

Newsletter

February 15, 2024

WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

- **Updates** - Art Walk, New HS Hoodies, Valentine's Dances, Mystery Readers
- **Sign-ups** - Art Club, Lunch Orders & Volunteers, High School Sports
- **Profile of the Week** - KiJuan Ware, High School Algebra and Geometry Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 19 - President's Day (NO SCHOOL)

Feb 23 - Valentine's Dances

Mar 8 - Staff Dev (NO SCHOOL)

Mar 14 - Art Walk

Mar 22-29 - Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

Apr 13 - Annual Gala Event

May 17 - Spring Carnival

**MARCH LUNCH ORDERS - DUE
FEB 21**

**K-8 MARCH LUNCH
MENU**

**9-12 MARCH LUNCH
MENU**



Young Rembrandts

YOUNG REMBRANDTS: ARTVentures CLUB

The Young Rembrandts Art Club begins today! If you haven't signed up, click below. For questions, [please email Mr. Vang](#). Here are the details...

5 weeks of Classes from Feb 15-Mar 14

3:00-4:00 pm

K-5th Grade

Beginners are welcome

\$79

ART CLASS REGISTRATION

PROFILE OF THE WEEK

**KiJuan Ware,
High School Algebra & Geometry Teacher**

Mr. KiJuan Ware has joined the mathematics faculty at FIT, teaching Algebra II and Geometry. He comes to us with 26 years of experience in higher education where he taught Mathematics and Computer Science. He has his masters in Athletic Administration and is a Fulbright Scholar.



When asked what he enjoys about his role, he said, "I enjoy passing along knowledge to the next generation. Mathematical skills will be used your entire life. I hope that I can be a role model for the students, and I hope that they want to pursue the field of education. My goal is to have the students enjoy the subject of mathematics and be able to use their skills with confidence."

Mr. Ware is married and has one daughter. He loves to play golf and enjoys watching his daughter compete in gymnastics. He also has a dream to one day open up a BBQ Restaurant!

February is Black History Month, and we want to recognize that. Mr. Ware says, "Black History Month affords us the chance to challenge what we learned in history, dig deeper, and find out the actual events of the past that were not taught in schools. It allows us to learn about, celebrate, and honor Black leaders. Many of these leaders endured sacrifice and suffering and must be honored. I am Black History!"

"It is an honor and a privilege to spend time with the students at FIT Academy. It doesn't matter what subject area we use as teachers, but it is our tool to reach the next generation. What does matter is that we share our experiences to make their lives better. Our objective is to challenge them to take advantage of all resources and show them how to implement them into their lives."

We are excited to have you at FIT, Mr. Ware!



NEW HS HOODIE!

We now have a new high school hoodie available for sale! The fabric is Sport-tek, and the pattern is blue/black camohex. You can order through the SchoolBelles website.

**ORDER NEW
HS HOODIE**

School Code is s3052

Cost is \$35

Sweatshirts are listed under Spirit/School Wear



NEW COLLEGE COURSES AVAILABLE!

FIT Academy is now offering concurrent enrollment classes in partnership with Inver Hills Community College.

These college-level courses are taught right here at our high school by our expert faculty members, who hold advanced degrees in their respective fields. This means our students have the incredible opportunity to earn both high school and transcribed college credit simultaneously without having to leave our building!

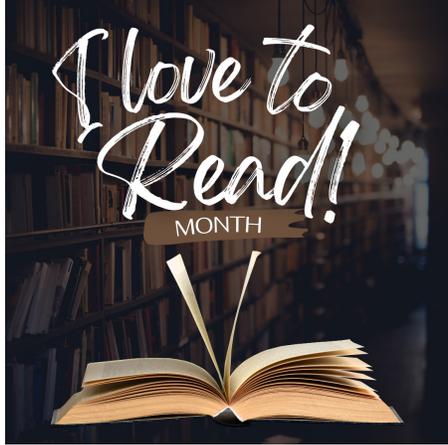
We're delighted to announce that five of our seniors have embraced this pioneering spirit and are currently enrolled as college students at FIT Academy for a course entitled *Foundations of Education* taught by Ms.

Halama. Students received their student IDs, explored the Inver Hills campus, and discovered the wealth of resources available to them at no charge!

This collaboration with Inver Hills Community College marks a significant milestone for our school and underscores our commitment to providing exceptional educational experiences for our students.

I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

The fun continues for our elementary (K-5) students!



Yesterday, they wore their valentine colors to celebrate their love for reading, and you can look below to discover some of the mystery readers who have surprised our students!

K-5 DRESS-UP DAYS!

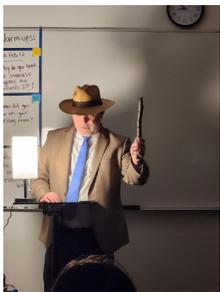
Feb 22 - Reading JOGS our mind! Wear your best jogging clothes.

Feb 29 - Dress like a book character!



MYSTERY READER - RYAN ALGRIM!

Athletes from UofM and UST visited classrooms as mystery readers at FIT this week! This is a picture of **Ryan Algrim**, snapper for the UofM football team, reading for Mr. EJ's 5th grade class.



MYSTERY READER - MR. ALLAIRE

On Monday, Mr. Allaire shared his favorite poem with our HS sociology class. Many saw this picture on our Facebook page and asked me about the poem. So here it is!

The Cold Within

by James P. Kinney

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.
Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs
The first man held his back
For of the faces round the fire
He noticed one was black.

The next man looking 'cross the way
Saw one not of his church
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes.
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight.
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group
Did nought except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

Their logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without
They died from the cold within.



SPORTS SIGN-UP

A reminder to get high school sports registration forms in soon. **Deadline is Feb 19.**

5/6 basketball team won again last week. Their last game is this week at Christian Heritage Academy, a boy/girl doubleheader.

Spring Flag Football Registration will be open

through next week.



ART WALK

March is Youth Art Month (YAM) where we celebrate the visual arts in schools. To celebrate we would like to invite FIT students and families to walk through the halls of FIT (both floors) to see all the great artwork the FIT students have created this year so far.

March 14th, 2024

Time (TBA)

Drinks and cookies will be served!



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

FOOD . MUSIC . DANCE . OPEN GYM

GRADES 4-5

3-4:30PM

\$5

BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR SNACKS



LUNCH VOLUNTEERS!

We would love for you to volunteer in our lunch room! It's a fun way to connect with your kids and other students. You will help students open milk and lunch items as well as clean the tables after each lunch period. Click to sign up!



HEALTH REMINDER

We want to remind parents to keep your children home from school when they are ill. As a refresher, **school policy requires students to stay at home if they have had a fever or vomitted in the last 24 hours.**



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

We offer after-school care again this year from 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm. Open to students in grades K-5. You must enroll by Wednesday, if you plan to use after school care the following week. If you have questions, please email [Jen Iten at](#)

SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER

REGISTRATION FORM



Would you considered leaving our school a review?
Your perspective could be helpful in leading other
families to our school. Just click above!



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