

Getting to Know Falls Church High School

Fundamental Purpose:

To ensure a high level of learning for
all students.



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Administration

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Dr. Ben Nowak, Principal



- Administrative team
- Department Chairs
- Finance
- Leadership Team
- Master Schedule
- School Plan
- Staff Development
- Professional Development (Whole School)
- Staff Performance Evaluation
- Teacher Appreciation

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Falls Church Academy Administrator



Mr. Bill McGreevy
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- **Academic Administrator**
 - Academy
 - CTE

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Assistant Principal



Ms. Mary Bermingham

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Responsibilities

- Student Management
 - A-DE
- Academic Administrator
 - Special Education CAT A
 - Fine Arts & Performing Arts
- Sponsor for the Class of 2026

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Assistant Principal



Mrs. Bianca Aiello
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Student Discipline

- Di - Lop
- ESOL department
- Sponsor for the Class of 2027

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Missy Brady

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Responsibilities

Student Discipline Ri-Z

Science

Special Education Cat B

Sponsor of the class of 2028

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Assistant Principal

Mr. Peter Lake

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Responsibilities

Student Management

- ESOL Level 1

Renovation

Technology

Sponsor for the Class 2025

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Assistant Principal

Dr. Sean Rolon

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Responsibilities

- Student Management
 - Lou-Re
- Academic Administrator
 - Social Studies
 - English
 - Testing
- Sponsor for the Class of 2024

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Director of Student Services



Mrs. Jessica Grenfell

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Responsibilities

- Master Schedule
- School Counselors
- Family Liaisons
- Student Records
- Registrar
- AVID

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Activities Director



Greg Weisbecker

(W) 703-207- 4025

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Responsibilities

- Clubs/sports
- Extracurricular activities
- Custodians

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Student Support Counselor (SOSA)



Arthur Reinaltt

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(C) 571-279-7009

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Responsibilities

- Provides academic, behavior, and wellness support for ALL students

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Dean of Students



Mrs. Ileana Rios
(W) 703-207-4035
(C) 571-585-3408



@lle_Rios

Provides support for overall student attendance issues and student success.

Supports students with last names A-De, Lou-Re, and ESOL Level 1

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Dean of Students



Mrs. Maria Martin
(W) 703-207-4018
(C) 571-585-1984



@Maria_L_Martin

Provides support for overall student attendance issues and student success.

Supports students with last names Di-Lop and Ri-Z

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Student Services

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Counselors



Ms. Marketos

-



Ms. Ellis

-



Ms. Wiley

-



Ms. Doudaklian

-



Ms. Gaitan

-



Mr. Walker

-



Mr. Cardona

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Support Personnel

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College & Career Center



Terri Markwart
tmarkwart@fcps.edu

- Information on the college process- finding the right “fit” college, application, essay, financial aid.
- 100+ college representative visits at FCHS each fall.
- Find test prep for PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB
- Leads on internships and apprenticeships. Information on financial aid, scholarships, and how to pay for college.
- Information on gap year programs and summer enrichment programs (volunteering, classes, etc).
- Information on military careers, service academies, and ROTC scholarships.

Clinicians



Shannon Stapleton

Social Worker
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Jeanette Alvarez

Social Worker
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Rachel Meyer

Social Worker
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School Psychologist



Works with students to help them with barriers that get in the way of learning. Sometimes that could be a learning challenge, other times it may be a mental health challenge, or a difficult situation with friends or family.

Miranda Carlson

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Substance Abuse & Prevention Specialist

Anna Teeter

Falls Church Pyramid

Phone: 703-207-4135

Office of Student Safety and Wellness

Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

Email: amteeter@fcps.edu

Discipline

vs.

Non-Discipline

Referral Process for Substance Abuse Prevention Specialists (SAPS)

Begins with:

Student violates Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana and Other Drug policy as outlined in the Student Rights and Responsibilities



Begins with:

A student, counselor, teacher, parent, or other staff member refers the student for concerns related to Substance Abuse

*Non-clinical staff concerns must go through school counselors to make non-discipline referrals



Family Liaisons



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Administrative Assistants



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School Resource Officer



Officer Frank Rivas

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FCHS SRO is called Official Rivas.

SRO Rivas fosters a relationship of trust between students and the police department.

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High School Transcript

- Standard vs. Advanced Diploma
- Standard credits - course
- Verified credits - SOLs
- GPA and expunging classes
- Honors Classes and Advanced Placements (AP)

Students Activities

Sports we offer:

FALL: July-November
Cross Country
Golf
Field Hockey
Football
Cheer
Volleyball

WINTER: November- February
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Wrestling
Swim and Dive
Dance
Gymnastics
Indoor Track
Winter Cheer

SPRING: February- June
Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer
Girls Lacrosse
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Tennis
Boys Tennis
Softball
Baseball
Outdoor Track

Visit us at: fcjagsathletics.org

Call us at: 703-207-4023

email Administrative Assistant; Christina Lugo at: cmlugo1@fcps.edu

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Falls Church Activities Information:

Website: <https://fcjagsathletics.org/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fcjagsathletics/>

X: <https://twitter.com/fcjagsathletics>

Clubs, Activities, & Co-Curriculars: <https://fcjagsathletics.org/2022/09/16/clubs-activities-and-co-curriculars/>

Physicals Night Registration:

- <https://tinyurl.com/FCPhysicalNight>
- VHSL Physicals are required to participate in athletics at Falls Church!
- Purpose of Physicals Night (Athletic Training Fundraiser): All proceeds directly to support the Athletic Training program and Student-Athletes at Falls Church High School.
- Thursday June 6th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Falls Church Cafeteria
- \$50 for appointment

Athletics Registration:

- <https://fallschurch-ar.schooltoday.com/>
- Fall Sports Start Date for Cheerleading, Cross Country Girls & Boys, Field Hockey, Football, Volleyball Girls & Boys is Monday August 5th
- Golf Girls & Boys Start Date is Thursday August 1st.

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What to Know:

Mascot : Jaguar

School Hours : 8:10 am to 2:55 pm

Colors : Green & White

White Days : Periods 2, 4, 6, 8

Green Days : Periods 1, 3, 5, 7

Activities : Clubs, Co-Curriculars* & Sports

Parenting Programs in English & Spanish, Seminars, Coffees



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What to Know?

students need to perform well in each class in order to pass it.

What Counts?

- Class participation
- Homework
- Quizzes
- Test
- Projects

What if I need more help?



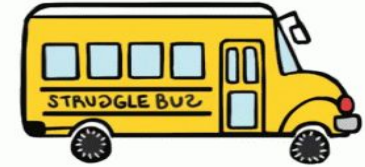
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Academic Support

- Intervention during 4th period
- After school help
- Tutor.com
- Saturday Young Scholars



Late Buses



FCHS Offers buses for students who need extra help with their learning, after school, sports practices or clubs.

Wednesday and Thursday buses leave @ 4:30 pm. After regular departure time.

- **Download “Here Comes the Bus® app”** for real time bus location



Connecting with FCHS

- Download Talking Point. Respond to teachers messages.
- Open/reactivate a SIS/ParentVUE account to be informed of your children's academic progress and school attendance in real time.
- Register your current email address with the school to receive weekly FCHS News & Announcements, in English, Espanol or Vietnamese.
- Contact your child's school counselor if you have any concerns.
- Administrators, the attendance office, and/or teachers may contact parents when there are clear indications of unexcused absences, unsatisfactory school work, or unacceptable behavior.



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School Attendance Matters

- Virginia law requires that all students between the ages of 5 and 18 attend school regularly. A student's absence may affect their academic, social, and emotional development.
- FCPS must withdraw any student who is absent from school for 15 consecutive days.





School Attendance

(continuation)

- Call in each absence at 703-207-4019
- Attendance line for voicemail and a form online
- FCPS notifies parents by robo call around 10 AM and 6 PM when a student is absent from a class or school day and the absence was not Excused/notified prior..

Calendar

FCPS 2024-2025 School Calendar:

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/2024-2025-standard-school-year-calendar.pdf>

Students might lose credit for any graded activity done during his/her unexcused absence.

For excused absences, students are fully

Responsible for completing any

Missed assignments

Fairfax County Public Schools 2023-2024 Standard School Year Calendar Approved

Quarter	End Date	Duration
1st Quarter	November 3	41
2nd Quarter	January 28	41
3rd Quarter	March 23	39
4th Quarter	June 3	40

180 Instructional Days

Number of 5-Day Instructional Weeks
1st Quarter - 5
2nd Quarter - 5
3rd Quarter - 7
4th Quarter - 6

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Discipline SR&R

- Teachers make referrals in SIS
- Progressive discipline- the same offense more than once may get a more significant punishment
- Conference, parent notification
- Detention, temporary loss of privileges (includes parking or attendance at school activities)
- Referral for restorative justice
- Restitution
- Behavior Contract
- In-School Suspension (Full-Day or Part-Day)
- Out-of-School Suspension



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