

# FHHSAA

FHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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## FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

**HELLO HORNETS.** First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Alumni members for their support. Since the opening of the new campus for Fairmont Heights High School we have seen a steady growth in the membership, participation and financial support.

For more than two years members of the alumni, especially the Legacy Committee, members were involved deeply in the construction and preparation of the new facility which opened in September 2017. On October 13, 2017, the official Ribbon Cutting ceremony



took place. Later that evening nearly 800 alumni, school administrators, and elected officials attended the 67<sup>th</sup> Gala Celebration at Martin’s Crosswinds.



On Saturday, October 14, 2017, many toured the new building.



The opening of the new Fairmont Heights was the culmination of a long hard-fought struggle, started years ago by Mr. John Williams, former President of FHHSAA and many others. We send out our thanks to

them. We cannot rest on our laurels, there is still much to do. Throughout the remainder of this newsletter you will see several important items of interest regarding the school, students, and FHHSAA.

## MEMBERSHIP

Are you a member of FHHSAA?



**Join today**

Have you renewed your membership?

\$10 per year

\$200 Lifetime – one time

Visit our website

[www.fhhsaa.com](http://www.fhhsaa.com) to download membership application.

## Help Wanted

There are many tasks to be performed by **FHHSAA**. To fulfill our needs, we need for more members to step forward, get involved and help with many of these tasks. Can we count on you?

### Mr. & Miss Fairmont Pageant

March 12, 2020 at 7pm

FHHSAA Awards Scholarships to Winners

### Performing Arts Week

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Senior Recital

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Music Concert

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Dance Concert

## COMMUNICATIONS

**DO WE HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?**

**WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
AND EMAIL ADDRESS**

**WE SEND INFORMATION TO MEMBERS VIA  
FACEBOOK, EMAIL AND OUR WEBSITE:**

[WWW.FHHSAA.COM](http://WWW.FHHSAA.COM)

### Alumni Officers

Daphne Bell, President, Damita Goldsmith, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Joan Crowder, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Lia Thompson, Secretary, Michael Marshall, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, Rick Thompson, Membership, Pierre Crutchfield, Ways and Means, Fred Smith, Legacy, Denise Haskins, Historic Preservation, Terrecia Green, Scholarship, Paula Cash, Chaplin

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Starting in December, FHHSAA meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday, except for June and July at Fairmont Heights High School, Black Box Theatre, at 6pm. Enter door 38 on South Club Drive.

*The Alumni Choir was formed in 2018. It performed in the theatrical productions of "Purple" and "Sons of Zaire" in 2018 and 2019, respectively. It also performed at the 2018 Memorial Service and at the homegoing service for one of the cast members from the school's production of "Purple". The coordinators for this school years upcoming theatrical production have requested that the Alumni Choir be involved. The Choir is open to all. If you are interested, please contact Fred Smith at [fsmith541@gmail.com](mailto:fsmith541@gmail.com).*

## Financial Support

In 1991, FHHSAA awarded the first scholarships to graduating students pursuing education or training beyond high school. Since 1991 more than 140 students have been recipients' of nearly \$95,000. Ten (10) students each received \$1,000 scholarship in May 2019 from the combined efforts of FHHSAA, the Veterans Group and the Class of 1969, which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion this year.

The annual Spring Dance is the major fundraiser for generating scholarship funds. Many alumni members also make specific donations to the scholarship fund, often hundreds and thousands of dollars. One former teacher of FHHS, Mrs. Thelma Boyd, presented a check for \$100 for each year of the school's existence, a total of \$6,700, at our Gala Celebration in October 2017.

Since the opening of the new campus in September 2017, FHHSAA and alumni members have donated more than \$3,400 to the school for specific needs at the school. The band, pom poms, swim team, cheerleaders, basketball team, drama and dance have been recipients of these funds.

The efforts of one alumni member generated \$1,200 for the boys' basketball team, \$1,200 for the dance class, \$500 for science class and \$160 for the recording studio in the 2018-2019 school year.

FHHSAA constantly informs its members of the financial needs of the school and they always respond. Scholarship awards for 2019 included Class of 1969 2-\$1,000, Veterans Group 3-\$1,000 and the General Scholarship Fund 5-\$1,000 for a total of 10 scholarships totally \$10,000.

This year, thus far, \$1,500 has been raised by one alumni member for the poms.

As we look forward this school year, we will be working with the school to establish business partnerships, not just for financial support, but for part-time jobs, apprenticeships, mentors, etc.

**Our website: [www.fhhsaa.com](http://www.fhhsaa.com) is updated frequently with information. Visit it often. You can also contact the alumni via email: [alumni@fhhsaa.com](mailto:alumni@fhhsaa.com).**

### The Wilson Family

The Wilson Family over the years has contributed large sums of funds to the FHHSAA Scholarship Fund, including \$3,000 in 2019. We thank them for their ongoing support.



## Memorial Service

On December 1, 2007, a memorial service was held to honor the demise of Mr. G. James Gholson and other faculty, staff and alumni. This service continues each year on the first Saturday in December to remember, reflect, recognize and honor those alumni and staff who have "Buzzed away".

Service this year will be on  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church  
7501 Walker Mill Drive  
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20741

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Scholarships

In 2018 students earned \$6 million

In 2019 students earned \$7 million



### Reaching Out

FHHSAA is looking for those individuals who have graduated from Fairmont since the 80's. We want and need your involvement. Let us know your interests, activities and projects you would like to be a part of. Also, anyone who has access to class lists with contact information, we would appreciate having your contact information so that we can use you to spread information about FHHSAA, school activities and events. Email you contact information to:

**Rick Thompson, membership  
chairman:**

**[rickthompsonrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:rickthompsonrealtor@gmail.com)**

### Class of 71

The class of 1971 went on a class reunion trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in June 2019. A great time was had by all making new memories. They will be meeting soon to plan their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2021. Contact Denise Haskins, 240-461-0966 if you are interested in working on the committee or volunteering for various assignments and activities.

### FHHSAA Revitalization Committee

Committee meeting will take place in December to review information on proposals for the historic Fairmont Heights High School site. For more information contact Denise Haskins, 240-461-0966.

## FAIRMONT HEIGHTS VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Organized in October 2009. A group of veterans helping veterans and their families to achieve a better quality of life by using the benefits that they have earned through their sacrifice to our country. If one needs assistance, they provide information and contacts to help them get on track. They are affiliated with FHHSAA. One does not have to be a graduate of FHHS, just be a veteran. The group recently celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. More information is available on the FHHSAA website, [www.fhhsaa.com](http://www.fhhsaa.com).



## Legacy Committee

Since the opening of the new campus in September 2017, the committee remains committed to the principal, administrators, staff and students. Our involvement and presence at the school is very much welcomed and appreciated by staff and students. The committee is currently pursuing the completion of the punch list, acquisition of remaining furniture and equipment, acquisition of academic tools (scoreboards for football and baseball).

The naming of the football stadium after Coach Ralph Paden was approved by the Board of Education in 2018. Naming of the gymnasium after Coach Kenneth Freeman and naming of the auditorium after G. James Gholson have been submitted and is awaiting approval by the Board of Education.

## The Band

The band is in the process of acquiring 100 new band uniforms. The average cost is \$400 per uniform. They are having fundraisers to generate



the funds needed to acquire them. If you would like to support this effort, send your check payable to FHHSAA with for Band Uniforms on the memo line.

## Basketball Documentary

The school has been working on a basketball documentary for over a year now. Some former players have been interviewed. If anyone has any pictures, newspaper articles, etc. relating to the basketball team, please let us borrow them. We will scan them and return them. Anyone, especially former players, can record and submit a video clip to be included in the documentary.

## Athletics

Years ago, Fairmont only had football, basketball (varsity and junior varsity), baseball and track teams. Today there are many more teams. In addition, to those listed above, Fairmont has girls' basketball, softball, swim, tennis, golf, soccer, wrestling, volleyball and lacrosse teams. Fairmont is the 2019 Football Division 1A South Regional Champs.



## Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc.

The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS is a non-profit charitable organization that seeks to solicit, receive and manage contributions to enhance student learning opportunities. It awards scholarships to graduating seniors. This year was the inaugural Prince George's County Public Schools Hall of Fame Gala. FHHSAA was asked by Dr. Monica Goldson, CEO, and we agreed to be a sponsor of this event. The initial class of inductees into the Hall of Fame included Sugar Ray Leonard, Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr., Delegate Jazz Lewis and Kenny Lattimore, who also provided the entertainment. A total of 27 alumni members, their spouses, the principal and a teacher attended this formal event.



Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving and we encourage all of you to donate to the foundation by texting **"PGCPS"** to **44-321**. You may also make donations [online](https://secure.givelively.org/donate/excellence-in-education-foundation-for-pgcps-inc/giving-tuesday), <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/excellence-in-education-foundation-for-pgcps-inc/giving-tuesday>. If you are a PGCPS alum, please join our alumni giving challenge and donate an amount that reflects your graduation year (i.e., Class of 1996 = \$19.96, \$199.60, \$1,999.60).



**Winter Arts Showcase will be on December 19, 2019 at 6:30pm.  
Cost is \$10 per person. Come out and support our Band and Choir.**

**Visit School's  
You Tube channel  
FHHSTV**

## Boys Basketball Schedule

To see the schedule, use the link below.

[https://www.maxpreps.com/m/high-schools/fairmont-heights-hornets-\(capitol-heights.md\)/basketball/schedule.htm](https://www.maxpreps.com/m/high-schools/fairmont-heights-hornets-(capitol-heights.md)/basketball/schedule.htm)

### Key Dates:

**Alumni Day: January 7, 2020**

**Homecoming: February 7, 2020**

**Senior Day: February 20, 2020**

**Class of 1970** will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on June 26, 2020 at Camelot by Martins, 7pm – 11pm.

For more information contact:  
fhhsclof1970@gmail.com

**Class of 81** is planning their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion for 2021. Please contact Daphne Bell, 240-338-3961.

## Wrestling Schedule

Play Date	Day	Date	Time	TEAM1	TEAM2	@	TEAM3 (HOST)	Meet	Division
<b>PRE SEASON</b>									
	Friday	11/22/2019	3:30 p.m.	GWYNN PARK	CROSSLAND	@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	JOINT PRACTICE	CROSS
	Saturday	11/23/2019	10:00 a.m.		FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	@	SOUTH CARROLL	PRACTICE SCRIMMAGE	CROSS
	Wednesday	11/20/2019	4:30 p.m.		FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	@	DEMATHA	PRACTICE SCRIMMAGE	CROSS
	Saturday	11/30/2019	11:00 a.m.		FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	@	THOMAS JEFFERSON (VA)	GAME SCRIMMAGE	CROSS
7	1	Thursday	12/5/2019	5:30 p.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	DUAL	CROSS
8	2	Monday	12/9/2017	4:30 p.m.		@	DOUGLASS (BMORE)	DUAL	CROSS
9	3	Wednesday	12/11/2019	5:30 p.m.	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	@	PARKDALE	TRI-MEET	SOUTH
10	4	Wednesday	12/18/2019	5:30 p.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	DUAL	CROSS
11	5	Friday/Saturday	12/20 - 12/21	10:00 a.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	TOURNAMENT	CROSS
12	6	Friday/Saturday	1/3 & 1/4					BYE WEEK/MAKE-UP	
13	7	Wednesday	1/8/2020	5:30 p.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	LARGO	DUAL
14	8	Friday/Saturday	1/10 - 1/11	3:00 p.m.		@	HAMMOND	TOURNAMENT	CROSS
15	9	Wednesday	1/15/2020	5:30 p.m.		@	LANGLEY PARK	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	DUAL
16	10	Friday/Saturday	1/17 & 1/18	3:00 p.m.		@	WARPATH INVITATIONAL	FRANKLIN HIGH	TOURNAMENT
17	11	Wednesday	1/22/2020	5:30 p.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	E. ROOSEVELT	TRI-MEET
18	12	Saturday	1/25/2020	10:00 a.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	SOUTHERN AA	DUAL
19	13	Wednesday	1/29/2020	5:30 p.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	HIGH POINT	DUAL
20	14	Saturday	2/1/2020	10:00 a.m.	LAUREL	@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	BLADENSBURG	DOUBLE DUAL
21	15	Wednesday	2/5/2020	5:30 p.m.		@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	DUVAL	DUAL
22	16	Saturday	2/8/2020					BYE WEEK/MAKE-UP	
23		Wednesday	2/12/2020			@	TBD	REGIONAL DUAL TOURNAMENT	1A SOUTH
24		Saturday	2/14/2020			@	NORTH POINT	STATE DUAL TOURNAMENT	1A STATE
25		Friday/Saturday	2/21-2/22			@	PG COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	COUNTY TOURNAMENT
26		Saturday	2/29/2020			@	FAIRMONT HEIGHTS	1A/2A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
27		Friday/Saturday	3/6 & 3/7			@	SHOW PLACE	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	STATE

All items may participate in 14 contests including dual meets and a maximum of 3 tournaments and 3 trimeets. No more than 2 contest per week.  
 First Play Date is December 5, 2019  
 County Tournament dates are February 21 - 22, 2020  
 Last Play Date is February 8th, 2020 for Duals and February 19 for seeding.  
 See the MPSSAA Hand book for additional scheduling information.

## Pommies Competitions

Jan 18 – Marriotts Ridge HS – Howard County -12pm

Jan 25 – Tba

Feb 1 – Thomas Stone HS – Charles County – 12pm

Feb 8 – Atholton HS – Howard County – 12pm

Feb 15 – Presidents Cup @ Archbishop Spalding HS – Anne Arundel County – 12pm

Feb 22 – Good Counsel HS – Montgomery County – 12pm

Feb 29 – Flowers HS – PG County – 4pm

Mar 7 – Gwynn Park HS – PG County - 12pm

Mar 21 – MAPDA Championships

Use magnifying glass to view Wrestling Schedule.

## Theatre Productions

In the old cafeteria, Fairmont theatre productions performed “A Raisin in the Sun”, “The Wiz” and “Titanic”. Unlike what is available in the auditorium today, they didn’t have the audio, lights, sets and stage like now. Many of you attended the first production in the auditorium, “Purple” on Alumni Night in May 2018 and “Sons of Zaire” in 2019. “Purple” received all distinguished ratings at the district level assessments, a first for Fairmont, meaning that the district deems Fairmont Heights as a distinguished theatre program. “Sons of Zaire” received Board of Education recognition from Dr. Alvin Thornton, Chairman. He met and addressed members of the cast and crew at a luncheon he provided.

**Rehearsals have begun for “Fame”. Performance dates are April 1-3, 2020. Alumni Night will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm.**



## Spring Dance

Information will be available on our website, [www.fhhsaa.com](http://www.fhhsaa.com), later.

## An Evening at the Fairmont

Plans are underway to prepare for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fairmont Heights High School. The goal is to raise \$15K for our Scholarship Fund from this event. Tickets will be available in February 2020.

**Camelot by Martin’s**

**13905 Central Avenue**

**Upper Marlboro, MD 20774**

**October 23, 2020**

**\$125 per person**

Check our website, [www.fhhsaa.com](http://www.fhhsaa.com), frequently for additional information and updates.

## Alumni Advisory Council

Board of Education Policy 1550 established the Alumni Advisory Council. FHHSAA has a representative on this important council.

## Alumni Gear

**Caps - \$20 each**



**Tee Shirts - \$20 each**



**Rally Towel - \$10**



**Sweat Shirts - \$30 each**



**Sweat Shirts with Hoods - \$40 each**



**Adult Sizes: S M L XL**

**Plus Sizes: 2XL 3XL 4XL**

## Class of 2021

The class of 2021 has planned a few fundraising and community outreach events beginning in December. They are interested in bridging the gaps in the Fairmont community. The alumni are invited to attend any of their meetings to help build strong relationships between them and the community. They meet every Thursday in A210 at 3:15pm. Contact Ms. Deja Hawkins at [deja.hawkins@pgcps.org](mailto:deja.hawkins@pgcps.org). A chance for alumni to involve new young members.