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

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.

Upcoming Important Dates

18 Dec., Mon. Make-up week for M–Th Afterschool Clubs session 2 begins (Friday make-up date 12 Jan.)

20 Dec., Wed. Deadline for donating to the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Fund

22 Dec., Fri. MS 2nd quarter ends; ES first semester ends; Unclaimed Lost and Found items donated to charity after this date; **Early dismissal for all students, 11:45am; No Aftercare**; Smart Lunches will no longer be serving the Atlanta area as of this date

25 Dec.–8 Jan. Winter holiday break; **school closed except as noted**

5 Jan., Fri. Report writing day for faculty/staff (from home); **no school for students**

6 Jan., Sat. Basketball FSA Quakes 7th/5th/4th Grades and Pistons at Renfro Middle School, 4:30pm; FSA Quakes 6th Grade and Thunder at Renfro Middle School, 5:30pm; FSA Quakes 8th grade and Cinque, 5pm at Ebster Gym

8 Jan., Mon. Staff development day; **no school for students**

9 Jan., Tue. Students return from winter break; MS 3rd quarter begins; ES 2nd semester begins; Auditions for the FSA Variety Show 3:30–4:45pm

10 Jan., Wed. Welcome coffee for interns 8–8:30am in the lunchroom; Auditions for the FSA Variety Show 3:30–4:45pm

11 Jan., Thu. Auditions for the FSA Variety Show 3:30–4:45pm; Board of Trustees meets 7pm

12 Jan., Fri. Financial Aid application deadline for students returning in 2018–19; Make-up day for Friday Afterschool Clubs, session 2; Registration deadline for Afterschool Clubs session 3; Auditions for the FSA Variety Show 3:30–4:45pm

13 Jan., Sat. Admissions Open House 10am–noon; Basketball FSA Quakes 7th/5th/4th Grades and Bandits at Renfroe Middle School, 5:30pm; FSA Quakes 6th Grade and Wildcats at Renfroe Middle School, 6:30pm; FSA Quakes 8th grade and Decatur 1, 4pm at Ebster Gym

15 Jan., Mon. MLK Day; **School closed**; March with FSA 1:30pm at the corner of Peachtree and Baker Streets (Xernona Clayton Way)

16 Jan., Tue. Afterschool Clubs session 3 begins

20 Jan., Sat. Basketball FSA Quakes 7th/5th/4th Grades and Smash, 6:30pm at Renfroe; FSA Quakes 6th Grade and Hurricanes, 7:30pm at Renfroe; FSA Quakes 8th grade and Decatur 2, 5pm at Ebster Gym

25 Jan., Thu. Deadline for submitting proposal for the FSA Maker Faire

26 Jan., Fri. Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Quakers coffee, 8:15–9am

27 Jan., Sat. Beloved Community Dialogue, 6pm in the CMR; Basketball FSA Quakes 8th grade and Decatur 3, 3pm at Ebster Gym

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

Commemorate, Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 15, 2018

Come March with The Friends School of Atlanta! FSA has celebrated MLK Day each year since our opening in 1991. We encourage students, parents and teachers to participate in the March down Peachtree Street, and join the Middle School Student Leaders in celebrating the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We will assemble at the corner of Peachtree and Baker Streets (Xernona Clayton Way) at

1:30pm on Monday, January 15. The March is scheduled to begin at 1:45pm. Look for the FSA Banners and Flags. Wear FSA gear if you have it and school colors (purple and gold). If you would like to make a sign to carry, that would be great. We will have an FSA banner and yard signs to carry as we march together to celebrate Dr. King's life.

The words of the late Coretta Scott King remind us of the ideals that Dr. King embodied and FSA embraces: "On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit."

Questions? Contact Waman French at waman.french@friendsschoolatlanta.org

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." —Martin Luther King Jr., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches*

Annual Appeal: Consider Giving in 2017

The pending tax reform legislation will reportedly reduce the number of people who itemize on the tax returns, and therefore there will be few taxpayers taking deductions for charitable gifts. If you are concerned about this, you might want to make your gift to this year's Annual Appeal before December 31. Even if you're not concerned, we encourage you to make your gift or pledge as soon as you can. Funds raised through the Annual Appeal provide crucial operating support for teachers and administrators to make the FSA experience exemplary for student and family alike! You can give online [here](#) or write a check payable 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; 404-373-8746 x8135. Thank you!

Tell All Your Friends: The Next Open House Is Saturday, January 13!

Our next admissions Open House will be Saturday, January 13, from 10am to noon. Thanks to all the families who have signed up to attend. If any other families are so moved, come on by and help represent our wonderful school to prospective families. It is always a fun atmosphere and there will be snacks! And if you can't make it on January 13, there will be two more opportunities on Saturday, February 3, and Saturday, April 14. Please let all your friends with school-aged children know about our Open Houses and tours. When you receive the next admission eflyer with dates, etc., please pass that along, too! For more information, contact Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions: nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org; 404-373-8746 x8135. Thanks!

Needed: Lice Busters!

Every year at the beginning of school and after long holidays, our intrepid parent Lice Busters examine the head of every student for lice.

We need Lice Buster parents to help one or two hours a year. We will provide on-the-job training. Parents with experience also needed! This final examination will begin when students return from the Winter Holiday break (on Tues, Jan 9 and Wed, Jan 10). Parents meet at 8:15am in the clinic for Lice Buster orientation (second floor room #208, near the front stairs).

Sign up [here](#).

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Holiday Fund

Share some love! Wed., Dec. 13 through Wed., Dec. 20

Our fabulous teachers and staff have done a remarkable job this year and deserve much gratitude. As a token of appreciation, volunteers will be collecting at morning and afternoon carpool beginning Wednesday, December 13. We would appreciate volunteers to help with the carpool collection. If you would like to do this, please sign up [here](#).

You will be able to donate by cash, check or credit card in carpool. There will also be a collection box for the holiday gift fund at Anna Knipfer's desk in the reception area. Checks can be made payable to FSPATA; write "Teacher Appreciation" on the memo line. Again this year, we have an option to give online by clicking [here](#).

The funds are evenly distributed among all teachers and staff. Please give generously so that everyone receives a sizeable gift. **The deadline for giving is Wednesday, December 20.**

FSA Shatters Apogee Record!

HUGE thanks to all who participated in the state tax credit scholarship program through Apogee on behalf of The Friends School of Atlanta. We set a goal of raising \$120,000 in 2018 tax credit dollars, which go directly to increase financial aid available at FSA. We raised \$163,000!!! The deadline to apply for a 2018 tax credit was December 15. We will keep you posted about when the 2019 tax credit application process opens this summer. Direct your questions to Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions, at nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org; 404-373-8746 x8135. Thanks!

Lost and Found

Parents please take a few minutes this week 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. **Unclaimed items will be donated to charity after December 22.** Thank you.

FSA Call For Makers

The second annual Friends School Maker Faire will be February 22, 2018. It will be a celebration of creativity, innovation and invention. Projects will be accepted from FSA students in the areas of science, technology, the arts and engineering. Maker Faires have been described as "the greatest show and tell on Earth." Students will share their projects with their classes during the school day and with families at our evening open house from 4–6pm. For more information about Maker Faires and to submit a project proposal, please see the links below. **Project proposals must be submitted by January 25.**

[FSA's Maker Faire Project Submission](#)

[Project and Exhibit Planning](#)

[What is a maker faire?](#)

[Project examples](#)

FSA Maker Faire Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers to help our school maker faire run smoothly. If you wish to help, please click [here](#) to view and sign-up for one of our volunteer opportunities.

Smart Lunches

We learned late last week that unfortunately Smart Lunches will no longer be serving the Atlanta area as of Friday, December 22, 2017. We are working hard on finding a replacement service so stay tuned!

The FSA Variety Show Is Coming!

March 9, 6pm

Auditions will begin right after the winter break Join the fun!

AUDITIONS will be held after school starting January 9! Auditions for the Variety Show performances will be held January 9, 10, 11 and 12, 3:30–4:45pm. **Students must sign up before winter break.** If auditioning during these times is impossible, please contact Sara: smoylan@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Come sing, dance, act, recite, make magic, defy gravity, and amaze! All FSA Community members are invited to perform.

RECORDED MUSIC must arrive as an MP3 on a THUMBDRIVE. ACTS should be no more than 3 MINUTES, MAX.

Middle School Production Team will meet either after school on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45, or during Friday choice time, starting Jan. 19. There will be no fee for the Monday after-school time. Production roles include “the techies” - sound and lights, masters of ceremony (performance announcers), stage managers, and promotions design. Sign up for the Thursday After-School Club time when the new brochure comes out.

Parent volunteers will be recruited later for ticket sales, concession sales, make-up, and stage breakdown. Thank you for supporting FSA Performing Arts!!!! Let's rock!!!!

2018–19 Financial Aid Application Deadline for Returning Families

Friday, January 12, 2018

To apply for financial assistance or to apply to continue to receive financial assistance you must complete the Parents Financial Statement at the [NAIS School and Student Services Website](#). FSA's SSS code is 3284. Available Financial Aid funds are limited and returning families who have their Parents Financial Statements completed by the deadline date of January 12, 2018 will receive priority in the funds allocation process.

Please contact [Elsie Santway](#), Director of Finance with any questions or concerns you may have about the financial aid process.

Year-at-a-Glance Calendar 2018–19 is Here!

The 2018–19 Year-at-a-Glance can be found [here](#). You can also find the link in NetClassroom, under Announcements.

Please note that we have broken with our tradition of setting the first full week in April as spring break. For 2018–19, the spring break has been moved to April 8–12, to bring it in line with City of Decatur schools.

Two College Students Joining FSA for Winter Field Work Terms

Please join me in welcoming two college students who will be serving as assistants at FSA during their winter breaks. **Marcella Lee Gallo**, a senior at Vassar College, NY, with an interest in teaching and international education, will be assisting through January. Marcella has interned as a tutor with students in Denmark and New York. **Alice Mae Jennings**, a freshman at Bennington College, VT, with interests in progressive education and learning more about "how kids learn" will be serving her Winter Field Term at FSA through Mid-February. Alice brings a unique perspective on education having graduated from the School within a School Program in Brookline, MA.

Alice is transgender and hopes to bring her experience creating welcoming spaces to benefit our students and school community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our plans for introducing students to these interns. Thank you.

Both interns will be supporting teachers and students as we launch our No Place for Hate program in 2018. Learn more about the program at the [Anti Defamation league website](#).

Come and meet our interns at a welcome coffee in the lunchroom on Wednesday, January 10 at 8–8:30am.

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