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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

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

12–14 Jan. SAYF retreat for middle schoolers at AFM

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 1:45pm at the corner of Peachtree and Baker Streets (Xerona 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

21 Jan., Sun. Basketball FSA Quakes 6th grade and Falcons, 2pm at Children's Home Gym (500 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA, 30030); Basketball FSA Quakes 7th/5th/4th grades and Hornets, 1pm at Children's Home 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!

Thank You!

The faculty and staff are very appreciative of the wonderful support shown by FSPATA and all parents. The holiday gifts really helped make our holidays happy and our hearts warm!

Thanks also to the intrepid parents who organized the collection and who braved the weather to collect for the fund during carpools. You are amazing!

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!

SAYF Invitation to FSA Middle School Students

The Southern Appalachian Young Friends community (SAYF), the regional Quaker teen program, is inviting FSA middle school students to attend their upcoming retreat weekend at Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse, January 12–14, in the theme of "Renewal & Celebration." Detailed information about the SAYF program, including retreat forms and guidelines, can be found [here](#). Parents of Young Friends interested in attending need to contact the AFM SAYF coordinator, Aaron Ruschetta, **by Thursday, January 11** to discuss the particulars and confirm

attendance: arxaaron@gmail.com or 404-315-0406.

2018 Summer Camps

Registration for the 2018 FSA summer camps will open this month. Please note that the [summer camps page](#) on our website currently shows 2017 summer camps, because the camps for 2018 have not yet been finalized. Stay tuned for more information!

Commemorate, Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

**(Note: Updated Meet-Up Time, 1:45pm)
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 (Xerona Clayton Way) at 1:45pm 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*

Afterschool Clubs Registration is Now Open!

Please view the brochure and then click on the Google Form to sign-up for clubs. The **deadline is noon on THIS Friday, January 12, 2018**. Please be sure to sign-up by this date!

If you have any questions, please email Anna at aknipfer@friendsschoolatlanta.org

[Club Brochure](#)

[Google Sign-Up Form](#)

[Sports Waiver](#)

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.

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](#).

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.

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.

FSPATA Meeting: Save the Date!

Friday, Jan. 19 at 8:15am

We will read and review research surrounding tweens and cell phones—habits, safety, etiquette and rules, and more. Please join us!

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.

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