschool.herffjones.com) and follow these instructions:



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and follow these instructions:

- 1) *Enter your school name, and click on your school.*
- 2) *Click on SHOP GRAD PRODUCTS*
- 3) *It will open to the announcement package page. If you do not want an announcement package, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the green arrow.*
- 4) *You may order your cap and gown packages here.*
- 5) *Click CONTINUE SHOPPING OR CHECKOUT. If you continue shopping, keep scrolling and using the green arrows to advance.*
- 6) *Please fill in all fields on the STUDENT INFORMATION page when checking out.*
- 7) *On the BILLING/SHIPPING page, make sure you enter the security code image. It is for your credit card safety.*
- 8) **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ANNOUNCEMENT ORDERS ARE DELIVERED AT SCHOOL WITH THE STUDENT ORDER. ONLY IF ORDERED AFTER SCHOOL DELIVERY, WILL WE DELIVER HOME. ALL CAPS & GOWNS ARE DELIVERED AT SCHOOL AT A LATER DATE.**

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# Yearbooks On Sale Now!!!



Yearbooks are still available at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) for \$100. They will remain on sale until April 30, 2017, or sell out- which ever comes first! Any questions, please contact Ms. Reeves at [reevesm@fcpsk12.net](mailto:reevesm@fcpsk12.net)

# Sports Information



## Spring Sports Tryouts

**Begin Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**See Athletic Website for updated tryout times depending on field and weather conditions**

All students wishing to try out for baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, and track & field must have an **approved VHSL physical on file**. You can download the form at [www.jameswoodathletics.org](http://www.jameswoodathletics.org) or pick up a paper copy in the main office.

**February 25th---Spring Sports Kickoff!  
March 6th---Spring Sports Picture Day!**

### 2016-2017 Athletic passes now discounted!

Discounted athletic passes for the 2016-2017 school year are now prorated at \$15.00 for students and \$25.00 for adults. Passes are valid for all regular season home winter & spring athletic events at James Wood and offer substantial savings compared to the individual \$5.00 ticket price. Please contact the Athletic Department at (540) 667-5226 or e-mail Craig Woshner, the athletic director, at [woshnerc@fcpsk12.net](mailto:woshnerc@fcpsk12.net) to arrange for your pass purchase. Passes will also be available at the ticket counter of all home games.

**James Wood  
Athletic Association  
Annual Cash Party  
Saturday, March 18th  
6:30 PM  
Gainesboro Fire Hall  
See Mr. Woshner for tickets**

[www.jameswoodathletics.org](http://www.jameswoodathletics.org) is the official website of James Wood athletics. Please visit the site for up-to-the minute scores, rosters, schedules and important information.

# JAMES WOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISERS

Please help support the JWAA and the  
Student-Athletes of James Wood High  
School



Come out for food, fun and fundraising! Present this flyer on the date below and The Greene Turtle will donate 15% of the sale.

### JWAA Student Scholarships

ORGANIZATION

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 4-7pm

DATE OF EVENT

185 Kernstown Commons Blvd | Winchester, VA 22602  
(540) 508-4164 | [thegreenturtle.com](http://thegreenturtle.com)



### MOVIE MONEY

#### Fundraiser

Visit the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema for a film, food and a fundraiser! Present this flyer on the date below and the Alamo will donate 15% of your food and beverage total.

### JWAA Student Scholarships

Special Screening of...

### Beauty and the Beast

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11am

181 Kernstown Commons Blvd, Winchester, VA

540-313-4060 • [www.drafthouse.com/winchester](http://www.drafthouse.com/winchester)

JWAA Monthly Meeting - Mon, Feb 6 @ 6 PM - Library  
- All welcome

### Spring Kickoff - February 25

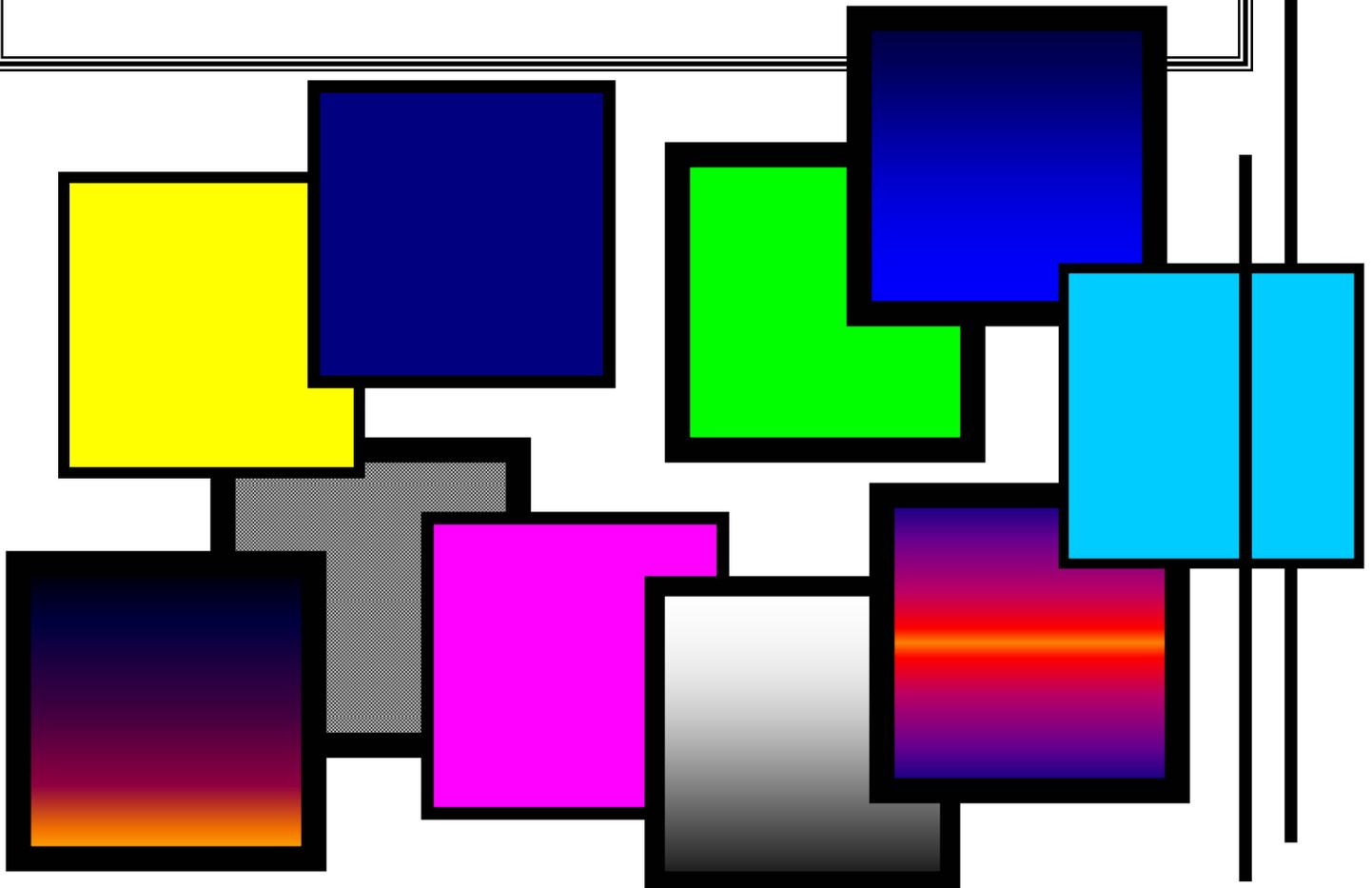
The James Wood Athletic Association will be hosting the Spring Kick-Off on February 25 - gymnasium - time to be announced.  
All sports teams and their families are invited to attend.

What should I bring?  
Boys and Girls Soccer = provide sides and salads  
Baseball and Softball= desserts  
Tennis= paper products

# Guidance Department

## AP Testing

All students taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams this year will take the exams at Lord Fairfax Community College. Students who register to take an AP exam will be provided with the specific location to which they should report at LFCC prior to the exam being administered. Administering AP exams at a central location instead of each individual high school allows more students at each school to take the exams and also helps assure there are adequate resources available at each school to accommodate SOL testing. Students taking the AP exams will have to provide their own transportation to LFCC and will not be counted as absent at their home school on the day(s) they take their AP test(s). Registration for AP tests will be held in the guidance department between February 21 and March 16. AP exams will be administered during the two-week exam window of May 1-5 and May 8-12. Since there is no school on May 5 due to the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, AP exams scheduled for May 5 will be administered on May 17. For more information, contact the guidance department or visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).



## **The 2016-17 School Calendar Information**

The 2016-17 School Calendar adopted by the School Board on March 1, 2016, noted the last day of school would be determined based on the number of inclement weather days missed during the year. Seven inclement weather make-up days (June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13) were identified in the calendar and will be used as necessary. This means the last day of school will fall somewhere between June 5 and June 13 depending on the number of days missed due to inclement weather throughout the year.

The Code of Virginia requires each school year to be a minimum of 180 days. June 2, 2017, was designated the 180<sup>th</sup> day of the 2016-17 school year in Frederick County provided there were no school closings. The first five identified make-up days (June 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be used to make up the first five days of school missed due to inclement weather on a one-for-one basis. This means one make-up day will be added to the school calendar for each day of school missed during the year. The sixth and seventh identified make-up days (June 12 and 13) will be used to make up any school days missed in excess of the first five on a two-for-one basis as school divisions are only required to make up one day for every two days of school missed in excess of the first five. As of today, the last day of school is scheduled for June 5, 2017. Should additional days be missed, the last day of school will change according to the school calendar and scheduled make-up days.

The decision to identify all make-up days in the calendar and have them at the end of the year was made in order to protect holidays, spring break and professional development days in the school calendar. In the past, there have been times when these types of “no school” days have been changed to regular school days in order to make up for time missed due to inclement weather. Identifying the inclement weather make-up days and placing them at the end of the school year is done in many other school divisions and eliminates the need to alter the school calendar during the year.

## **School Board Takes Action to Address Overcrowding and Enrollment Growth**

The Frederick County School Board adopted a revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on December 6. The top three priorities on the CIP are construction of a fourth high school, the Armel Elementary School addition/renovation, and the construction of a 12<sup>th</sup> Elementary School. Each of these priorities is needed to address current overcrowding, future enrollment growth due to residential development, and to provide the space needed to facilitate engaging instruction that is most effective in preparing students for the future. The Board also has asked the Board of Supervisors to provide the funding needed proceed with the construction of the new schools and the addition/renovation at Armel so they can be completed over the next 2-3 years. At its meeting on December 14, the Board of Supervisors voiced concerns about the three projects and took no action which will result in the projects being delayed and likely increase the cost of the projects due to construction inflation. Any delay will also result in the School Board having to consider less favorable options to address enrollment growth in the short-term such as attendance zone changes and using additional modular classrooms. Additional information on the School Board's Capital Improvement Plan and each of the plan's top priorities is available at <http://bit.ly/2h3SYe6>. Students, parents and FCPS staff members are encouraged to share their perspectives on these important projects with members of the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

## JWHS Traffic Concerns: We Need Your Help

Traffic on the James Wood High School campus is a growing concern and we need the assistance of everyone driving on campus to help keep our students and staff safe. When exiting the JWHS campus via Woodside Place to Apple Pie Ridge Road, please adhere to the 25 mph speed limit. In addition, we ask that you yield to any vehicles turning left onto Woodside Place from Woodcrest Drive at the intersection of those two roads. Thank you.

