



FESTUS



A Step Ahead



Festus High School To Honor Douglass School Alumni

On Tuesday, January 21, Festus High School will honor all Douglass School alumni at a special event and basketball game that day. During the day, special displays around the school will outline the history of the school. All students will be given the opportunity to see the exhibits to learn more about the school's history. That night, the displays will be open to the public to view before and during the boys varsity basketball game versus Crystal City. For the game, each team will wear replica Douglass Trojans uniforms and all Douglass alumni in attendance will be recognized.

Douglass School, opened in 1900 as an early grade school, educating African-American students from Festus. Douglass Cooperative High School opened in 1939 for African-American students from Festus, Crystal City, Herculaneum, De Soto, Bonne Terre, Farmington and Potosi. The high school was integrated into Festus High School in 1955. Students in grades 7 and 8 were integrated into Festus Schools in 1956 and in 1959 the Douglass School closed. Festus



Superintendent Ralph B. Tynes was the man behind the integration of Douglass School into the Festus School system. The history of Douglass School is important to the history of Festus and Festus Schools. Any Douglass Alumni who will be present during the game are encouraged to contact Communications Coordinator Kevin Pope at 636-638-2004.

Throwback jerseys to be worn by the teams on January 21

Letter from our Board President

Dear Patrons,

Let me begin by saying - Happy New Year - as we commence the second half of our school year. It's hard to believe we are now halfway through our current school year. However, the end of 1st semester presented us challenges via mother nature. Three snow days during the last week of the semester caused shuffling of schedules on multiple fronts and we thank all of our parents, staff, and students for their patience during that week. We now begin 2020 with a clean slate. Many exciting things to look forward to are on the horizon. At the high school, the new student services center is set to open by early February. Additionally, installation of the new HVAC system at the Intermediate school will commence this spring with the contractor set to install one unit in March, with the remaining installations completed during the summer. Work on the new elementary school bus drop-off and pick-up as well as the new kindergarten; first grade playground will also commence in the spring. That project is slated for completion by the start of our 2020-2021 school year. And we cannot forget that groundbreaking on the new District Performing Arts Center will be held in late spring with completion estimated to be August 2021.

In February, Festus High School will once again host business and political leaders from across Jefferson County for the annual "State of the County" breakfast. This is the second consecutive year in which R-VI will host the event. Our students and staff will display to all in attendance the myriad of talents that help make R-VI such an outstanding school district in which to learn, work, and live. The new year will also bring change. Beginning with the January meeting, the Festus R-VI School Board will now meet on the third **Thursday** of every month at 7pm in the Roy D. Burnside Administration Building. This is a change from our traditional third Wednesday meeting days. Our initial "Third Thursday" meeting will occur on January 16th. The R-VI Board of Education would like to thank all of our patrons for your continued support of both our district and our students. As always, Go Tigers!

Educationally,
Todd Oetting

Todd Oetting, President
Festus R-6 school District
Board of Education

Tech Talk



Josh Bauman
Director of Technology

If you spend any time on the internet you have passwords, likely on multiple sites (SISk12, email, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc). However if you are like most humans, you reuse passwords across several sites. Password reuse can result in exposing your accounts to “hackers”. Below I will cover a few ways to help protect your online accounts from being compromised by the bad guys.

First let's start with the simple truth that your passwords have likely been exposed by at least one breach. You can visit haveibeenpwned.com and enter your email address; it will tell you if your email address was exposed in any of the recent online breaches. Chances are it has been.

The first step I recommend is to use a password manager of some sort and not your browser's password manager. I use LastPass.com as my password manager, but there are others like 1Password, KeePass and Dashlane.

These tools will help you create strong and unique passwords for each site. This is crucial. As an example, let's pretend your facebook password is exposed. If you use that same username/password combo for your email account, then your email account is exposed as well. Unique passwords are very important since they compartmentalize exposure. I highly recommend using a password manager of some sort.

Another step I recommend to users is to enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) or 2 Factor Authentication (2FA). MFA and 2FA work by sending you a confirmation code to enter when you log into a website before fully gaining access. Here's an example: I log into Facebook on a new computer. I will then get a text message to my phone with a secret code. Facebook will ask me to enter the secret code from my phone before being able to log in. This keeps bad guys from gaining access because even if they know your password, they would need physical access to your cell phone to get the secret code. Most if not all online accounts support MFA including Gmail, Facebook, and Twitter. If you need help enabling MFA for a site you can google it-- “enable facebook mfa”.

These are rather simple steps you can take to protect your private accounts online. I highly recommend using both a password manager to create and save unique passwords for each site and enabling Multi-Factor authentication on all accounts that support it. If you would like more information or have a topic you would like me to cover in future columns, please email me at baumanjosh@festusedu.com.



Lindsey Roth
Coordinator of Staff & Student Wellness

Nurse's Office

The Festus R6 Nursing Department hopes you and yours had a blessed holiday season. As we get back into the school routine and start our second semester, we would like to offer some tips to help keep your child healthy and flu-free.

Viruses spread easily among children in schools. You can help prevent the spread of the flu and other illnesses by following a few simple steps.

- If possible, you and your child should get a flu vaccine.
- Remind your child to cover his or her nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue immediately. If no tissue is available, sneeze or cough into your elbow.
- Have your child wash his or her hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and shared items.
- Teach your child not to touch his or her mouth, nose, and eyes. If your child is sick, keep him or her at home to prevent the spread of illnesses to others.
- If sick, your child needs to remain home from school until he or she is diarrhea, vomit, and fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of medications.

If you have any questions about when your child may return to school, please contact me or your child's school nurse



Steven Shemwell
Senior Counselor

Counselor's Corner

The Festus R-6 School Counseling Staff is proud to serve our community. The Counseling Staff has a fully implemented comprehensive school counseling program. Effective comprehensive school counseling programs are vital to the school climate and are a critical element in the development of success ready students. Comprehensive school counseling programs have a positive impact on students, parents, schools and communities.

At Festus R-6, the comprehensive school counseling program is an integral part of our school district's total educational program. It is developmental by design and includes sequential activities organized and implemented by school counselors with the active support of parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and the community. As a developmental program, it addresses the needs of all students by facilitating their social/emotional, academic, and career development needs.

The school counseling program also helps create a positive and safe learning climate in the school setting and helps students feel connected. The program assists students as they face issues and resolve problems that prevent their healthy development. School counselors strive to enhance student academic performance, mental health, social/emotional development, achievement, career development through classroom lessons, small groups and individual counseling. School counselors assist in providing a positive and safe learning environment, and collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and the community to better address student needs.

The School Counseling Staff hosts an Advisory Council meeting once per semester. The Advisory Council consists of parents/guardians, community members, students, and staff with the purpose of providing feedback on the school counseling program. We always welcome new member participation. If you would like to participate in our Advisory Council please contact your student's school counselor.

Student Services AdvancED®

The Festus R-VI School District has a strong belief in inclusion for all students. One way that we include students is through Unified Sports. Young people with special needs do not always have the opportunity to play on their school's sports teams. Festus R-VI partners with Special Olympics to provide Unified Soccer to our 3rd grade students and Unified Basketball to our 6th grade students. Jena Bohn, high school special education teacher, has worked with the high school Student Council, the 6th grade Character Council and 3rd and 6th grade Special Education Students to implement Unified Sports in our school district. This has provided a way to build inclusion and tolerance in our schools. This winter they are playing basketball which includes practices and games. They will play soccer in the spring. It is the simple principle of Special Olympics that “training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.” The Festus R-VI School District has certainly found this to be true.



Cara Pellerin
Director of Student Services

Festus School District

Festus Schools Honor Veterans



Students & veterans filled the gymnasium for the high school veterans assembly

Students at Festus Schools honored veterans for Veterans Day in November. The High School and Intermediate Schools hosted their annual assemblies for Veterans. Both events were very well attended. At the Middle School, students invited veterans to attend a special breakfast. They then received a tour of the travelling memorial wall (see story, page 7). At the elementary school, Mrs. Kerr's class talked with her grandfather, John Baynes, an army veteran of World War II. He served in the infantry on the front lines in the Philippines. The students were able to ask him questions and look at all of his medals and war artifacts. He ended the call by encouraging his "little friends" to stay in school and to work hard, because education is what is most important.



Mrs. Kerr shows students her grandfather's World War II memorabilia

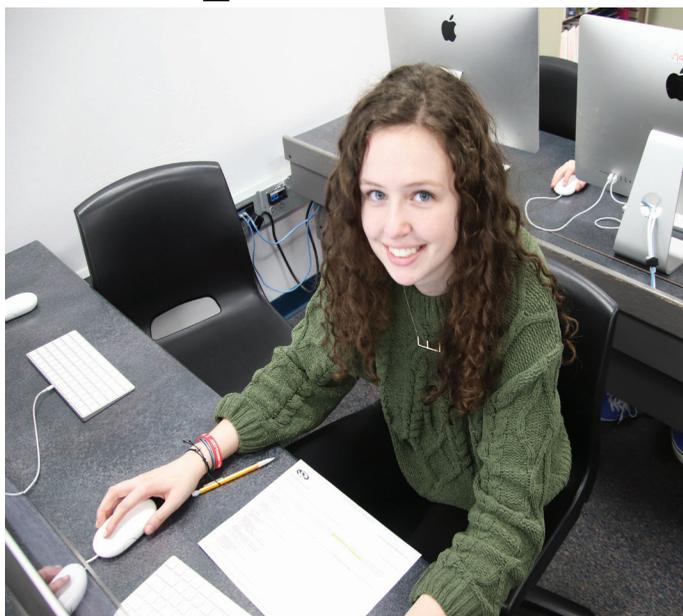


Intermediate School students honor veterans with a parade through the hallway after the assembly



Middle School students and their invited veterans enjoy breakfast before a brief assembly

A Step Ahead Designer



Festus High School Senior Emma Wright is the layout designer for the 2019-2020 school year editions of "A Step Ahead." Emma is responsible for our new and improved look. She designed our new masthead on the front page and the new headline font and color. Emma is an independent study student working with Mrs. Jessica Doyel. This year the school district brought the layout and design portion of the paper in-house. It's part of an effort to give students an opportunity to work on real world projects to help better prepare them to be college or career-ready.

Big Yellow Buzz

FESTUS SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FACTS:



1. Kids are 70X safer when riding the bus to school daily. Plus riding the school bus ensures the students get to school on time and ready to learn.



2. 100% of Festus students have access to safe, reliable and efficient transportation to school in a Festus school bus.



3. One school bus = 36 cars. One school bus carries the equivalent of 36 cars. It saves Festus families miles of driving and gallons of fuel each school year.

STUDENTS REMEMBER THESE TIPS:



1. Get to your bus stop 5 minutes early.



2. Stay 10 large steps away from the street curb. Staying away from a busy road is a great idea, but also lets your bus driver see you clearly.



3. Stay seated with your feet and backpacks out of the aisle. This keeps everyone safe while students are loading and unloading and while the bus is moving.



4. Talk and laugh quietly with your friends. Your bus driver needs to hear well to focus on the road.



5. Never reach underneath or near the bus wheels for something of yours. Always ask the bus driver for help.



6. Just like school, your bus is a bully-free zone. Be sure to report any bullying to your bus driver.

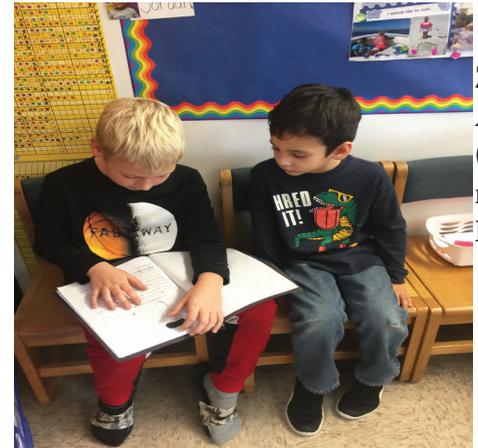
Festus Elementary

3rd Graders Research & Write Books About the Amazon

Emma Wilson reads to Kylynn McCartney (left) and Scarlett Moser



In November, Mrs. Berezowski's third grade class made books based on their study of plants and animals that live in the Amazon. When they finished their books, they shared them with students in Mrs. Lofton's, Mrs. Doyle's and Mrs. Kohler's kindergarten classes. The younger students did a great job of listening as the 3rd graders read to them and answering the questions the older students asked at the end of the book reading. Through this project the third graders worked on research skills, note taking, and using print and digital text features.



Zachery Asher (left) reads to Eli Ruiz

2nd Graders and Kindergarteners Team Up to Show Their Thankfulness

Before Thanksgiving, some Kindergarten and second grade classes teamed up to say "Thank You" to our Elementary School cafeteria workers, custodians, secretaries, counselors and administrators. Mrs. Shiniger's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Jones's kindergarten classes worked together and Ms. Penrod's 2nd grade class collaborated with Mrs. Niehaus's kindergarten class. After reading the book "The Jelly Donut Difference: Spreading Kindness with the World," the students made signs and thank you cards and presented them to the school workers along with donuts. The lesson was part of the classes' monthly "character counts" activities.

Gaby Sanchez (right) helps Ryder Cary with their project



(L to R) Lukas Portell, Elijah Gos, Luke Beck, Evah Hoven, Nora Hoven & Mrs. Jones show our school workers the large "Thank You" sign they made



Arianna Zehr, Payton Allen & Elaina Bolin present Mrs. Nahlik, Mrs. Benack and Mrs. Ketcherside with their "thankful" gifts.

Elementary Students Step Up For Brenden's Friday Backpacks

Elementary Food Drive

In November, the elementary school hosted a food drive to benefit Brenden's Friday Backpacks. Students brought in 7,636 food items. Brenden's Friday Backpacks distributes backpacks full of food to disadvantaged students who often rely on school lunch as their primary meal. The program provides food for those students over the weekends and breaks.



Just some of the food collected by elementary school students for Brenden's Friday Backpacks

Elementary & Intermediate Schools Participate In Green & Silver Days

Students in the Elementary and Intermediate Schools participated in Green and Silver Days during the month of December. Students were encouraged to bring green (dollars) and silver (coins) to school.

The money collected was donated to the Jefferson County Toy Distribution Center. Some elementary students also brought in toys to be donated as well.

The Elementary School collected \$1,125 total. With \$164.75, Mrs. Moll's 1st grade class collected the most in the Elementary School. The Intermediate School collected \$1,362.40. Mrs. Baseler's class collected the most, \$90.87.



The toys and money donated by Elementary students



Just some of the money donated at the Intermediate School



Mrs. Baseler's 5th grade class collected the most money at the Intermediate School

Festus Intermediate School Receives Grant

On Thursday, December 19th, Festus Intermediate School received a check for \$1,500 from Midwest Regional Bank through their "We Care About Kids" program. Since its founding, Midwest Regional Bank has donated over \$300,000 to local schools through this program.

The money donated will be used by the FIS PTO to help purchase MAP medals for students who achieved Advanced (gold), Proficient (silver), or showed tremendous growth, no matter the level (bronze) on the 2019 state assessments.

Abby Kimrey, Assistant Marketing Director at Midwest Regional Bank presents the check to Intermediate School Principal Spencer Kearns.



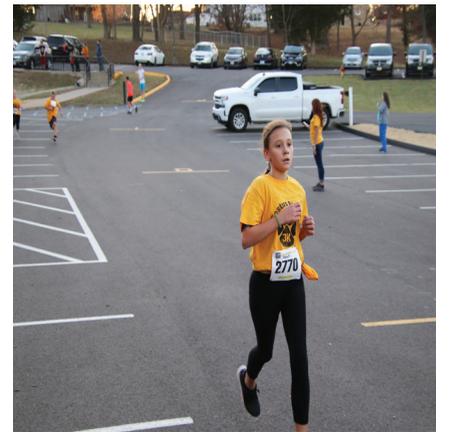


Festus Fitness



6th Grader Carson Driemeier crosses the finish line first

80 Festus 5th and 6th graders took part in this year's Festus Fitness 3K. Festus Fitness participants meet after school every Monday. They run or walk 1.5 to 4 miles each session, depending on their individual training. About 120 students participate in Festus Fitness. Just before Thanksgiving, 80 of them participated in the annual 3K. It started and ended behind the Intermediate School and weaved through campus. Each participant has a goal; win the 3K race, achieve a personal best time, or complete the 3K. Many teachers volunteered to help coach or cheer on the runners/walkers. Members of the high school and middle school cross country teams helped by keeping time, serving as course spotters or running with the students. Every student finished the race and received a completion medal.



Peyton Graft (5th grade) crosses the finish line



Counselor & Festus Fitness Organizer Steve Williams takes a picture of the runners before the race begins

6th Grade Girls

1. Olivia Cole 13.47
2. Rosalie Tedford 15.19
3. Pixie Willis 15.25

5th Grade Girls

1. Gwen Hoven 13.38
2. Lucy Boyer 13.39
3. Rylee Lawrence 14.57

6th Grade Boys

1. Carson Driemeier 12.08 (overall winner)
2. Chase Allen 12.13
3. Jackson Frank 13.17

5th Grade Boys

1. Dylan Clinton 13.33
2. Connor Johnson 13.44
3. Gus Drinen 13.48



Pixie Willis (6th grade) & Max Foglesong (5th grade) approach the finish line

6th Grade Teachers Win Christmas Extravaganza Contest

What started as a parade of ugly sweaters has turned into a full-blown competition at the Intermediate School. Every year, the district hosts a holiday party for employees. That same day, employees are encouraged to wear ugly sweaters or ugly Christmas outfits. The Intermediate School began a competition to see which grade level teachers wore the "ugliest" outfits. That competition has now evolved into matching outfits and big performances. The students vote on the winner with their applause. This year, the 6th grade teachers won the competition.



6th grade winners



4th grade teachers perform



5th grade teachers perform



6th grade teachers perform

Festus Middle School

FMS Hosts Traveling Memorial Wall



Veterans & students view the wall

Festus Middle School hosted a traveling memorial wall November 11-15. The FMS Student Council and the Andy Habsieger Foundation sponsored the event. The “Remembering the Fallen from Missouri” memorial wall honors service members from Missouri killed in the War on Terror since September 11, 2001. During the 5-day display, approximately 800-900 students saw the display. Nearly 100 members of the public stopped by during the school’s Veterans’ Day breakfast and during two public viewings.



Students view the memorial wall

Emerson Excellence in Teaching



7th grade math teacher Erin Pfundt is the district’s Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award Winner. Mrs. Pfundt has been with the district for 12 years. She records her voice over her teaching slideshows so students who miss her class or who just need to see it again have access to the lesson on their computers. More than a third of her students jumped a full achievement level on the MAP test and half of those students moved out of the lowest level, Below Basic.

FMS Students Come Together For A Good Time, A Good Cause... And A Little Basketball

The Festus Middle School fall sports programs hosted the Third Annual Braggin’ Rights Game on October 23rd. The teams battled it out on the basketball court for the bragging rights of the building. “We came together to have fun and celebrate a successful sports season” said football coach William Reece. “More importantly, we came together to raise money for a worthy cause. We were able to raise \$305 for The Beautiful Feet Project.” Congratulations to the 8th grade football team on being crowned the 2019 Braggin’ Rights Champions!

The Cheer and Cross Country teams kicked off the tournament action.



The students who participated in the “Braggin’ Rights Game”



Middle School Offers New Class - Intro To Engineering

New this year at Festus Middle School is an 8th grade elective called “Introduction to Engineering”. Each week students cover a new topic somewhere within the STEAM field (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math). During our forensics week, students analyze fingerprints and hair samples, solve a staged “crime” using investigative techniques and will test the “stomach contents” (really, just a variety of foods, mixed in a blender with food coloring).



(Left to right): Bobby Buehre, Vinson Linn, Cody Evans, Ella McKinney, Madison Austin watching how their water filters work



Nick Thomas, Elijah Getting & Mrs. Genova look at the inside of Nick’s ear using the new forensic camera

This test allowed the students to determine what chemicals were present, what foods those chemicals are found in, therefore figuring out where the person ate their “final meal”. Other topics include electrical engineering, the science of sound and how it impacts the brain, a plumbing unit where they build water purification tools, aeronautics, laser cutting and engraving, 3D printing, robotics and structural engineering.

Festus High School

November Student of the Month Sophia Leftwich



Courtesy Wagner Portrait Studios

Sofia Leftwich is the Festus High School November Student of the Month. "It's just an honor because I know that a lot of my peers work just as hard and are involved in a lot of different things, so to be named student of the month is just a privilege and an honor," she said. Her favorite class is history because she enjoys learning how it affects our present and our future. Leftwich is a member of the Missouri All-State Choir. She is also involved in Cross Country, Track and Field, band, National Honor Society, and theater. She plans to attend the Mizzou Honors College in the fall but is still undecided on her area of study. Sophia is the daughter of Michael and Jill Leftwich.

December Student of the Month Abby Rickermann



Courtesy Wagner Portrait Studios

Abby Rickermann is the Festus High School December Student of the Month. "It's nice that people are realizing that I have good character and I'm a good student," she said. "It's humbling to realize people are noticing that." Abby is the daughter of Mike & Melissa Rickermann. Her favorite class is weightlifting because she is in the class with her best friend. She says it has also made her stronger, which has helped improve her softball skills. She is involved in softball, basketball, track, National Honor Society, she's vice president of Student Council and she's a member of the Key Club. She will attend Southeast Missouri State University in the fall on a softball scholarship. She plans to study to become a Physical Therapist.

High School Counseling Department Wins State Award

The Festus High School Counseling Department is the recipient of the prestigious Gysbers Missouri Comprehensive School Counseling Program Award. The Counseling Section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education made the announcement in the fall. The award is in recognition for the counseling department's implementation of a comprehensive school counseling program that focuses on the academic and the career and social/emotional development of students. The award is named in honor of Dr. Norman Gysbers, a retired University of Missouri professor who is widely considered to be the father of modern school counseling.

Receiving the award at a special ceremony in Columbia are: (beginning 2nd from left) Principal Karl Shininger, senior counselor Steve Shemwell, administrative assistant Melanie Raebel, sophomore & junior counselor Amanda Esparza, Superintendent Link Luttrell, and freshman & sophomore counselor Jennifer Kline.



Festus High School Begins Competitive Archery Club



Mr. Mothersbaugh gives a lesson to clinic participants

Archery is a growing school sport across the St. Louis area. Festus High School students will begin competing in competitive archery competitions this month. The club held its first clinic in November with more than 30 students. The Festus Archery Team is being coached by Kyle Allen and Nicole Fisher.



Alex Geiler (center) and Aubbrey Koch (right)

Festus High School

Boys Cross Country Wins 6th Consecutive State Title

For the sixth year in a row, the Festus Boys Cross Country team ended its season as state champions. This year's championship is the program's eighth title in eleven years. The other three years the team finished second in the state. The 2019 team had many obstacles to overcome including injury and illness. Festus placed five runners in the top 21 and all seven of its runners finished in the top 45. Festus runners were: Simon Ogle - 3rd place, Cullen Krieg - 6th place, Dominik Kayser - 19th place, Garrett Rhine - 20th place, Jacob Meyers - 21st place, Nathan Wolk - 35th place, Johah Krieg - 43rd place. Festus runners will try for a record tying seventh consecutive State Cross Country Championship next year.



From left to right: Coach Bryant Wright, Ian Schram (Alternate), Nathan Wolk (35th place, Dominik Kayser (19th place), Simon Ogle (3rd place), Jonah Krieg (43rd place), Ryan Harness (Alternate), Garrett Rhine (20th place), Connor Hartman (Alternate), Jacob Meyer (21st place), Cullen Krieg (6th place), Coach Wes Armbruster

Theater Department Presents Fall Play



Amaya Logan & Grant Otto

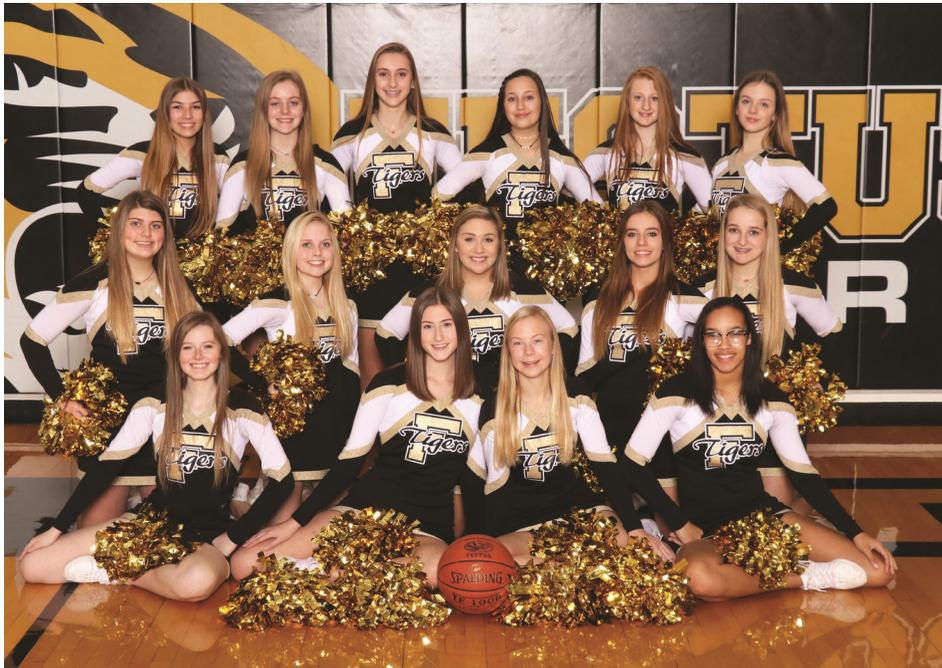


Opening night: Amanda Allen & Maya Smith, Maids in the Back are Elizabeth Ganey & Brooke Harris



Robby Rhodes and Abby Ohlau

The Festus Theater Department presented *The Importance of Being Earnest* in November. The talented cast graced the stage with proper Victorian style and manners in the comedy about mistaken identities. The leading actors were challenged by British accents and long monologues that poked fun at the customs of the aristocracy. The play had great audiences and parent support as well as a large crew that transformed the stage into an English garden each night. The program's next production will be *The Wizard of Oz* on April 2-5.



Courtesy Wagner Portrait Studios

Girls Varsity Cheer

back row (L to R): Madison Emily, Kylie Kempfer, Abby Marr, Savannah McElyea, Hailey Brown, Claire Horner
 middle row (L to R): Trinitee Asinger, Ella Boyer, Grace Arman, Jaiden Sells, Abby Tate
 Front row (L to R): Annie Albrecht, Jada Staat (captain), Miranda Allen (captain), Haley Casseus

Boys Varsity Basketball

Back Row (L to R): Cole Rickermann, Isaac Stucke, Damarion Anderson, Dabrion Barker, Jacob Raye, Austin Coale
 Front Row (L to R): Cayse Martin, Laine Axtetter, Collin Reando, AJ Forrester, Collin Weinhaus



Courtesy Wagner Portrait Studios

Girls Varsity Basketball

Front row (From L to R): Tristin Foulk, Kate Todd, Taylor Thompson, Samantha Helbrueck, Brianna Teer, Josie Allen, Mya Courtois
 Back row (L to R): Assistant Coach Jessica Ecker, Abby Rickermann, Kinsey Benack, Jesse Hebenstreit, Alayna Erxleben, Lily Knickman, Emily Holt, Head Coach Steve McFarland



Courtesy Wagner Portrait Studios

Varsity Wrestling

Sitting (L to R): Thomas Waggoner, Sarah Gazaway, Lee Ann Dobbs, Kirsten Klein, Lauren Mills, Lindsay Mills, Austin Neff
 2nd row (L to R): Justin Richard, Bradon Kellogg, Andrew Nahlik, Davin Umbdenstock, Mike Meyers, Tyson Beffa, Justus Labrayere, Neal Kausler
 Back row (L to R): Coach Ox, Robert Eastwood, Xander Hurst, Luke Shaver, Alex Pate, Jordan Banks, Gavin Minx, Lane Teddleton, Eli Williams, Coach Nahlik



Courtesy Wagner Portrait Studios

Marching Band



DRUM MAJORS

Jeanna Brantley, Lily Knickman, Logan Kuykendall

FLUTES

Amanda Allen, Katlynn Conner, Madison Griffin, Joshua Griggs, Chloe Jewell, Louis Lin, Madison Little, Andrew Machalek, Jessica Majewski, Cody Ray, Robert Rhodes, Jaiden Sells, Liliana St John, Mackenzie Stockton, Ariyah Valleroy, Emma Zimmerly

CLARINETS

Nathan Bohn, Tristan Boughan, Kiara Conner, Samantha Cook, Shelby Davis, Zoe Desmarais, Brooke Doty, Marissa Ellis, Hunter Ellsworth, Carlie Fear, MacKenzie Fish, Elizabeth Ganey, Aaliyah Gardner, Regan Hanewinkel, Tyler Haverstick, Rebekah Kauffmann, Lauren Kinealy, Chaley Lang, Makenzie McJunkins, Anna Muellersman, Madelyn Napier, Crystal Nguyen

Tate Riney, Allison Rousseau, John Sitzes, Bryce Sondag, Abby Tate, Alexis Timbs, Angelina Vaughn, Ricky Williams, Evelyn Workman

ALTO SAXES

Ava Basil, Sara Baum, Haylie Gutknecht, Kaleb Kennedy, Maggie Schwab, Marley Shepherd, Izabelle Smith

TENOR SAXES

Emma Bentrup, Sara Clonts, Derek Dean, Rachel Henson, Kathryn McDowell, MacKenzie Merriman, Connor Raebel, Steven Schult, Symphony Weston, Justin Wynn

BARI SAX

Kennetha Cox

TRUMPETS

Terraine Casey, Wyatt Cook, Kaleb Cusanelli, Brianna Doty, Camilla Ganey, Sarah Gazaway, Ryan Harness, Wyatt Huskey, Angelo James-Gordon, Caleb Jewell, Cole Jewell, Ethan Kinealy, Ava Leftwich, Ze Hao Liu, Kasey McDowell, Gage McNary, Camryn Micco, Ben Mogg, Lindsey Schmidt, Leroy Seitz, Maya Smith, Joshua Spindler, Kaidyn Stanfill, Cameron Stephens-Miller, Jacob Steward, Hunter Tamboli, Brianna Teer, Luke Tendeck, Joshua Thornborrow, Tucker Uding, Hayley Voyles, Thomas Waggoner, Luke Wallace, Ash Wohlschlaeger, Shawn Zych

MELLOPHONES

Becca Partney, Isaac Schnable, Ashley Spindler

TROMBONES

Sammy Al-Khabi, Holly Carbery, Chaz Hennessey, Andrew Henson, Jacob Merideth, Cletus Pippin, Nick Pruett, Rangel Rebollo, Adam Rogoz, Lucas Warren, Carter Zinn

BARITONES

Anthony Barbagallo, Justin Ide, Neal Kausler, Aubri Whitmire

TUBAS

Truman Gosling, Olivia Mayes, Abby Ohlau, Cason Walker, Sam Wideman

PERCUSSION

Katie Bohnert, Maddison Clouse, Aidan Dollar, J. Alex Geiler, Xavier Halbert, Kendall Hall, Elizabeth Harness, Abby Kent, Maison King, Samuel Wallace, Simon Wallace

COLORGUARD

Heidi Carbery, Shelby Fadler, Astaria Herring, Kirsten Klein, Abby Obermeyer, Trinity O'Leary, Rylee Rector, Kaylee Reed, Aurelina Vera, Ciera Weisel, Kaley Winkeler

January 2020 – May 2020

Calendar of Events

Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Feb. 14	Professional Development Day – No School
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day – No School
March 11	End of 3rd quarter (45 days)
March 19	Professional Development Day – No School
March 20 & 23	No School
April 10	No School
April 13	No School (possible weather makeup day)
May 15	Last day of classes (if no snow days)/ End of 4th quarter (42 days)/ End of 2nd Semester (87 days) Early Dismissal
May 18, 19	Teacher Workdays
May 21	Graduation
May 25	Memorial Day

Quarter ending dates/last day of classes dates are subject to change.
Dismissals for unexpected circumstances will be made up in the following order: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; April 13; May 26, 27, 28, 29. If May 29th is the last student attendance day, teacher work days will be June 1 & 2. Kindergarten promotion is held on the final student attendance day of the school year. Final exams are held the last three attendance days of each semester at the High School.
Note: Wednesdays – Professional Learning Communities – One hour delayed start of classes.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Do you know someone worthy of induction into the Festus R-VI Hall of Fame? Nominations are now open for induction during the 2020-2021 school year. Any Festus or Douglass School alumni is eligible for nomination after the passage of ten (10) calendar years. The individual must have been a Festus or Douglass High School graduate who attended for at least 4 semesters, or a student who was drafted or enlisted into the military prior to graduation. A nominee shall have distinguished themselves in the areas of Leadership, Character, Achievement, Service, Suitability as a role Model, and/or contributions to society as a whole. The selection committee has the authority to waive the calendar year and/or semester requirements in the event of extenuating circumstances. You can get a nomination form at the Roy D. Burnside Administrative Building at 1515 Mid-Meadow Lane or from our website: festus.k12.mo.us. Hover over the "District" tab then click on "Hall of Fame." Nominations must be returned to central office or filled out online by May 29, 2020.

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501 Westwind Drive
937-5410 Main

Karl Shinniger, Principal
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1717 West Main Street
937-5417 Main
937-5417 (nurse)

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Intermediate School

1501 Mid-Meadow Lane
937-4750 Main
937-4799 (nurse)

Spencer Kearns, Principal
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Counseling Office: 937-4750
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Tiffany Yates, RN, Health Room

Elementary School

1500 Mid-Meadow Lane
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