

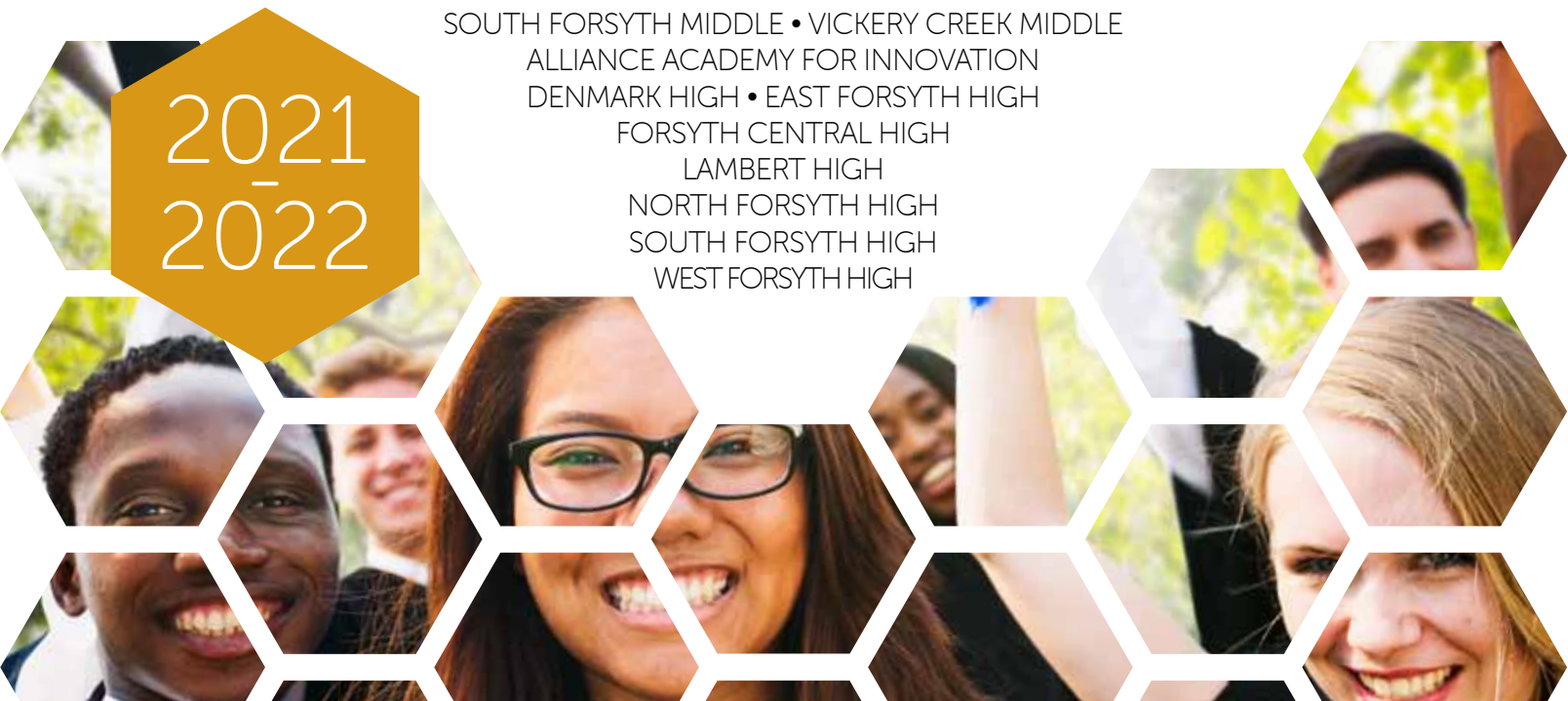


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Welcome to the 2021-22 State of Schools magazine



Stephanie Woody, Publisher
Forsyth County News

The Forsyth County News is honored to once again partner with Forsyth County Schools to produce the system's annual State of Schools magazine.

As always, we appreciate the system putting its trust in us to deliver content to the most valuable resource we have in our community — our youth.

Inside these pages you will find everything you need to know to start the school year with our top-notch school system.

From programs offered, to leaders and administration, to school district lines and bus routes, this magazine has the information that you need.

As residents of Forsyth County, it is evident on a daily basis the impact teachers and school leaders have in our community.

Our local system is at the forefront of leading our county forward and preparing our workforce for the future.

Without the level of educational services that our community is

accustomed to, Forsyth County wouldn't have the quality of life that our count is known for.

Please take a look inside the 2021-22 State of Schools magazine and see for yourself all that our system has to offer.

Our hope is that the entire system, bus drivers, support staff, teachers, administrators and students have a wonderful school year.

As always, we look forward to sharing the great things that are sure to happen this school year and we thank you all for allowing us to take part in the adventure.

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Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! Thank you to our teachers and staff, parents/guardians, and community members for supporting our students and schools last year. We successfully were able to complete a full year by providing both online learning and face-to-face learning K-12.

This year we are excited to open and welcome Hendricks Middle, our 11th middle school, and East Forsyth High, our 8th high school, to the FCS family. We are now 41 schools strong, as the 6th largest school district out of 180 in Georgia. This fall we are also opening a new Academies for Creative Education

building, housing our growing non-traditional programs: Gateway Academy, Forsyth Academy and Forsyth Virtual Academy, and the Forsyth County Arts and Learning (FoCAL) Center to serve the fine arts needs of our schools. In August 2022, we will open our last new school from the 2018 bond, New Hope Elementary. Thank you to our voters for supporting the capital needs of FCS.

Over the past decade, our student enrollment has grown 43%. One of the many things that make FCS special is that even with our growth, we still maintain a small-town feel and form connections that go beyond the walls of our

schools. Our growth and increasing diversity have had a positive impact on our schools. Highly motivated students come to our classrooms locally and from all over the world, representing 124 countries and 52 languages.

I thank you for this opportunity to share with you just a glimpse into the upcoming school year. If you are a new or returning student, parent/guardian or employee, we are glad to have you be a part of the FCS family. We appreciate your support as we strive to achieve quality learning and superior performance for ALL.

Jeff Bearden, Superintendent

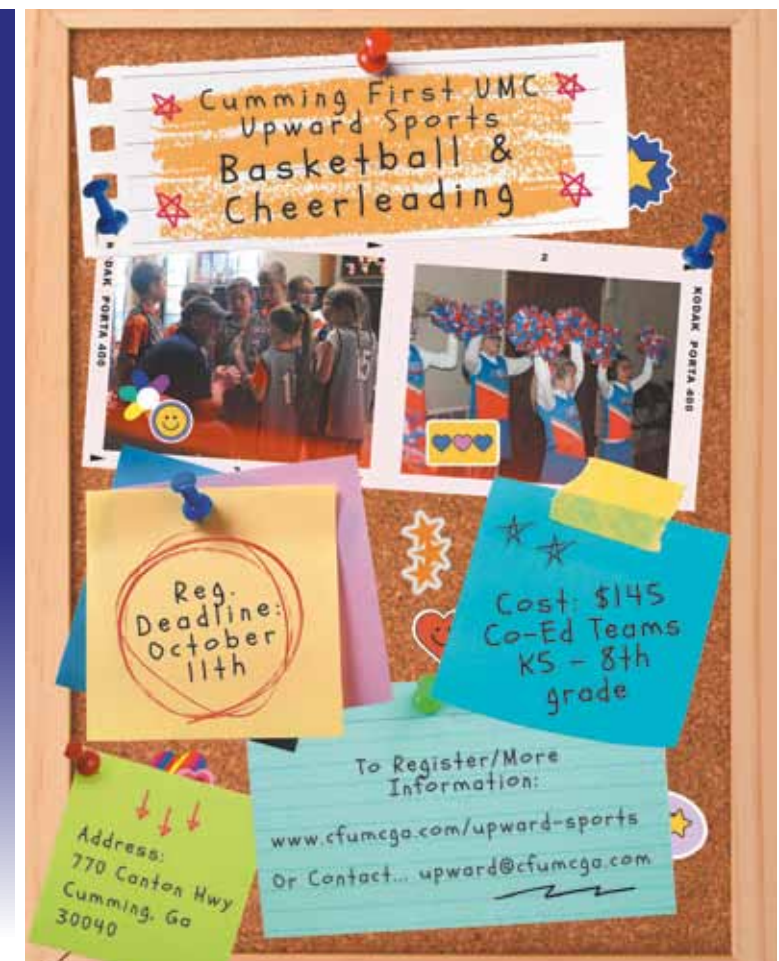
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- Master and apply academics for college and career success
- Make connections to discover new knowledge and ideas
- Develop talents, interests, and passions
- Use technology effectively to access information and to display learning



Exhibit Strong Personal Qualities

- Display integrity, perseverance, and drive to achieve personal goals
- Accept responsibility for personal actions
- Advocate for self, others, and the community
- Maintain wellness and balance in life



Utilize Creative and Critical Thinking

- Define problems and create solutions
- Apply knowledge and skills to real-world situations
- Embrace innovation to adapt to an ever-changing world



Engage and Contribute

- Connect to be a world-wise person
- Develop relationships across boundaries and cultures
- Interact in a multilingual community
- Demonstrate civility and respect differences in others



Interact Effectively

- Communicate responsibly through reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Work collaboratively with others
- Cultivate and maintain positive relationships

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Compensation and benefits are competitive, with offerings from the

State Health Benefit Plan, dental, vision, life, disability, long-term care, voluntary benefits, universal life, Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), retirement plans, and employee assistance plans. We also offer opportunities for growth and development for employees to reach their professional goals. For teachers, we locally offer endorsements in online teaching, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), teacher support and coaching, and K-5 mathematics, and provide leadership development for aspiring administrators and classified staff. Additionally, as a growing district,

there are many opportunities for career advancement.

We have a need for bus drivers throughout the school year. This is a great opportunity to work part-time and receive excellent wages and full-time benefits. We provide training classes for successful applicants.

Substitute positions are also available in FCS for teachers, paraprofessionals, food service and transportation and nurses. If you are an RN or LPN and would like to work a few days a week as a sub, please contact Heidi Avila at havila@forsyth.k12.ga.us. For other positions, please visit www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/subs

Last spring we hosted our first virtual job fair, which attracted over 1,200 registrations. This year we plan to host the virtual fair and return with our face-to-face job fair for educators in early 2022.

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Dawn Phipps, FoCAL Center Director,
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in conjunction with the Forsyth County Schools and FoCAL Advisory Council have spent much of 2021 in designing FoCAL's mission, vision, and programming goals for the future. It is the FoCAL's mission to support Forsyth County Schools curriculum as well as providing a much needed performance space for students. "We want FoCAL to be a tool that is used for things that we already have established in the area of fine arts, but we also have a unique opportunity to explore how the facility can partner with other types of education and curriculum outside of fine arts," Phipps said. The FoCAL Center plans to partner with Career and Technical programs at the high schools to give students an opportunity to gain experience in marketing, hospitality,

and management through event planning at the venue. FoCAL will offer programs for students and adults alike outside of school hours with a guest speaker series, summer musical programs, and fine arts classes. Phipps and her team are planning a grand opening ticketed event with food, entertainment, and tours of facility on Friday, December 3, 2021 and a free open house event on Saturday, December 4, 2021 featuring tours of the facility along with performances throughout the day from many of the Forsyth County Schools' fine arts students. To learn more about FoCAL visit www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/focal or like/follow @FoCALCenter.

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Food & Nutrition Services

The USDA is continuing to provide FREE meals, both for breakfast and lunch, for all students in Forsyth County Schools this school year. Meals for virtual students will be available for pick-up at Forsyth Central High. We will share more details about this service at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us under district news.

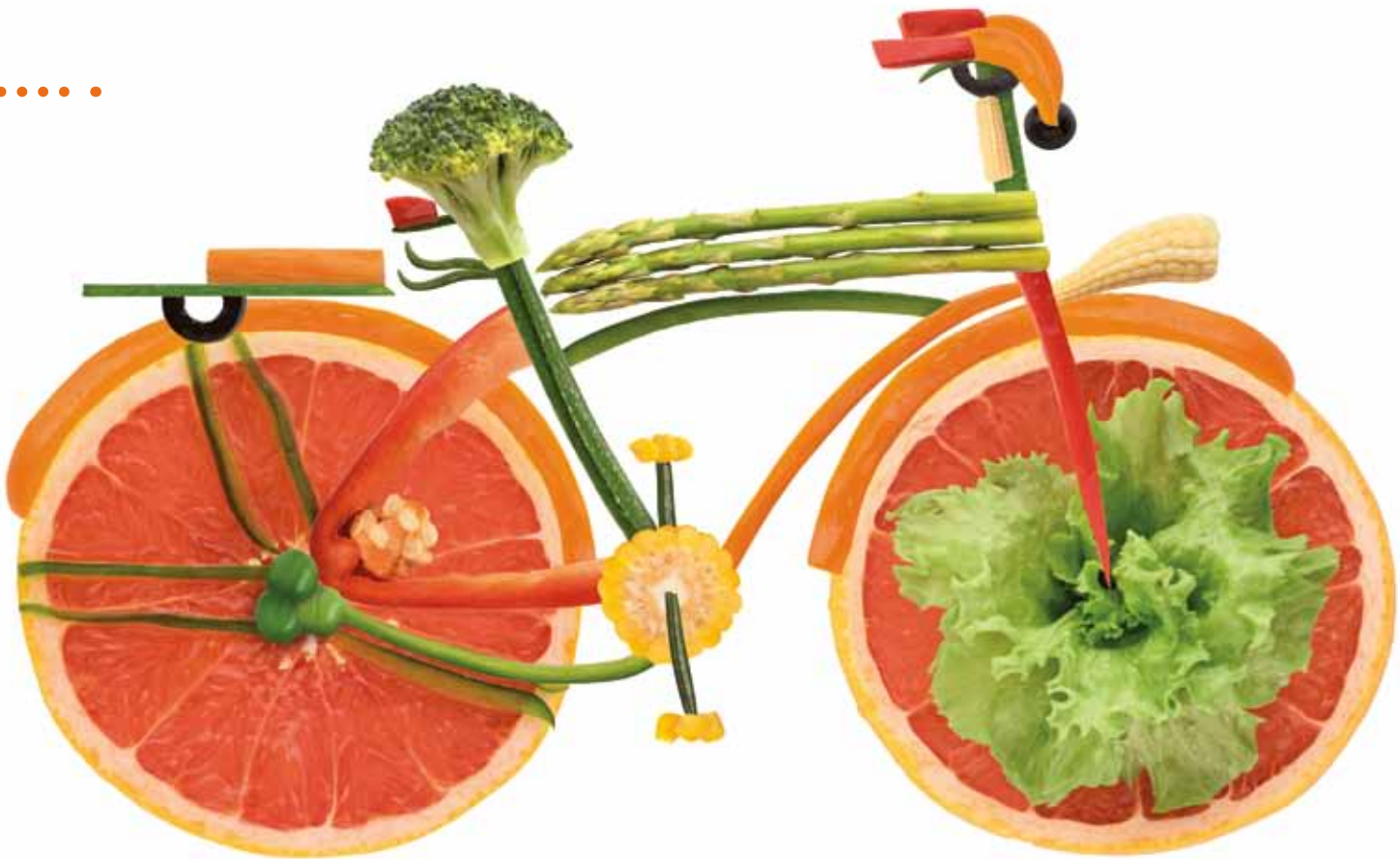
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Our meals offer students a variety of five different meal components which include:

- Protein-rich entrees
- 100% whole grain-rich foods
- Fruit or juice, often Georgia Grown
- A wide variety of vegetables
- 1% and skim or fat-free flavored milk

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- 1 Entrée with a grain component
- Up to 3 fruit or vegetable servings in elementary and middle schools, and 4 in high school
- Milk



Students may choose a lighter meal consisting of any three components as long as one component is a fruit or a vegetable side. Students who do not want milk do not have to take it as part of their meal. We often offer 100% juice and cups are always available for water. Bottled water and other juice options are also available for purchase.

Because your child's health is important to us, we also work with students and their families who have food allergies or other medical concerns to provide them a safe and nutritious meal. Contact your school's cafeteria manager about any food related medical concerns your child may have. The manager, school nurse and our on-staff registered dietitian will work as a team to be sure your child's nutritional needs are addressed.

As a reminder, menus are available on school websites and also <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/page/400>. FCS also uses www.mealviewer.com and the MealViewer mobile app, which allows parents/guardians to view menus, set allergen alerts and view nutrition calculators.

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Kathy Bain	Marisel Espina	Kathy Lyons	Deborah Thomson
Bill Ballard	Kay Everett	Barbara Macko	Jack "Gunny" Snook
Jamie Barnes	Deborah Flegal	Brenda Mahoney	Jenny Spartz
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New Principals — Forsyth County Schools



COURTNEY MCKINNEY
Big Creek Elementary

Ms. McKinney prior served as an assistant principal at Whitlow Elementary and Daves Creek Elementary. She has been a Quality Work Facilitator, EIP, kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade teacher, serving at Daves Creek, Chestatee, Shiloh Point, and Chattahoochee elementary schools. Ms. McKinney began her education career at Nesbit Elementary in Tucker. She also was assistant principal at Mt. Vernon Elementary in Hall County for four years. Ms. McKinney holds a B.A. in elementary education from University of North Florida and a M.A. in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Laura Webb, 2000-21 Big Creek Elementary principal, will be the principal of New Hope Elementary for 2021-22. New Hope will open in August 2022.



KIM OLIVER
Denmark High

Ms. Oliver prior served as an assistant principal at North Forsyth High and Lambert High. She began her career in Forsyth County in 2005 as an English teacher at South Forsyth High. Ms. Oliver has previously taught English at various secondary schools in Mississippi for 12 years in addition to serving as an Exam Developer and Consultant for the Department of Education. She holds a B.A. In English Education and a Master of Education in Secondary English from the University of Southern Mississippi, and an Educational Leadership certification from Kennesaw State University. 2000-21 principal Heather Gordy currently serves as FCS' Secondary Director.



JENNIFER WILLIAMS
Chattahoochee Elementary

In 2017, Ms. Williams was appointed as assistant principal at Chattahoochee. Beginning in 2010, she held the positions of Title I teacher, instructional lead teacher, and Quality Work Facilitator at Cumming before being promoted to assistant principal there. Ms. Williams began her career in Forsyth County in 2002 as a first-grade teacher at Chattahoochee and then transferred to Silver City as a first-grade teacher in 2006. She holds a B.A. in Education/Special Education and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Florida, a Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont College, and an Educational Leadership Add-On from the University of North Georgia. 2000-21 principal Barbara Vella retired.



KEITH SARGENT
DeSana Middle

Mr. Sargent prior served as an assistant principal at Denmark High after transferring from assistant principal at South Forsyth High. Prior to joining FCS, he was at Berkmar High in Gwinnett County as an assistant principal and a school business manager. Mr. Sargent's teaching career began in Gwinnett County in the field of Special Education. He holds a B.S. in Special Education from Presbyterian College in South Carolina, a M.A. in Health Science and an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa with an add-on certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of West Georgia. 2000-21 principal Terri North retired.

We are excited to welcome seven new principals to our schools this year.



JOSH LOWE
Forsyth Central High

Dr. Lowe has been assistant principal at Forsyth Central High since joining the district in 2013. He was an assistant principal and athletic director at Jackson High in Butts County. Dr. Lowe has held positions in education as a history teacher, football coach, and assistant athletic director in Twiggs County, Murray County, Randolph County, Floyd County, and Emanuel County in Georgia as well as Limestone County in Alabama. He holds a B.S. in Secondary Education from Jacksonville State University, a M.A. in Secondary Education from University of Alabama, a Specialist in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University, and an Ed.D. in Education Leadership from Argosy University. 2000-21 principal Mitch Young currently serves as FCS' Deputy Superintendent.



DAPHNE ROGERS
Midway Elementary

Ms. Rogers has been assistant principal at Midway Elementary and Shiloh Point Elementary. She was also a first grade teacher and an Early Intervention Program Specialist. She has been an elementary teacher at Matt Elementary, Simonton Elementary and Hopkins Elementary in Gwinnett County, J.H.C. Butler Elementary in Savannah-Chatham County, and Loganville Elementary in Walton County. Ms. Rogers holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from Presbyterian College, a M.S. in Elementary Reading and Literacy Instruction from Walden University, and an Educational Leadership Endorsement from Kennesaw State University. 2000-21 principal Jan Munroe retired.



BRIAN KEEFER
Sharon Elementary

Mr. Keefer is coming to Forsyth County from Henry County where he has served as principal of Hampton Elementary School since 2015. His career in education has been in Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia, serving as an elementary teacher, Special Education teacher, alternative school teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, co-principal, and principal. Mr. Keefer earned his B.A. in Elementary and Special Education and Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Education Specialist degree from Georgia Southern University in Educational Leadership with an ESOL Endorsement, and is expected to complete the doctoral program in 2022 in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia. He is president of the Georgia Association of Elementary Principals and has recently been nominated as National Distinguished Principal. 2000-21 principal Amy Bartlett currently serves as FCS' Elementary Director.

Forsyth County School Principals

Forsyth County Schools is home to 22 elementary schools, featuring grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, 11 middle schools, featuring grades sixth through eighth grade, and eight high schools, featuring grades nine through twelve. The district also provides the Academies of Creative Education (A.C.E.), which features three programs: Forsyth Academy, Gateway Academy (6-12 alternative program) and Forsyth Virtual Academy (6-12 virtual program). In 2022-23, FCS will open New Hope Elementary.

2021-22 principals include:



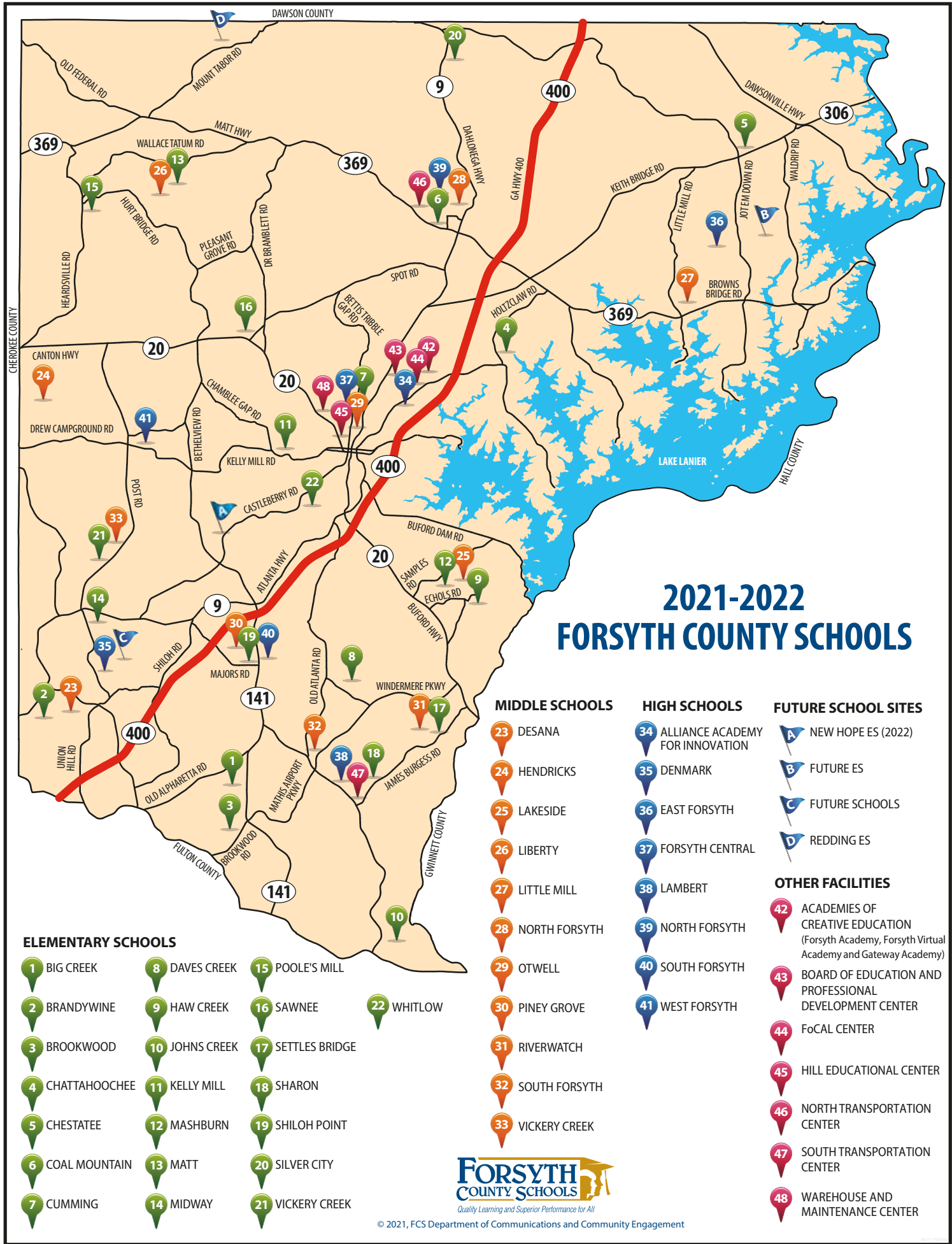
Elementary (first row, left to right): Tracey Smith (Brookwood), Polly Tennies (Chestatee), Courtney McKinney (Big Creek), Carla Gravitt (Mashburn), Sarah Von Esh (Settles Bridge), Alyssa Degliumberto (Johns Creek), Laura Webb (New Hope), and Lynne Castleberry (Whitlow). Daphne Rodgers (Midway), Jennifer Williams (Chattahoochee), Ron McAllister (Kelly Mill), Brian Keefer (Sharon), Jordan Livermore (Cumming), Paige Andrews (Poole's Mill), Eric Ashton (Daves Creek), Derrick Hershey (Sawnee), June Tribble (Haw Creek), Ben Jones (Shiloh Point), Kristin Riedinger (Vickery Creek), Todd Smith (Brandywine), and Mike Sloop (Silver City). Charley Stalder (Matt) and Kimberly Davis (Coal Mountain) are not photographed.



Middle (first row, left to right): Pam Bibik (Riverwatch), Amanda Thrower (Liberty), Keith Sargent (DeSana), Molly Bradley (South Forsyth), and Megan Thompson (Lakeside). Scott Feldkamp (Vickery Creek), Todd McClelland (North Forsyth), Steve Miller (Otwell), Connie McCrary (Little Mill), Pam Pajerski (Piney Grove) and Cheryl Riddle (Hendricks).



High (first row, left to right): Kim Oliver (Denmark), Laura Wilson (South Forsyth), Brandi Cannizzarro (Alliance), and Drew Hayes (ACE). Gary Davison (Lambert), Josh Lowe (Forsyth Central), Jeff Cheney (East Forsyth), Karl Mercer (West Forsyth), and Bob Carnaroli (North Forsyth).



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School Closings and Delays

To ensure the safety of our students and staff FCS has a comprehensive plan that is executed when there is consideration of a school closing or delay due to inclement weather.

WHO IS WATCHING THE WEATHER?

The superintendent and administrative staff carefully monitor weather conditions during seasons of inclement weather.

WHERE DO THEY GET THEIR INFORMATION?

The school district staff listens to weather forecasts. The director of transportation monitors and tests road conditions on bus routes and our maintenance departments checks school power conditions. Local and state law enforcement agencies and neighboring school systems are consulted about road conditions. Careful consideration is given to the most dangerous bus routes in the district.

WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOL?

The safety of all Forsyth County children is the primary concern. Even if it looks clear on your street, dangerous conditions may exist in some other part of the district. In deciding whether the children will be safe, the following factors are considered:

- Information on road conditions from the director of transportation and law enforcement agencies, including whether roads are iced or icing;
- Time snow or ice starts and the amount;
- Weather predictions;
- Building conditions (e.g., whether we have power and heat);
- Parking lot and sidewalk conditions; and
- Temperature and wind-chill factor.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The superintendent of schools is responsible for making the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from the district staff.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

The superintendent tries to make the decision by 5:30 a.m. so that the broadcast media can be notified.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

ForsythCountySchoolclosingswillbeannouncedonthelocalandmetrobroadcastmediaoutlets,theschoolsystemwebsite, www.forsyth.k12.ga.us, and on the automated voice service at (770) 887-2461. Subscribers to FCS' newsletters will also receive an email notifying them on closings or delays. Additionally, closings are posted on www.facebook.com/FCSchools and www.twitter.com/FCSchoolsGA. Please note that you should verify the information by checking two sources, especially when relying on social media for information. Fake social media accounts with school and/or the district names and logos violate copyright laws but unfortunately are common. FCS' official social media accounts have been in existence since 2009 and therefore have a long list of tweets and followers, while fake accounts have significantly less tweets and followers.

IF THERE IS NO CLOSING MESSAGE ON FCS' WEBSITE, MAIN VM GREETING OR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, THEN SCHOOL IS OPEN.

WHAT IF SCHOOL CLOSES DURING THE DAY?

If school closes during the school day all students will be sent home in the usual manner (bus, day-care van, etc.) unless other directions are on file with the teacher. It is impossible for the school staff to accept phoned directions during emergency closures. Parents should plan in advance for early school closings. Make sure that the child knows where to go, how to get there and what to do upon arrival. The public will be notified by the same methods listed above.

WHAT IF SCHOOL OPENING IS DELAYED?

If school opening is delayed, please follow the same routine/schedule as normal, but push back the start time by two hours.

ARE THERE INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS BUILT INTO THE CALENDAR?

No, FCS recovers lost instructional time due to school closings by using itslearning, the district's learning management system, for an online learning day. Teachers will have scheduled office hours to assist students as needed. A complete review of the plan can be found at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/onlinedays



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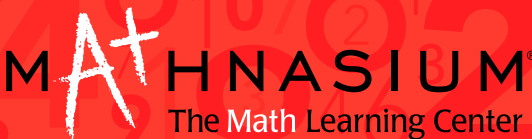
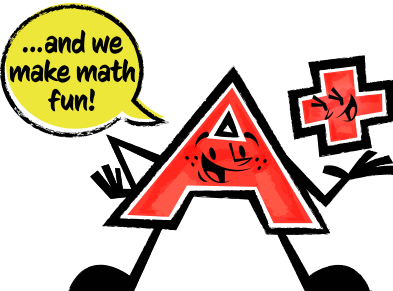
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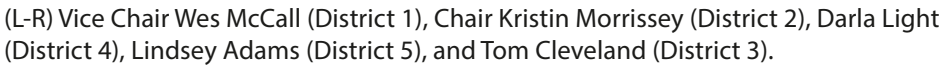
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Teachers of the Year



KIM SARFATY

2021 Forsyth County Schools Teacher of the Year

Kim Sarfaty is FCS' 2021 Teacher of the Year! She teaches special education pre-K at Chestatee Elementary School. Ms. Sarfaty received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. She began teaching in 2000 and joined FCS in 2008.



Alliance Academy for Innovation - **Jenny Gilmore**

Big Creek ES - **Hannah Tilden**

Brandywine ES - **Angela Mays**

Brookwood ES - **Maureen Paluzzi**

Chattahoochee ES - **Mary Howard**

Chestatee ES - **Kim Sarfaty**

Coal Mountain ES - **Billie Treece**

Cumming ES - **Allison Jones**

Daves Creek ES - **Sheryl Bryson**

Denmark HS - **Laura Adams**

DeSana MS - **Lacey Gooch**

Forsyth Central HS - **Jim Blandford**

Haw Creek ES - **Brittany Berry**

Johns Creek ES - **Jaclyn Krulia**

Kelly Mill ES - **Kristie Snape**

Lakeside MS - **Jennifer Chunn**

Lambert HS - **Rachel Van Dyke**

Liberty MS - **Jessica Whitlock**

Little Mill MS - **Sandy Forman**

Mashburn ES - **Lynne Mashburn**

Matt ES - **Lisa White**

Midway ES - **Molly Asp**

North Forsyth HS - **Erinne Aponte**

North Forsyth MS - **Lori Thomas**

Otwell MS - **Amy Bell**

Piney Grove MS - **Erin Powell**

Pooles Mill ES - **Gina Eigenauer**

Riverwatch MS - **Amber Steele**

Sawnee ES - **Jennifer Worful**

Settles Bridge ES - **Courtney Atkins**

Sharon ES - **Lauren Sarnacki**

Shiloh Point ES - **Angana Ghate**

Silver City ES - **Jessica Hammond**

South Forsyth HS - **Jonathan Arant**

South Forsyth MS - **Katie James**

Vickery Creek ES - **Angie Ellenburg**

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School Construction

New Hope Elementary School



Forsyth County Schools (FCS) is building its 23rd elementary school, and last school in the 2018 bond program, on the west side of Castleberry Road, north of Bethelview Road. Opening in August 2022 on 42.5 acres, the school will house 1,175 students and is projected to relieve current and future overcrowding at Whitlow ES, Vickery Creek ES, Shiloh Point ES, and Midway ES. Redistricting for this school is projected to occur the fall of 2021.

Board member Tom Cleveland, a representative of the Forsyth County Historical Society, and FCS staff reviewed the name recommendations submitted online and studied the names and history of current Forsyth County schools. This group recommended the name New Hope Elementary School, which was approved by the Forsyth County Board of Education on September 15, 2020.

The name “New Hope” echoes across the decades and endures as a positive vision and message —that the challenges that

weigh us down in the past or today, especially those we have faced in 2020, should never dissuade us from imagining a better, more just, and more love-filled future. The new design of this school, as well as the bright colors and wood finishes both inside and outside the building, also reflect positive growth and vision.

Laura Webb, prior Big Creek ES principal, will be New Hope’s first principal.

Background:
FCS’ history started in 1873 when “old field schools,” log buildings with dirt floors built in cleared fields, were consolidated into one public district. At that time, there were 1,456 total students: 114 African American/Black and 1,342 White.

Further historical research determined that there were 16 African Americans/Black schools in Forsyth County in the early 1900’s. New Hope was one of the largest African American/Black schools at that time. It served 44 students and was located on land donated by T.R./Thomas Roper. Mr. Roper, one of the largest African American/Black landowners at that time in the county, owned six sections of land identified in 1910 and 1912 tax digests. One, where the school was believed to be located, was 20 acres.

HENDRICKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

With the leadership of **Principal Cheryl Riddle, Hendricks Middle School (HMS)** will open this August and will be Forsyth County Schools’ (FCS) 11th middle school. Located on a 46-acre tract in west Forsyth on Hyde Road, it is similar in design to DeSana MS. HMS, as constructed, will be the county’s largest middle school with the capacity for 1,475 students.

The land and the construction for HMS was funded by voters that approved the 2018 bond referendum. The name was selected by the Forsyth County Board of Education to honor former board member Donald F. Hendricks, who served from 1993-2002. Mr. Hendricks led with three guiding principles: a community-based Strategic Plan, Partners in Education, and Local School Advisory Councils (now called Local School



Councils). His family selected blue, grey, and white as the school’s colors to reflect his career at General Motors and chose the hawk as the school’s mascot to represent his vision, insight, and energy.

School Construction

EAST FORSYTH HIGH SCHOOL

With the leadership of **Principal Jeff Cheney, East Forsyth High School (EFHS)** is FCS’ 7th traditional high school. It is located on an 89.47-acre tract on Jot Em Down Road and is similar in design to Denmark HS. EFHS, as constructed, can accommodate 2,125 students and is designed for a future addition, similar to how Lambert HS and West Forsyth HS were built, to eventually house 2,475 students.

The land for EFHS was purchased in 2007 using SPLOST III/2006 Bond funds. Originally projected to open in 2011, after the Great Recession (2007-09) and subsequent recovery, EFHS construction funding was not secured until the 2018 Bond. EFHS’ primary school colors are blue and orange, with gray as an accent. The mascot is the broncos.

The school will have the full range of academic and athletic programs as existing traditional high schools and is projected to provide a career development focus referred to as “HGTV”, to include Family and Consumers Sciences –

Interior Design, Marketing- Fashion Design Lab, Drafting and Design Lab, Multi-Purpose Engineering Lab, Construction Lab, including Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Masonry and Welding trades, Full Audio/Video Production Lab, and Early Childhood Education, which will complement Teaching as a Profession Pathways. Future plans are to have the students, under teacher supervision, operate a small onsite childcare center. Career development offerings in the field of education allow FCS to grow future employees, which is very important as the largest employer in the county and 6th largest of 180 school districts in Georgia.



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Grants have been awarded on #FoundationFriYAY to:

\$10,000 Fall 2016: 5 Schools
\$30,000 Fall 2017: 10 Schools
\$100,000 Spring 2018: 13 Schools
\$40,000 Fall 2018: 11 Schools
\$60,000 Fall 2019: 19 Schools

TOTAL IMPACT:

\$240,000 to 52,831 Students

Grants were postponed for 2020-21, but we will be awarding grants this fall on Friday, August 27. Follow FCS' social media accounts on #FoundationalFriYAY as we surprise recipients throughout the day.

Foundation spotlights can be viewed on social media with #FCSEdFoundation.

Opportunities include:

- School grants: Enhance the academic experience for students in

FCS by providing opportunities that would not otherwise be available, such as social and emotional programs to prepare students for life success

- Scholarships: Individuals/families may establish scholarships for FCS students or staff

How Can You Get Involved?

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Forsyth County Schools

Student Calendar

2021

- Early Release Days
- End of Semester
- First Day of School
- Pre/Post Planning/Prof. Dev.
- Prof. Dev. (Student Holidays)
- Student/Staff Holidays

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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JUL	
28-30	Preplanning

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AUG	
2	Open House (MS)
3	Open House (ES)
2-4	Preplanning
5	First Day of School

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SEP	
3	Early Release/Prof. Dev. (K-12)
6	Student/Staff Holiday
20-24	Student/Staff Holidays

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OCT	
20-21	Early Release/Parent Conf. (K-8)
22	Prof. Dev. (Student Holiday)

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22-26	Student/Staff Holidays

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DEC	
21	End of 1st Semester (87 Days)
22-31	Student/Staff Holidays

2022

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JAN	
3	Student/Staff Holiday
4-5	Prof. Dev. (Student Holiday)
17	Student/Staff Holiday

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22	Prof. Dev. (Student Holiday)

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MAR	
10	Early Release/Parent Conf. (K-12)
11	Prof. Dev. (Student Holiday)

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4-8	Student/Staff Holidays

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MAY	
26	Early Release/Last Day of School
26	End of 2nd Semester (91 Days)
27	Post Planning (Prof. Dev.)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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JUN
TOTAL DAYS:
178 - Students
190 - Staff

School Hours			
	Begin	End	Early Release
Elementary I	7:40 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	11:50 a.m.
Elementary II	8:20 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Middle	9:00 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
High	8:25 a.m.	3:40 p.m.	12:55 p.m.
Alliance Academy	9:00 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	12.20 p.m.
Elementary I: 7:40 a.m. Big Creek, Brandywine, Brookwood, Chattahoochee, Chestatee, Coal Mountain, Cumming, Haw Creek, Kelly Mill, Matt, Poole's Mill, Settles Bridge, Sharon, Shiloh Point, Vickery Creek			
Elementary II: 8:20 a.m. Daves Creek, Johns Creek, Mashburn, Midway, Sawnee, Silver City, Whitlow			

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2022-2023 High School Graduations

2022

May 21

9 am Forsyth Central HS at Cumming Fairgrounds

2 pm Alliance Academy for Innovation at the FoCAL Center

May 22

9 am South Forsyth HS at Gas South District Arena

2 pm West Forsyth HS at Gas South District Arena

7 pm North Forsyth HS at Gas South District Arena

May 23

7 pm Denmark HS at Gas South District Arena

May 24

7pm Lambert HS at Gas South District Arena

2023

May 20

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2 pm Alliance Academy for Innovation at the FoCAL Center

7 pm East Forsyth HS at the FoCAL Center

May 21

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