

Important Dates:

- September 7:
Labor Day
- September 9-10:
FSW Club Rush
- September 14:
Penny Wars Be-
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- September 19:
FSWC Beach BBQ
- October 2:
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Fundraiser be-
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Got GRIT?

Beginning this school year, every 9th and 10th grade student will be assigned to a GRIT class during the school day. This class is a revamping of previous years' study hall classes. Not only will the teachers monitoring the GRIT class be responsible for helping the students to develop good study habits and establish clear academic goals, but they will also serve as advisers to the students, especially at each 4-week grade review. In the final weeks before school began, principal Matt Catanzarite and other faculty members finalized the GRIT curriculum and developed a grading rubric. All students and parents received the grading rubric during the first week of school. GRIT classrooms will include our new

BUC Brand, which focuses on the seven strengths we as a school think every student needs to be successful. These seven strengths are zest, grit, curiosity, social intelligence, self-control,



FSWC students and teachers met at the school to lay the foundation for their garden over the summer.

optimism, and gratitude. These strengths will be reinforced daily in all classes, but specifically in GRIT class. In addition, each GRIT class will manage and grow a garden. The goal is to use whatever is grown as some sort of service. For

example, Mr. Schmidt has already given the suggestion that one GRIT class will grow flowers and then have them arranged and delivered to nursing homes for their residents. Another class may choose to grow produce to give to our kitchen staff. Each GRIT class will decide what they will be growing and how they will "give back" during the first few weeks of school and then we will begin planting.

"We're hoping that the skills learned in GRIT class will not only help our students academically, but also socially."

- Matthew Catanzarite, FSWC Principal

Points of Interest:

- GRIT class
- Buc Brand
- FSWC Gardens
- FSW Clubs
- FSW SGA Events
- FSWC Teacher Spotlight

FSW Clubs Gear Up!

On September 9th and 10th, all Florida SouthWestern State College students will have a change to check out the available clubs and extracurricular for this semester. Representatives from each club will have a table set up in the breezeway from 10-2 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to find out more about what their campus offers and how they can get involved. Representatives will be able to answer an questions you may have.

FSW Clubs:

- Socially and Environmentally Responsible Volunteers (SERV)
 - Delta Psi Omega (Drama)
 - Military Appreciation Club
 - Phi Theta Kappa (National Honor Society)
 - Republican Club
 - Student Government Association
 - Drawing and Painting Art
 - Circle K International
- <http://fsw.edu/charlotte/studentactivities>

FSW SGA in Full Swing

FSW's Student Government Association (herein SGA) is already busy planning fun events to get students of all ages involved this semester. During the first week of classes, SGA officers were present all over campus where they answered questions at the Ask Me Tables, handed out free food, and hosted games such as "Sink or Swim", a twist on the famous TV show *Minute to Win It*. During this week, students received a "passport." Students were encouraged to take this passport with them to every SGA event they attended and have it marked by an officer. Every student who had at least 10 out of the 14 events marked on their passport and returned it to Mr. Michael

Beane was entered for a chance to win free movie tickets. One of these events included the Florida Southwest-

community. The evening was complete with free food and activities for all to enjoy. "I like to be involved in the college's activities because it makes me feel free and accomplished," explains dual-enrolled junior Austin Hume. For more information on upcoming events, stop by the Office of Student Life in O-102 or email Michael Beane at mbeane@fsw.edu.

"Being an SGA officer is a lot of work, especially when you're taking 19 credit hours. But I love what I do and I'm so excited for this semester!"
 -Faith Davidson, SGA Chair of Activities

ern Sate College Buc's BBQ. This BBQ was hosted on August 27th where students, staff, family, and friends gathered to connect with the FSW



Charlotte's FSW Student Government Officers man the Ask Me Table on the first day of college classes.

FSWC Teacher Spotlight

FSWC is proud to welcome aboard our newest staff member, Mr. Gregory Winkler. Mr. Winkler recently moved here from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. "My wife and I have always loved Florida, so we are really excited to be here," explains Winkler. Mr. Winkler will teach our Health Opportunities Through Physical Education (H.O.P.E.) class and he will also soon begin coaching at Ida Baker High School in Cape Coral. Mr. Winkler has also already began an intramural program at FSWC, where students will have the opportunity to create teams and compete in certain sports during each lunch period. The winning team will play the teachers in an afterschool tournament. The intramural for September is kickball and students are very excited to begin the competition.

Q. Why are you most excited about working at FSCW?

A. It's a beautiful school, the staff is amazing, and the students are motivated.

Q. Do you have any pet peeves?

A. Students who don't change for P.E.

Q. What's one thing students and faculty should know about you?

A. I have written a book.

Q. Who do you think will win the upcoming kickball tournament, the students or teachers?

A. The teachers will no doubt demolish the students!



Mr. Gregory Winkler, FSWC's H.O.P.E and Team Sports teacher.



Lunchbox League "kicked-off" this month with kickball. The winners of the lunch competition will play the teachers on September 24th.

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