



ORANGE HOUSE NEWS

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Tardies in the Orange House

This year we are addressing students when they are tardy by contacting parents and assigning a consequence. Each period security conducts a TARDY SWEEP where teachers are asked to lock their doors and students not already in their classrooms are “swept” into the main office.

In the main office, students must present their ID in order to receive their pass back to class. Students without their IDs are escorted upstairs to Guidance to reprint their ID for a cost of \$5 each. This cost is added to fees owed FCHS and can eventually keep a student from participating in graduation exercises if not paid.

First period tardies are automatically assigned an ASD (After School Detention) and Mrs. Wansley, OH secretary, contacts parents. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th pe-

riod tardies are handled by Mrs. Dieker, OH Administrator.

OH ASD is on Thursday and when students have multiple tardies can be assigned until 5:00 p.m.—these are called 2fers— they count as two ASDs.

Please help us help your student learn a good work ethic and understand that being on time is a life skill needed to be successful in any career.



New Teachers

The Orange House has three new teachers this year:

Emily Arceneaux (English 1) received her degree from UNF in Communications and Public Relations and this is her second year at FCHS and first year in the OH.

Keon Handley (Algebra 1 & Geometry) earned his undergraduate degree from Miles College in Math Education and Early Childhood Elementary. Coaching football and mentoring keep him busy as well.

Asie Walker (Algebra 2 & Geometry) received his math degree at Edward Waters College and his master’s as Kansas State Teacher’s College (Mrs. Dieker’s alma mater). With over 30 years of teaching in the south end of the state, Mr. Walker begins his career again at FCHS. He’s a stock trader in his spare time.

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WHAT THE HECK IS THE ORANGE HOUSE?

This is the third year that FCHS has facilitated “small learning communities” in the form of four “houses” for ninth and tenth graders. Each house generally has the same teachers and support staff. Mrs. Dieker is the OH Administrator, Mrs. Sartin is the Counselor, Mr. Grove is Security, and Mrs. Wansley is the OH secretary.

OH classrooms are on the first level of “L”, “M”, and “N” halls and the OH office is adjacent to the “L” and “N” hallway intersection in the corner of the administration building. [2 Science classrooms for OH are also on the first floor of the new addition in “Q” hall]



ORIGINAL STUDENT WORK: "Mr. Handley" by Kara Casali



Mr. Handley in my opinion is an amazing teacher, and honestly one-in-million. He has created a very friendly, but stern, learning environment. Mr. Handley isn't playing around with his students. He means business, and wants us to achieve all that we can. During our lesson he strives for us to do our best, he has high expectations of us and nothing less. He knows we are much more intelligent than we lead people to believe. He knows this and doesn't allow us to become lazy or doubt ourselves. If a student claims that he or she doesn't know the answer, he puts them in the right path, then from

there they do it on their own. In the end they realize the problem was something we'd know to solve but need only our memories refreshed. Mr. Handley does have a very friendly vibe and does open up to students and encourages students to do the same. It makes lesson time in the class more comfortable and easy going. Presenting answers to the class or maybe even a project is stressful. He's made it to where there's no problem standing in front of 30 other classmates. Getting up and solving a problem doesn't embarrass us. Like I've said before he puts us in the right

path. I feel Mr. Handley's class is one of the best and I'm very honored to have him as one of my teachers.



Mrs. Bishop's Class by Brittani Kast

Right now in Biology honors class we are studying mixtures, atoms, the pH. We recently did a lab testing to see if different objects were acid or basic. We are learning what makes up an atom, such as *electrons, protons, the nucleus, and where valence electrons are located and how atoms are what everything in life is made of.*

There is also mixtures. A homogeneous mixture is a mixture that cannot be "undone" and is now one substance. A heterogeneous mixture is a mixture that is just physically combined. This is all important to life because it helps you learn more about the natural world and what makes science the way it is.

What's Up in Oat's AP World History?

The purpose of a good world history course is to explain the major turning points and trends of the past. Students will participate in the World History News Research Project which involves analysis of events and trends that relate to this course.

binder, and then write a multi-page, typed paper reporting on the theme, and make a calculated prediction as to which way the student thinks it will go in the near future.

Students are asked to pick a theme, save newspaper articles, paste them onto blank paper, place all articles in a 3-ring

Themes include migration of people, ethnic/religious conflict, environmental issues, medical and health issues, human rights and communications technology.

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

We can keep you informed about your child's progress and create an environment that ensures your child's success. Each nine-weeks we can provide a progress report for your child at mid term along with a report card reflecting your child's commitment to his own education at nine weeks.

That means you will hear from the Orange House teachers a minimum of 8 times this year. The report will come after B day. We can also keep in touch with you if your child is not being successful in a particular class. That's our commitment to you!

What Can You Do For US?

VALIDATE YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH DAY BY SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL AND THE PROCESS OF LEARNING. HOLD YOUR CHILD ACCOUNTABLE FOR BRINGING HOME BOTH A PROGRESS REPORT AND A REPORT CARD. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN

TARGET AFTER SCHOOL TO GET THE SUPPORT HE/SHE NEEDS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT FCBS.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE ALL ASSESSMENTS SERIOUSLY AND GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST AND BREAKFAST BEFORE EACH EXAM.



Words From Mrs. Wansley



OH Secretary, Cindy Wansley, would like to thank everyone who provided their emergency blue and green cards to our office. "We do not have 50% as

yet so expect a letter in the mail requesting both cards next week if you haven't provided us with them. Just fill them out and send them with your child. Remember students who are ill, etc. cannot go home with anyone who is not listed on these cards," she reports.

Any student who is ill needs to come to the OH office, call their parent, let Mrs. Wansley also talk to the parent, and then log out in the main office. Verification of the person picking up your child will be made before allowing the student to leave FC.

This year Mrs. Wansley is in charge of first period tardies for OH students. If your son or daughter is late to school first period, they can expect an automatic ASD (After School Detention) if they don't have a valid written excuse.

The OH office has been swamped for four weeks now with students who have forgotten their schedules. We will not provide schedules for students at the end of this week.

There seems to be an impression that the OH is the place to issue "passes" when a student is tardy. Only the MAIN OFFICE issues those passes immediately after they scan IDs for the tardy. All late students need to pick up their pass before entering a teacher's class late—in the main office.

SAC Purchased "Class Connection" Teacher Websites: Parents Can Feel the "Connection"

At their September meeting, the FCHS School Advisory Council voted to purchase CLASS CONNECTION program so now each teacher at FCHS can create their own webpage. The terrific news is that now students AND PARENTS can access information about each teacher's class, homework assignments, including upcoming projects, etc., other web sites that support their assignments, and parents can contact the teacher directly.

Mrs. McGurr piloted the webpage for several months prior to asking SAC to purchase this program for our teachers. She reports it is user-friendly for both the teacher and the parent. Students are being introduced to the program already in various classes so they know what to expect.

The address is:
www.classconnection.org

and then you add the last name of the teacher along with a first initial, i.e., /doej **See also:**
<http://www.classconnection.org/fchsorangehouse>

Give teachers time to work with their pages before you count on seeing homework assignments, etc. Your student should know when teachers are ready so continue to ask them!



Counselor's Corner

with Letitia Sartin



Counselors will be doing classroom guidance in the Keystone classes at the end of September to disperse information on:

graduation requirements, FCAT scores, PSAT, Bright Futures, college timeline, and college admissions requirements.

Counselors will also be meeting with Keystone classes for an interactive session to have students log on to their www.FACTS.org account and create an EPEP (high school and college plan) and complete a career interest inventory to explore possible majors.

In October counselors will be meeting with 10th grade English classes to discuss the importance of the PSAT and college admissions requirements.

There are no more schedule changes at this point. Special circumstances that warrant schedule changes should go through Mr. Hall.



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[http://www.classconnection.org/
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Teacher web pages:
www.classconnection.org
(then add teacher's last name and first initial)
For instance:
www.classconnection.org/doesj

FCHS's on the web:
[dreamsbeginhere.org](http://dreamsbeginhere.org/fch)
/fch

CALENDAR:

Progress Reports	September 27th & 28th***
Early Dismissal Wednesdays	September 26th, October 10th and 24th
End of 1st Quarter	Monday, October 22nd

STUDENT DAYS OFF:

Teacher Planning Day	Friday, October 26th
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 12th

***this is a change!

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