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Organizing the Class of 2021 for their first official Freshmen Academy Photo below!



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Principal's Parent Update

August 14, 2017



Dear Parents,

The solar eclipse of 2017 is a mere week away on Monday August 21. The metro Atlanta area is expected to experience 98% coverage at approximately 2:36 pm. North Springs as a school does not have any school wide activities planned due to the size of our student body. Students will be inside the building from 1:30pm until dismissal at 3:30pm. Teachers will be able to live stream the eclipse coverage in their classrooms. We know that many parents and students will want to view this historic, once in a lifetime event, and schools are allowed to code absences as excused for students who are partaking in events off campus. The district has sent out messages regarding the holding of elementary school students until the main part of the eclipse has passed. Middle schools and high schools will start and end the day as planned. The delayed release of elementary school students may have an impact on middle school and high school bus riders later in the day, as buses will be off the road from 2:15 to 3:05. This NASA website has a wealth of information regarding the eclipse event. <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>

- Student schedule changes for those that submitted orange forms are underway. Counselors expect to have those completed early this week. Now that our numbers have stabilized there will be some leveling of classes to ensure we don't have overloaded classrooms.

Good Morning Spartans!



Did you know that Today's Announcements are added to the website every morning under the News tab? [Here's the link](#) to stay informed.

Our Teacher of the Week!



Congrats to **Tiffani Trawick** nominated by Language Arts as "unbelievably positive, optimistic, and helpful - jumping in with both feet as the new Freshmen Academy's Study Skills teacher. Ms. Trawick is working on her masters in education at Georgia State, having taught for 7 years in Columbus, Ga. after graduating from Columbus State with a degree in English! She'll be passing her golden Spartan trophy on to another deserving teacher next week. Welcome to Sparta and well done Ms. Trawick.

Beautiful Butterfly Photo taken by



.. Sophomore Virginia Fuss



- The 2017-2018 Fulton County Code of Student Conduct is available for review. Paper copies will not be provided to students this year in favor of the electronic format. Please review the Code of Conduct on the district website.

English version: <https://www3.fultonschools.org/codeconduct>

Spanish version: <https://www3.fultonschools.org/codeconduct/home/indexspa>

- Bus schedules - if you need to check the time and stop information, please visit the Fulton County Schools transportation site for more information. <http://www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/ops/trans/Pages/default.aspx>
- Student accident insurance is available from the district. Please see these attachments for more information. [Student Accident Insurance Parent Letter English.pdf](#) [Student Accident Insurance Parent Letter Spanish.pdf](#)
 - School Cafeteria Information. Fulton County Schools has moved to a new school lunch money provider, MyPaymentsPlus. Please see the attachment for more information and how to deposit money for school lunch accounts. Free or Reduced Lunch information and applications are available at the Fulton Schools Nutrition website; <http://www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/ops/Nutrition/Pages/default.aspx>

Surface Table deployment begins tomorrow. Here is important information about the process:

- Deployment will take place August 15, 16, and 17. Students will pick up their tablet with their 3rd period teacher one of the three days.
- Device agreements can be picked up from the media center, front desk or printed out.
- **In order to get a tablet, students must turn in their device agreement. Even if a student had a tablet last year, he/she must submit a new agreement this year.** [Device User Agreement 2017-18.pdf](#) to their 3rd period teacher.
- Teachers will be using devices at least once per week in instruction.
- Families have an option to take out insurance in case of damage or theft (insurance info in device agreement).

A reminder about car traffic and rider pick up and drop off inside campus. Many parents enter North Springs HS from Roswell Road, and attempt to drop students off right at the top of the hill. This poses safety problems for our students as people stop unexpectedly at the corner. There was a fender bender last week at this precise point which snarled traffic even more than normal. This corner at the top of the hill is a designated cross walk, and stopping also creates a hazard for students crossing. *Please proceed into the parking lot to the designated drop off area to ensure students are dropped off safely.*

Congrats to Varsity Football Spartans in their preseason win (41-28) against the Mt. Vernon Mustangs! North Springs opens their regular season August 25 at KIPP Academy. Go Spartans!

State School Superintendent Richard Woods is seeking middle and high school students to serve on his 2017-2018 Student Advisory Council. These students will meet with Superintendent Woods to discuss the impact of state policies in the classroom, along with other issues related to education, and will serve as the Superintendent's ambassadors to their respective schools. Applicants must be enrolled in a Georgia public middle or high school for the 2017-18 school year. To apply:

- Click here to download an application: <http://www.gadoe.org/Documents/2017%20-%202018%20Student%20Advisory%20Council%20Application.docx>
- Send applications by **September 1, 2016 at 5 p.m.** to students@doe.k12.ga.us
- Selected students will be **contacted via email.** All students can check gadoe.org, under News & Announcements, on **September 12 at 10 a.m.** to see whether they have been selected.

Middle school students will meet October 3, January 17, and April 10.

High school students will meet October 4, January 18, April 11.

"The Student Advisory Council is an absolutely invaluable resource for the Georgia Department of Education team as we make decisions that impact students and classrooms," Superintendent Woods said. "Nothing can replace the opportunity to hear directly from students about their experience in Georgia's public schools and what we can improve. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with this year's Student Advisory Council members."

Here is the weekly calendar that lists the major events happening at school this week. This list is accurate on the calendar when it is created, but may change or be cancelled due to weather and transportation issues. [Week at a Glance- 08-14 to 08-19.pdf](#)

North Spring communicates with the community in multiple ways. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter to stay up to date with all the great things happening at North Springs.

Those are all your updates for the week of August 14th. Have a great 2nd week!

Sincerely,

Scott Hanson, Principal

North Springs Charter High School

Virginia won 3rd place in the Fulton County Library Teen Digital Photo Contest with this entry taken this summer. She fell in love with photography in 6th grade when she'd take nature photos at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. She wants to be a photo journalist in the future!

School Governance Council



At Thursday's meeting parent Miriam Salpeter was elected chair, Econ teacher Travis Day vice chair, new community member appointee and

parent Sherri Allen parliamentarian and finance committee chair, graphic design teacher Cam Lupiani and PR Liaison Carol Ciepluch appointees will co-chair communications and our Teacher of the Year, art teacher Lauren Dellaria was also appointed. Look for more information about upcoming board meetings and opportunities to share your thoughts.

The next meeting will be September 14 at 4:30-6pm. Join us if you can before Curriculum Night!

Spartan Drumline and Cheerleaders Rock!



Our drumline and cheerleaders helped kickoff WildCat Pride at Woodland Elementary School . . . our future Spartans loved it; so did our current ones!

Go Spartans!



Here's 53 Jahvon Millard returning first of his two interceptions at Friday's preseason win over Mt. Vernon!

Follow us on Twitter @ NSSpartans or

click this [link right from the home page](#) to see all that goes on in Sparta! Twitter is also linked to our school Facebook page.



Dani Nicholas makes the catch during the team's first softball tournament at LaGrange on Saturday.

What's new this year with FCS?

<http://www.fultonschools.org/en/news/Pages/FCSNews.aspx?item=162>

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