



## *First United Methodist School Extra-Curricular Opportunities 2016-17*

We as a school are so happy to offer both new and continuing extra-curricular activities to our students. We have many gifted volunteers and staff who are bubbling with ideas for their clubs and teams. FUMS views school clubs and activities as privileges for those students who keep their grades up in all subjects as well as in classroom conduct. All students must be making at least a C or S in all subjects and conduct by the end of each grading period. Also, all students must exhibit good behavior at all club meetings in order to continue in the club. Yearly fees are required for participation in each club. NOTE: All clubs have a maximum number cap for participants. **Please contact the sponsor for an application and pay the club fees to reserve a spot.**

### **Chorus and Instruments** (Sponsor: Lauren Fisher)

Chorus: Tuesdays, 3:15-4:00, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students

Instruments: Wednesdays, 3:15-4:00 (limit: 20), 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students

Mandatory Performances Off-Campus

Sponsor Credentials: Lauren Fisher ~ MA Music Performance (lfisher@fums.org)

### **Chess Club** (Sponsor: Sheldon Wong)

Weekly Meetings: Mondays, 3:10-4:10

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students (limit: 30)

Sponsor Credentials: Sheldon Wong ~ U.S. Chess Master (wongsheldon@yahoo.com)

### **International Cultures Club** (Sponsor: April Brown)

Monthly Meetings: (3:10-4:00 every third Friday)

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students (limit: 20)

Sponsor Credentials: April Brown ~ Disney Finance Manager (aprildbrown@yahoo.com)

### **FUMS Dolphin Cheer Team**

Weekly Meeting: Tuesdays, 3:10-4:10

Team 1: Kindergarten-First Grades (limit: 15), Girls and Boys

Team 2: Second-Third Grades (limit: 15), Girls and Boys

Sponsor Credentials: Deanna Clover ~ Professional Dance Team Director & Dancer

(deannacllover@msn.com)

### **STEAM Lab** (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics)

Six Meetings only during First Semester only (9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6)

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students (limit: 20)

Sponsor Credentials: Sarah Lackey ~ FUMS STEAM instructor (slackey@fums.org)

### **Cooking Club** (Sponsors: Sue Donnelly, Barbara Knapp)

Weekly Meetings: Wednesdays, 3:10-4:10

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students (limit: 20 with additional middle school helpers not included in count)

Sponsors' Credentials: Sue Donnelly ~ FUM PreK Teacher, FUMS Aide (sdonnelly@fums.org)

Barbara Knapp ~ FUMS Lunch/Special Events Coord.(bknapp@fums.org)

### **National Junior Honor Society ~ By Invitation in the Spring**

Faculty Advisor: Angie Plaisted (Middle School English Teacher, aplaisted@fums.org)

**Dear FUMS Parents and Guardians:**

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! It is a joy, honor, and blessing to be your principal once again this year. I continue to ask for your prayers and grace as we look into the future with excitement into some amazing and positive changes to our school. I look forward to getting to know each of our returning families better, as well as getting acquainted with our new families over these next weeks and months. Please introduce yourself, if we haven't met yet! We have many thrilling improvements this year, but here are just a few:

- Our new FUMS Media Center, which will house our computer lab and library.
- The addition of eighth grade – a first in the history of FUMS and our first complete middle school!
- Two new and highly-qualified middle school teachers
- A separate middle school chapel for better age-appropriateness. We will still have many joint chapels as well.
- A continuation of our extra-curricular opportunities as well as new ones!

**Teacher Packets.** You should have received information from your child's teacher in a separate My School Worx message on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Other information from the teacher can be found on our web site, [www.fums.org](http://www.fums.org), under the "class news" link and then clicking on the teacher's name. The **school handbook** will be on our website and will only be sent to you electronically. There will be no printed handbooks. We're trying our best to "go green."

**First Day.** The first day of school is Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. All classes begin at 8:20 a.m. sharp, with arrival time and drop-off between 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. **Students should be in their seats and ready to work by 8:20 a.m.** They are considered tardy after 8:20 a.m. and must be signed in by a parent in the office if arriving after this time. Students will not be admitted to class without a tardy slip. Please remember that five tardies of any kind will result in a principal-parent consultation (please refer to the handbook.)

**Absences.** Please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. for all absences and explain the nature of the absence. Excused absences are granted for illness, death within the family, verified doctor or dentist appointments, or a rare educational trip that has received at least a 3-day, prior approval from the principal. If a phone call is not received by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence, then the absence is considered unexcused. Three unexcused absences will result in a principal-parent consultation. (Please refer to the handbook.) Many learning opportunities and experiences occur within the classroom that cannot be accomplished with make-up work.

**Early Dismissals.** Occasionally, it is necessary for a child to leave school before dismissal time for a documented medical appointment. All early dismissals must be before 2:00 p.m. Students are not dismissed between 2:00 and 3:00.

**Drop-off Procedures.** The Sproule Street entrance is a drive-through from **8:00 a.m. until 8:15 a.m.** for both elementary and middle school. (Parents do not exit cars.) Do not drop-off students before 8:00 a.m. There will be adult and middle school assistants at the drive-through to meet the students and to assist the younger ones to their classrooms. **If parents of our younger elementary students wish to walk their students to class, please always cross ONLY at crosswalks, as well as enter through the main school entrance door.**

**Dismissal Procedures.** In the afternoon, Sproule Street may be used for parking. Elementary students must be picked up from their classrooms by approved adults. Middle school students meet their parents (or other designated pick-up adult) at the picnic tables by the Fellowship Hall. **Students not picked up at 3:00 p.m.** will be taken to after-school care (if pre-enrolled) and a **late pick-up fee** will be assessed, **even in cases of emergencies**. If your child needs care before 8:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m., please contact the Child Care Center at 407-847-2575. **New Policy: If the student is not enrolled in aftercare and the parent is late for pick-up, a \$1.00 per minute will be assessed by the staff person in charge of the student.**

**Hot Lunch Program.** We will begin the hot lunch program on Wednesday, August 10. The cost of a lunch card is \$40.00 for 10 lunches payable to FUMS. The menu will be available on the school web site the week before school begins. All lunches must be ordered by parents on My School Worx before 8:00 a.m. A child may have approved lunchtime visitors twice a month, so please order your parent lunch no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day you will be eating with your child. When your student packs his/her lunch, please be sure the lunchbox is labeled with first and last name.

**Uniforms.** The Sir Walter Uniform new uniform sale is today in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-1:30. **Only clothes purchased from Sir Walter Uniform Company may be worn at school**, as specified in our uniform policy. (Middle school dress code has some exceptions. See handbook.) To order uniforms by phone, call (800) 621-8263 or on-line at [www.sirwalteruniforms.com](http://www.sirwalteruniforms.com). Please be sure all removable outer clothing is labeled with your student's first and last name. This especially applies to sweaters and jackets.

**Documents.** All documents (birth certificate, medical records, etc.) are needed by August 1. **No student will be allowed to start school without the proper records on file.** Remember to update records and information that may have changed since your original registration paperwork was completed.

**Tuition.** The **1<sup>st</sup> tuition installment payment was due August 1.** FUMS does not send out reminders or payment notices. Payments are considered past due after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. A \$20.00 late fee **per child** will be assessed after the 6<sup>th</sup>. An additional \$10 late fee per child will be assessed after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Only checks or money orders are accepted for payments. No cash is accepted over \$20. Payments are to be mailed or placed in the drop box outside the school office.

**Volunteers/Chaperones and Background Checks.** All volunteers and chaperones are required to have a background check on file in the school office as well as go through child/youth protection training in our media center. Background forms, effective for five years, are available in the school office and will be at the volunteer's expense. If you have a form on file in the FUM church office, please bring a copy to the school office for our files. This is to provide the safest environment possible for our children.

**Website, Email, and My School Worx.** Please remember that our primary mode of communication is through these three sources. Be checking each daily, and set alerts for MSW messages on your phones.

**Theme.** We will continue our ocean and marine life theme, as well as our FLIP and DIVE. Remember to **FLIP** – Follow directions, Love God and others, show Integrity always, and exercise Personal responsibility. Also, remember to **DIVE** deeply to reach our goals – Dive Into Volumes of Education! We will be incorporating these and an overall sea theme within the classrooms. **We are a "school" of Dolphins!!! Be on the lookout for Finlee, our mascot!** May the Lord richly bless your family. Remember to keep FUMS, its staff, and our students in your prayers!