

# FOX TALES

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## Principal's Point

Wow! It's already March! Time is flying, but it is not too late to work hard and achieve academic success. There are many opportunities to focus on our academics.

Free tutoring after school on Thursdays is in full force in Mrs. Cindy Smith's class. We also have Saturday school in the coming months. To sign up for Saturday school, just pay Finance Director Terri Mayson \$10 by Thursday of each week.

We remind our students that our HSAP graduation exam will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. Passing this exam is required by the South Carolina Department of Education to qualify for a high school diploma. So please take time to meet with your teachers about preparing for this exam. You may also take advantage of our free tutoring program on Thursday afternoons after school. Please see Mrs. Smith to sign up for tutoring today.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Daylight Savings Time Begins  
March 10
- ◆ St. Patrick's Day  
March 17
- ◆ BOD Meeting  
March 26
- ◆ Early Release 2pm  
March 26
- ◆ Begin 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks  
March 26
- ◆ Good Friday (No School)  
March 29
- ◆ Easter Day  
March 31

Prom this year is in an exciting new location at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center. This beautiful building will be the backdrop for our greatest prom ever. We look forward to a fun and safe prom that will generate memories that will last a lifetime.

Please remember school is only half over and there is still a long way to go. For students excelling, please don't rest. Now is the time to continue to study hard to ensure that you end the year with the grades we know you can make. For those of us who struggled first semester, it is not too late. Take advantage of our Saturday School. Ask your teachers for make-up assignments and possible extra credit. Put forth extra effort, continue to try and never give up!!

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Murph, Ed.D.  
Principal

## Teacher/Professional of the Year Awards



North Augusta Optimist Club recently sponsored its annual Fox Creek High School Teacher of the Year Banquet at the North Augusta Community Center. The awards banquet has expanded this year to include the Teacher of the Year, Professional of the Year, Student of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The 2013 Teacher of the Year is two time winner Bill Warnken. Mr. Warnken is also the 2009 Fox Creek Teacher of the Year. He has been with the school as a social studies teacher for seven years and teaches History 101 and 102 in the school's college level Silver Fox Academy. Mr. Warnken was presented with "The Red Jacket". The Red Jacket is presented to the teacher of the year each year by the former teacher of the year in a tradition started by the school several years ago. The 2013 Professional of the Year is Holly Sanders. Ms. Sanders has been Fox Creek's Office Manager for three years. Prior to coming to Fox Creek, she worked for Edgefield County School District in its District Office. Ms. Sanders is a graduate of North Augusta High School. The 2013 Student of the Year is Haley Bryant. Haley is a senior and is a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. She is also a member of the school's volleyball and basketball teams. The 2013 Volunteer of the Year is Joy Bryant. Mrs. Bryant is the Vice-President of Fox Creek's Parent-Teacher-Community Association. The PTCA annually raises approximately \$10,000 for Fox Creek academic projects.

## North Augusta Essay Contest



Congratulations to Savannah Gossett for winning the annual Optimist Club Essay Contest - that makes 5 years in a row that a Fox Creek student has won this contest to go onto the district contest! This year's topic was "How I can Help My Friends Realize Their Value." Kelsey Kohler won third place.

### Photo

Left to right are third place Kelsey Kohler of Fox Creek High School, second place Summer Neal of North Augusta High School, first place winner Savannah Gossett of Fox Creek High School, and essay chairman and Optimist member Stacey Timmerman.

## FCHS Band News

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the University of South Carolina Band Clinic. This is an honor to be selected among thousands of student musicians around the southeast:



Morgan Bookstaver, Flute  
Erin Harrison, Trumpet  
Alex Cain, French Horn



## FOX CREEK Collects Jeans for Teens!

The Predator Chapter of the National Honor Society and the National Beta Club got together in February to be a part of the Aerospostale sponsored program "Teens for Jeans." As part of the program, our students collected over 60 pairs of clean, fashionable blue jeans. The students who are pictured are Jarius Byrd, Lara Campbell, Hannah Culpeper, Rachel Davis, and Sabrina Shuttles. Thank you to all of the students who contributed to this worthy cause!



## CONGRATS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR BEING FOR BEING SELECTED INTO THE SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

Savannah Gosett  
Mariela Muñiz  
Eden Weidman  
Morgan Bookstaver  
Caroline Yano  
Rachel Simmons  
Lauren Plecha  
Kali Wiggins  
Mary Louis Pawlowski  
Patsy Kilgore  
M.K. Jenkins  
Austin Turner  
Temple Weidman  
Erin Holley  
Summer Engleberg  
Chassidy Lusby  
Devanté Curry  
Morgan Williams  
Holly Timblin  
Kathryne Hollifield  
Allison Lemmon  
Haley Bryant



Ms. Gonzalez's 2012-2013 Science Fair Awards  
9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> graders

Name	Title	Category	Award
Catherine Powell	Don't judge a pigment	Biology	1 <sup>st</sup>
Taylor Temple/Corey Walker	Effect of different liquids..	Biology	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Britton Campbell	Which dish soap..	Biology	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Katie Pfenning/Byan Hurt	Is smiling contagious	Biology	Honorable mention
Chandler Dunn	Lights, action, pickle	Physics	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ian Stocum	Bullseye	Physics	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jarius Byrd	How far will a balloon..	Physics	Honorable mention
Graham Adams	How does salt affect..	Chem	1 <sup>st</sup>
Breanna Drew	Cleaning Pennies	Chem	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Lauren Plecha	Pain reliever	Chem	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bryanna Johnson	Brands and slogans	Chem	Honorable mention
Makayla Kovalenske/Jordan Barrett	The effect of carbonation...	Chem	Honorable mention
Maggie Davis	Surface tentsion	tension	Hon.Mention

Mr. Champion's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Creek Science Fair Winners  
Feb 2013

Biology

- #6 Elijah Moton 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
#26 Kelsey Kohler 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
#5 Savannah Gossett 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Chemistry

- #16 Brittany Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
#9 Nick Hughey and Cheyenne Lord 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
#10 Chassidy Lusby 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Physics

- #21 Houston Lewis, Sarah Chafin, Parker Allen 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
#22 Erin Harrison and Hannah Culpepper 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
#23 Marques Sumner and Terrance Hillary 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
#18 Cody Bishop and Forrest Whitfield Honorable Mention

## Sophomore Announcements

Jostens Class Ring ordering Dates March 4 & March 19 during lunch.  
Students need to bring their completed order forms and their \$50 deposit.

Design your ring online here:

[http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/ring\\_flash.asp?cid=266707&pfid=2008011404300610377](http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/ring_flash.asp?cid=266707&pfid=2008011404300610377)

Share your ring designs on Facebook for your chance to win a free 10K ring! Be sure to tag Jostens in your photo to be eligible



## BB&T "This School's Got Talent" Contest

Talent Contest Winner to Headline South Carolina Teacher of the Year Celebration and Open BMW Pro-Am Concert Presented by SYNEX !

Celebrity judges from GRAMMY Award-winning super-group Hootie & The Blowfish (HBF) will help select the top entries in the BB&T "This School's Got Talent" contest. HBF bass guitarist Dean Felber and lead guitarist Mark Bryan will join their former tour manager and current annual golf tournament director Paul Graham, to narrow down the pool of talent. The final videos will then be posted online and open to your votes!

The student deemed most talented will earn the opportunity to perform LIVE at the televised "South Carolina Teacher of the Year Celebration" on May 1 in Columbia. The winner will also be invited to perform at the opening concert for the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation on May 17th. BMW - presenting sponsor of the state Teacher of the Year Celebration - will allow the talent show winner to perform with members of the Hootie and the Blowfish Band and other celebrity performers.

The contest is open to public school students between 1st and 12th grades in all South Carolina school districts. To enter, adults 18 or older may submit videos of students showcasing their skills on the South Carolina Future Minds Facebook page. Videos must be at least thirty seconds in length and may not exceed five minutes in length.

The submission period for video entries begins February 4, 2013 and ends midnight (EST) on Sunday, March 8, 2013. Finalists will be announced on or before March 15, and public voting via Facebook will begin afterward. Finalists will be announced on the SCFM Facebook page.

The winner will be announced on April 1, 2013. Viewers may cast their vote for each video one time per day during the voting period. There are no age restrictions on voting.

\* Prom \*

\* 2013 \*

FIRE & ICE

Friday May 3, 2013  
Sacred Heart Cultural Center

Ticket Information

January 8-February 28:

\$30 per person/\$50 per couple

March 1-May 3:

\$40 per person/\$70 per couple

See Mrs. Shepherd to purchase tickets and receive a guest form if you are bringing a guest that does not attend FCHS.



Questions?  
 Call Mrs. Stallings  
 613-9435  
[astallings@foxcreekhighschool.org](mailto:astallings@foxcreekhighschool.org)

January 2013

**SAT Dates**

- Jan. 26
- March 9
- May 4
- June 1

**ACT Dates**

- Feb. 9
- April 13
- June 8

\*\*\* Please bring Mrs. Stallings your college acceptance letters and ANY eligible scholarships you receive. She will make a copy of them AND give you a FOX to display in The Commons Area.

**Scholarships**

**\*\* North Augusta Artists Guild Visual Arts Scholarship-** This scholarship is awarded to a senior who is considering a college degree in the arts. Application assistance is available through the North Augusta Cultural Arts Council website at [www.naartscouncil.org](http://www.naartscouncil.org). See Mrs. Stallings for the application. Deadline is Mar. 22.

**\*\* Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club Merit Scholarship-** Awarded to a graduating senior who is a dependent of a current member of the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club. Deadline is March 5, 2013. See Mrs. Stallings for the application.

**\*\* Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship** is based on academic record and students financial situation. Applicants will be notified for an interview date. Deadline is March 8, 2013. receive an application from Mrs. Stallings.

**\*\* Best Buy Scholarship Program-** apply online at <http://pr.bby.com>

**Spartanburg Methodist College-** This college offers any student who graduates with a 3.0 or higher a FULL TUITION financial aid package. Apply online @ [www.smcsc.edu](http://www.smcsc.edu).

\*\*\* If you plan on playing sports in college, you must register with NCAA Clearinghouse online.

You must fill out a transcript request form after you complete your college applications. You may pick up a form in Mrs. Stallings' office. Per Fox Creek's Board of Directors, the first transcript printed is free. After that, all transcripts cannot be sent until a fee of \$5.00 is paid.

**IMPORTANT DATE COMING UP**  
**All Students and parents must fill out the FAFSA form. This is a REQUIRED Federal form to go to college.**  
**Get FREE help with your FAFSA!!**  
**WHEN: Saturday, February 23, 2013**  
**WHERE: Aiken Technical College**  
**TIME: 10:00am-1:00pm**  
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>







## **ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

We still have reserved deck seats available for home Baseball games. It would be GREAT to come to the games and walk right up & sit in the "BEST" seat at the game.

Varsity games \$50 for the season (only 6 available).  
Junior Varsity Games \$25 (12 available). Please contact Angela (803-645-2392) today to reserve your seats.

### **FUNDRAISING DATES:**

**Sparkle Car wash** fundraiser for the entire **month of March 2013**. Stay tuned for Booster Club's code to enter for credit. **Spirit Day @ car wash March 9, 2013.**

### **ZAXBY'S fundraiser nights through May 2013:**

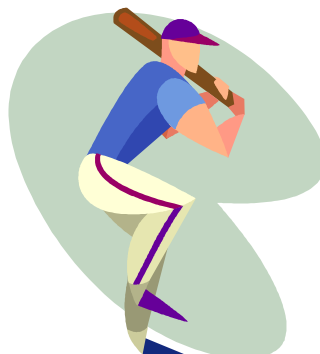
MARCH 12, 2013	5-8PM
APRIL 16, 2013	5-8PM
MAY 14, 2013	5-8PM

**2013 Varsity Softball Schedule**

March 1	Friday	5:00	MV Tournament - Silver Bluff	Midland Valley
March 2	Saturday	TBA	Midland Valley Tournament Finals	Midland Valley
March 4	Monday	6:00	Batesburg-Leesville	Batesburg-Leesville High School
March 5	Tuesday	4:30	*North*	Fox Creek High School
March 7	Thursday	4:30	*Williston-Elko*	Fox Creek High School
March 8-9	Friday-Saturday	TBA	SCISA Tournament	TBA
March 12	Tuesday	5:00	*Ridge-Spring-Monetta*	RSM High School
March 15	Friday	5:00	*Wagener-Salley*	Fox Creek High School
March 19	Tuesday	5:00	*HKT*	HKT High School
March 22	Friday	5:00	*Blackville-Hilda* - Double Header	Blackville-Hilda
March 26	Tuesday	5:00	*North*	North High School
March 28	Thursday	4:30	*Williston-Elko*	Williston-Elko High School
April 1	Monday	5:00	*Ridge-Spring-Monetta*	Fox Creek High School

**2013 Varsity Baseball Schedule**

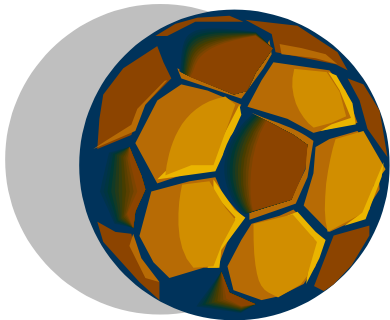
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3/5/2013	North	4:30	Home
3/6/2013	Silver Bluff	7:00	Greenjackets
3/8/2013	Williston	4:30	Home
3/12/2013	RSM	5:00	Away
3/15/2013	Wagner-Salley	5:00	Home
3/18/2013	Abbeville	6:00	Away
3/19/2013	HKT	5:00	Away
3/22/2013	Blackville-Hilda (DH)	5:00	Away
3/26/2013	North	5:00	Away
3/28/2013	Williston	5:00	Away
4/1/2013	RSM	5:00	Home



## Varsity Soccer Schedule



3/4	5:30	Blackville	A
3/5	5:00	Ridge Spring	A
3/12	5:30	Butler	A
3/13	5:30	Ware Shoals	A
3/15	5:30	North	A
3/19	5:30	Branchville	A
3/20	5:30	Blackville-Hilda	H



## GOLF SCHEDULE 2013



Date		Host School	Place	Time	Teams Invited
March	5	Fox Creek	Mt. Vintage G.C.	3:00	MVHS, AHS, SBHS
	12	Ridge Spring Monetta	Indian Trail G.C.	4:30	WEHS, NHS, FCHS, BHHS
	14	Midland Valley	Midland Valley CC	4:00	AHS, FCHS, SBHS
	19	Fox Creek	Mt. Vintage G.C.	4:30	WEHS, RSM, NHS, BHHS
	21	Silver Bluff	Cedar Creek G.C.	4:00	MVHS, FCHS
	26	North	Hillcrest G.C.	4:30	WEHS, RSM, FCHS, BHHS
	28	Silver Bluff	Cedar Creek G.C.	4:00	AHS, FCHS



Yearbooks are now on sale! The price of the yearbook is \$75 and will be on sale until the end of April. Payment can be given to Ms. Harris.

***PTCA Pre-Prom  
Consignment Sale***  
**Bring Dresses to sell  
to Mrs. Leopard's Room, 139  
50/50 Split  
Sale February 21 – March 1  
Unsold Dresses must be Retrieved  
by March 8<sup>th</sup> or They will be  
Donated to Charity.**

Ms. Leopard also has 25 gowns from Brittany's House of Elegance in my room for the PTCA Pre-Prom Consignment Sale. I will sell dresses through next week! All gowns are priced \$300 or less!



***TUTORING IN MRS. SMITH'S ROOM***

***THURSDAYS at 3:15 ALL SUBJECTS***



**PLEASE SEE MRS. SMITH FOR A RESERVATION**

## Golden Apple Award on WJBF this Week!

Congratulations to Mr. John Naas, our school's 9th WJBF Golden Apple Award winner!!! Mr. Naas' photo will be displayed in our Hall of Honor in the coming weeks. Tune in to WJBF News Channel 6 between 5-6:30pm on Tuesday March 5th to see the video clip of Mr. Naas receiving the award.

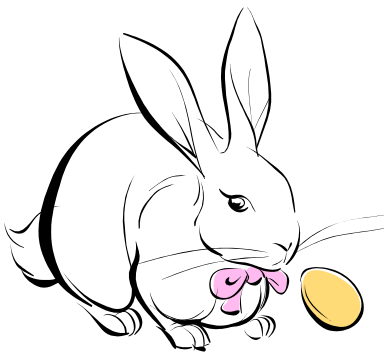
The Golden Apple Award honors those who believe in the true spirit of teaching by making classrooms a fun and safe place of learning. Since 1993, WJBF-TV, News Channel 6, and their partners have been recognizing outstanding teachers — the everyday heroes who make the crucial difference in our children's lives.

The efforts of WJBF have made a lasting impression in the mind of the winning teachers and those who nominated them.



## Quotable Quote

**"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."  
-Michael Jordan-**



## Third Quarter Report Card Night

Report Card Night will be on April 2nd from 4 to 7pm. All parents are welcome to come and meet with the teachers.

## FOX CREEK HIGH SCHOOL 2013-2014 Academic Calendar

July 2013						
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Jul 4 – Holiday – schools/offices closed  
 July 30 – Junior/Senior Registration 8am-7pm  
 July 31 – Freshmen/Sophomore Registration 8am-7pm  
 Aug 5 – Five-day work weeks begin  
 Aug 13-16 – Teacher Work Days  
 Aug 19 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day for Students  
**Aug 27 – Open House 4pm-7pm**  
 Sept 2 – Labor Day Holiday  
 Sept 19 – Interim Reports  
 Oct 22-24 Fall HSAP testing  
 Oct 21 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 Oct 25 – ½ Day for Employees, No Students  
**Oct 29 – Parent-Teacher Conference Night 4-7pm**  
 Oct 30 – Report Cards Issued to Students  
 Nov 22 – Interim Reports  
 Nov 25-29 – Thanksgiving Holidays  
 Dec 17-20 First Semester Exams  
 Dec 23 - Jan 3 – Christmas Holidays  
 Jan 6 – Teacher Work Day  
 Jan 7 – Students Return  
 Jan 15 – End of First Semester  
 Jan 17 – ½ Day for Employees, No Students  
 Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
**Jan 21 – Parent-Teacher Conference Night 4-7pm**  
 Jan 22 – Report Cards Issued to Students  
 Feb 17 – President’s Day Holiday  
 Feb 21 – Interim Reports  
 Mar 24 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter - 135<sup>th</sup> day  
 Mar 28 – ½ Day for Employees, No Students  
**Apr 1 – Parent-Teacher Conference Night 4-7pm**  
 Apr 1-3 Spring HSAP testing  
 Apr 7 - 11 Spring Break  
 Apr 18 – Good Friday Holiday  
 May 7 – Interim Reports  
 Jun 2-5 – Underclassmen Final Exams  
 Jun 3-5 – ½ Days for Students  
**Jun 5 – Graduation 7pm**  
 Jun 5 – Last Day of School  
 Jun 13 – Report Cards Mailed Home  
 Jun 16 – Four-day work weeks begin

220 Day Employees Start: **July 23** End: **June 24**  
 200 Day Employees Start: **Aug 6** End: **June 11**

Inclement Weather Make-Up Days:  
**February 17, March 28, April 14, June 6**

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Holidays	Begin/End Nine Week Semester	Exams
Staff Development / Work Day	½ Day Employee, No Students	1 ½ Day Employee
Interim Reports/ Report Cards	Registration	



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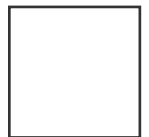
## Family Member of the Month

Coach Andre Baskett is the Fox Creek High School "Family Member of the Month" for March 2012. He is a veteran teacher of 12 years and a graduate of Augusta State University. He teaches numerous courses in the Business Department. Coach Baskett is also the Head Boys Basketball Coach. His team recently won the Class A - Region IV Championship. He is married to wife Marsha and has four sons, Deondre 17, Rodericus 13, Brelan 6, and Gavin 4. Principal Dr. Tim Murph stated, "Coach Baskett has been with Fox Creek since its doors opened in 2004. He has not only been the driving force behind the recent success of our basketball program, he has also been quite instrumental in our school's academic successes as well."

The Fox Creek High School Family Member of the Month Award was created by Principal Tim Murph in June of 2006 to recognize those faculty, staff, parents and community leaders that come forward each day to promote student achievement and ensure a positive school culture for their students.

Photo Left to Right  
Dr. Tim Murph, Principal  
Andre Baskett, Business Teacher

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