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## 6 November 2017

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LQN submissions deadline is 8am the Wednesday before publication the following Monday.

## Upcoming Important Dates

**9 Nov., Thu.** FSA Family Maker Night, 5–7pm in the Innovation Lab and Art Room; Board of Trustees meets 7pm

**11 Nov., Sat.** SSAT testing, 8th graders only

**13 Nov., Mon.** Spirit Week begins (new date)

**16 Nov., Thu.** "Family Traditions" Community Potluck, 6–7:30pm in the Gym, no childcare provided during event

**20–24 Nov.** Thanksgiving break; **School closed**

**1 Dec., Sat.** Admissions Open House, 10am–noon

**8 Dec., Fri.** Human Rights Day observed

**Be sure to visit our [Community News](#) section!**

## Next Week Is Apogee Week!

Each year FSA receives additional financial aid funds from the State Tax Credit Student Scholarship Program, administered for us by an organization called [Apogee](#). Last year we raised an unprecedented \$94,000 in tax credits from 37 current and alum families as well as wide-ranging friends of the school. We have set a goal of \$120,000 for the 2017 application period, which ends on December 15! Many thanks to the 17 families and businesses that have already raised \$46,450 in 2018 tax credits to date. If you'd also like to participate with an application for a 2018 tax credit, redirecting your state income tax dollars to financial aid for FSA students, we invite you to make [application](#) between now and Thanksgiving break. If you have questions or need help, Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions, is

happy to talk to you or meet with you. Just send her an email at [nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org) or give a call at 404-373-8746 x8135. Also, FSA mom Anna Fretwell will be available the night of the Community Potluck (Thursday, 11/16) to help you right on the spot. It takes about five minutes to make application. You can also go directly to the Apogee website here to apply. Come on FSA friends! We can do this! Thank you!

## Family Maker Night

Hello FSA Community! Please join us again for our annual FSA Family Maker Night on Nov 9. Drop in 5–7pm in the Innovation Lab and Art Room with Jennifer and Fiona. Get ready to roll up your sleeves for another night of fun STEAM making projects for both adults and students. Pizza and light refreshments available. RSVP to [fthompson@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:fthompson@friendsschoolatlanta.org) or 404-373-8746 x8130.

## Your Gift to the Annual Appeal Is Tax Deductible

We have already raised \$31,920 in gifts and pledges toward this year's Annual Appeal goal of \$110,000. Meeting goal is critically important as these funds provide essential operating support for FSA. Help us keep the momentum going with a gift by the end of December and qualify for a tax deduction on your 2017 income taxes. You can give online by going to the donation form on the FSA website or write a check to FSA, noting Annual Appeal in the memo line. For more information, contact Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions, at [nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org); 404-373-8746 x8135. Thanks!

## Grandparents/Special Friends Invitations

Wonderful FSA Families, we are still in need of names and addresses for invitations for the annual FSA Grandparents/Special Friends Day (GP/SF), February 2, 2018.

If you have not already done so, please click [here](#) and complete the information for your student's Grandparents or Special Friends by Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

For FSA new families, Grandparents/Special Friends Day is the first Friday in February (February 2, 2018 this year), when we invite FSA student's Grandparents or Special Friends to join us from 8am–11:30am, for a light breakfast, a welcome, activities in their student's classrooms, snacks, Silent Meeting, and lots of Community! Lots more information will be coming to you soon!

## Lilies Need a New Home

If you would like some canna lilies in your garden email Joanna at [jgerber@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:jgerber@friendsschoolatlanta.org) to pick up some rhizomes that need a new home. We are redoing the area near the gym and the canna lilies need some new homes.

## Lost and Found

Parents please take a few minutes to check and see if your child(ren) has items on our Lost and Found rack located in the Gym (by the girls restroom). The rack is currently OVERFLOWING with clothes, books, lunch bags, water bottles, etc.

## Clinic Volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have assisted in the clinic since school began! There

are many open dates to choose from, so please sign up [here](#) if you can help! Feel free to bring some work or a book to occupy any down time. Please let me know if you have any questions, contact Anna at [aknipfer@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:aknipfer@friendsschoolatlanta.org).

## Community Potluck Returns!

On Thursday, November 16, we will all come together for the Community Potluck. It's always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the very best of the FSA community, where everyone pitches in with food for the feast and revels in the friendships, the diversity and the shared dedication to children that defines who we are as a school.

Whether this is your first FSA Community Potluck or your tenth, we want to remind you of what we need from our families to ensure the success of the evening. Here are the essentials:

**When and where:** The Potluck is from 6–7:30pm in the gym.

**What food to bring:** We ask that each class contribute to the main offerings of turkey, ham or a vegetarian protein. Please read and respond to communications from your Room Parents, who are coordinating the main dish effort. In addition, we ask that each family bring a side dish large enough to feed 12. We are asking that the different grades bring side dishes in the following categories:

- 8th grade: Desserts and Fruits
- 7th grade: Main Dish Casseroles
- 6th grade: Potatoes, Dressing, Yams, Starchy items so traditionally loved
- 5th grade: Rolls, Breads, Butter, Gravies & Sauces
- Preschool (3yo) – 4th grade: Vegetable side items, Salads (green and other)

Please click on [this link](#) to sign up on genius.com and let us know what you plan to bring.

**What to expect when you arrive:** Please arrive at the gym with your food as close to 6pm as possible. Volunteers will let you know where to put your food. Please bring serving utensils for your dish and label your dish and utensils with your name. Also, please label the ingredients of your creation! Plan to take home any leftovers (in the highly unlikely event there are leftovers).

**Where to sit:** You may sit wherever you like. The dining tables, however, will be color-coded per classrooms via colored table cloths to help folks who would like to gather with other families in their child's class.

**How to keep it GREEN:** To cut down on waste, please bring your own eating utensils, plates, napkins and cups for you and your whole family. We also ask that everyone bring their own drinks.

### Other Potluck Pointers:

- Parents help support a welcoming and inclusive Potluck by reviewing with your child ways to be inclusive and welcoming!
- Please go through the food lines and eat with your children. Also, please be responsible for your children throughout the evening. Teachers will be enjoying their own meals, and with hundreds of people in the gym, there can be an outbreak of chaos at any moment!
- There will be planned activities for different age groups, but again, please keep an eye

on your own children. Please note that the playground will be closed during the Potluck.

**Bonus item:** Eighth grade mom Anna Fretwell will be on hand with her laptop if you want her help applying to the Apogee Tax Credit Student Scholarship Program.

We are thankful for your presence at this celebration of community and for your help to make it fun for everyone!

## Be a Holiday Angel!

Our House, our community partner that is a daycare and preK for families experiencing homelessness located across the street from FSA, is about to launch its Holiday Angels program to support the approximately 150 families Our House serves.

Holiday Angels is a way for you, your family, or a group of co-workers or friends can come together and help a family experiencing homelessness feel the joy of the holiday season.

Click [here](#) to register to become a family sponsor. Through this link, you will submit your contact information and indicate the family size you would like to sponsor. If you or your group would like to adopt more than one family, please complete a separate sponsor form.

Our House families submit their wish lists which include the parent(s) and children, and the sizes for each member. Each family member is asked to list up to three items with a value of up to \$25/each. Sponsors are not required to spend a certain amount, but we ask that you purchase at least one item for each member of the family, we appreciate all donations!

Unwrapped gifts can be delivered to Our House's Atlanta location (on Boulevard) M–F between 9am–5pm through December 1. We will have one weekend drop-off day, Saturday, December 2 from 11am–2pm at the Atlanta location.

Thanks for considering becoming a Holiday Angel!

## Spirit Week 2017 Date Change

Spirit Week has been postponed for one week. The new start date is Monday, November 13.

During Spirit Week, our entire community is invited to participate by coming to school in dress that expresses our unique spirit and love of FSA. Stay tuned for more information on how we will be celebrating this year!

## Communications Policy

In an age where people often gather “electronically,” such as participating in chat rooms and social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter, please be mindful of the following guidelines:

- Any questions about school policies and procedures should be directed to a teacher or an administrator. The Parent Handbook is another good source of information.
- The Director of Advancement must approve all fund-raising projects, including fundraising among classroom parents.
- Photographs and videos may not be published to any public website (e.g., Facebook, YouTube, etc.) without prior approval from the Director of Advancement.

## **Be Sure to Check NetClassroom for Your Weekly FSA Billing Statement!**

Questions and concerns about your statement can be addressed to Elsie Santway at [elsie.santway@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:elsie.santway@friendsschoolatlanta.org).

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