

# Parent/Student Newsletter – September 2018

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## *From the Director's Desk:*

Fairfield Career Center Students and Parents/Guardians:

It has been an AMAZING start to our 2018-2019 school year. It is my hope that you have found Fairfield Career Center to be a “quality educational choice – where people like to be.” It is our honor to be your educational partner!

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I have recently accepted a new position within our district. This new position will allow me the opportunity to still serve our students but in a different capacity. Rest assured, we are in the process of finding a new Director for Fairfield Career Center and make a commitment to you, our students and parents/guardians that this new Director will continue to lead our school in the direction of building and strengthening our “community.”

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve in this building for the past 22 years. I look forward to the continued success of our students and the opportunity to serve our district in this new capacity.

Sincerely,

Shelley Groves

- Parents may use EZpay, our online payment option, to purchase student lunches in the cafeteria. To register for EZpay go to: <https://www.spsezpay.com/EastFair/login.aspx>.
- We encourage you to check on your student's progress through Canvas. Grades are updated throughout the week.
- Absences not reported, refer to page 59, #1 in the student handbook.
- Included in this mailing is our instruction page detailing student/parent access to Canvas.
- With the cold weather approaching we are reminding you that students may wear their coats to school, but once the day has begun, the FCC fleece is the only outerwear permitted in the building.

If you have any questions about the above items or if you are having trouble accessing any of the web sites, please feel free to call the office and we will do our best to assist you.



## SkillsUSA Fundraisers

Please join us in signing up for Kroger Community Rewards to help Fairfield's SkillsUSA Chapter raise money for leadership conferences and competition trips this year! You can sign up by going to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). From there search for **Fairfield Career Center SkillsUSA** or use our code: **JM474**.

## **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND** **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** **SEPTEMBER 20, 2018** **4:30-8:00 PM**

**You may email or call Mrs. Hill in our Guidance Office to schedule your appointments. If sending an email or leaving a message, please indicate what time you'd like to start meeting teachers and which teachers you would like to meet with.**

**[nhill@efcts.us](mailto:nhill@efcts.us) OR 614-837-9443, Ext. 1103**

**All parents are encouraged to attend!**

## SCHOOL INSURANCE

We have made arrangements with N. Carol Insurance Agency to provide student accident and health insurance for those wishing to purchase coverage this year. Insurance must be purchased within 75 days of the beginning of the school year unless the parent loses his/her insurance coverage or moves into the district. Please call Mrs. Harris in the Main Office if you need an application.

## Calendar Highlights

Parent/Teacher Conferences	September 20
Registration deadline Oct ACT	September 28
Picture Re-Take Day	October 9
PSAT Test (juniors only)	October 10
NO SCHOOL	October 11, 12
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> grading period	October 12
ASVAB	October 17
ACT Test	October 27
Sophomore Tours	Oct 31, Nov 1 & 2
NO SCHOOL	November 2
Registration deadline Dec ACT	November 2
Thanksgiving Break	November 21-23
Recommended College Application Deadline	December 1
Open House	December 6
ACT Test	December 8
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> grading period	December 20
Winter Break	Dec 21-Jan 4
Registration deadline Feb ACT	January 11
NO SCHOOL	January 21
ACT Test	February 9
NO SCHOOL	February 18
ACT @ FCC for ALL Juniors	February 20
Registration deadline Apr ACT	March 8
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> grading period	March 15
Spring Break	March 18-22
ACT Test	April 13
NO SCHOOL	April 19 & 22
Senior Recognition	May 23
Junior Shadow Day	May 23
Last day for Juniors	May 29

### PEOPLE YOU NEED TO KNOW:

**Attendance**-Mrs. McClaskey, [kmccclaskey@efcts.us](mailto:kmccclaskey@efcts.us)  
or Ext 1760

**Cashier**-Mrs. James, [ajames@efcts.us](mailto:ajames@efcts.us) or Ext 1000

**Free and/or Reduced Lunch**-Mrs. Harris,  
[aharris@efcts.us](mailto:aharris@efcts.us) or Ext 1001

**Guidance**-Mrs. Hill, [nhill@efcts.us](mailto:nhill@efcts.us) or Ext 1103

On August 21, 2013, the EFCTS board approved and adopted policy 5630.1: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Restraint and Seclusion. As a result, the district is in compliance with ORC 2919.22, OAC 3301-35-15 and OAC 3301-37-10. If you would like to view the policy in its entirety, please visit our website at: [www.eastland-fairfield.com](http://www.eastland-fairfield.com), or contact the office at 614-837-9443, if you have questions with this policy please contact the district office at 614-836-4530.

**College-Bound Seniors:** If you have not taken the ACT or SAT and plan on applying to a four-year college, you need to be sure you test no later than the December administration of either test. This is the latest testing dates available to get your scores sent in time to meet the application deadlines for the majority of colleges. The ACT is offered October 27 and December 8; the SAT is offered October 6, November 3, & December 1. Be sure to register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

**Financial Aid Information:** The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available for current senior families to complete of college bound students on October 1. If you are planning to go to college for the 2019-20 college year, you must complete the FAFSA to determine your eligibility for aid, and most scholarships. Visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete your FAFSA, or visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) for information about federal student financial aid. Students and parents can also get assistance in filling out the FAFSA by visiting [www.fafsa.helpoh.org](http://www.fafsa.helpoh.org). Check with your home school counselor for dates of Financial Aid meetings or workshops your school may be hosting.

**College-Bound Juniors:** Juniors considering college are encouraged to take the **PSAT on October 10**. The test costs \$16, payable by cash or check. Sign up and pay the registration fee in the Main Office by Wednesday, September 12 to guarantee your seat for the test. This test is not only used as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other national scholarship programs, but is a great way to have a practice attempt to gauge how prepared you are for the ACT/SAT tests you will need to take for college admission. See your guidance counselor if you have any questions.

Also, in addition to taking the state administered ACT or SAT (depending on your home school), juniors should plan on taking ACT or SAT tests on additional testing dates to improve your score. Additional test dates in the spring can be found on [www.actstudent.com](http://www.actstudent.com) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

**The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test will be given at Fairfield Career Center on Wednesday, October 17. This FREE test is not just for those students interested in the military. It is also a valuable career exploration test. If your student is not sure of the career direction to take or if he/she wants a confirmation, sign-up in their lab by the end of September.