

MARCH 9 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16: Winter Sports Awards Ceremony, 7:30 a.m.

March 17: ACT test -- early dismissal

March 20: Falcon Feast, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

March 23: Progress reports issued

March 24: Parent-teacher conferences, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

March 26: Early dismissal, 2:30 p.m.; Junior Ring & Passage Ceremony, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 28: Service Saturday

April 6-13: Spring break

April 18: Prom

April 20: BFAA meeting, 5:30 p.m.

April 23-May 1: Final exams

May 4-15: AP exams

May 8: Seniors' last day

May 17: Baccalaureate Brunch, 11 a.m. (doors at 10 a.m.)

FALCON FEAST

Less than two weeks to go till **Falcon Feast**. Get your tickets now: Advance sales are \$10 cheaper than at the door. Please join us for Falcon Feast on **Friday, March 20**, at 6:30 p.m. This is BFAA's premier fundraiser and a great opportunity for a night out with your fellow Franklin families. Come enjoy dinner, drinks, and entertainment, all for \$40 per person (in advance) while having a great time and supporting our athletic programs. Our silent auction is shaping up to have some amazing items, including a signed basketball by Jrue Holiday; a signed mini-helmet by Alvin Kamara; and stays at local hotels, meals at restaurants, and some impressive artwork. You can buy tickets to Falcon Feast online [here](#) or in the front office (cash, check, or charge). We will be adding some pictures of the auction items to our webpage this week. Questions? Email boosters@bfhsla.org.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Please [watch a PSA](#) from our Health & Wellness Club about the **precautions we're taking against the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19**. In addition, in conjunction with NOLA Public Schools, we ask that any student or staff families, including members of a household where a student or staff resides, who **traveled to a country on the CDC's risk assessed list** in the past several

weeks, or who are traveling to these countries in the upcoming weeks, let [Dr. Widhalm](#) or [Nurse Heyl](#) know. All individuals **MUST** wait for the 14-day incubation period (beginning the day of return to the U.S.) to expire before returning to school. If you're sick with any illness, please stay home until you're **fever-free for 24 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Also, if you were planning to attend the **New Orleans College Case Study** on **Monday, March 23**, we're sorry to announce that **it has been canceled** due to coronavirus concerns.

JOSTENS GRADUATION ORDERS

Jostens will be distributing graduation orders on **Tuesday, March 10**, at lunch in the atrium for those who ordered items.

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

The **Winter Sports Awards ceremony** will be next **Monday, March 16**, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. All student-athletes who played a winter sport are welcome to attend, along with their families.

GOT SPORTS EQUIPMENT?

Joe Wagner '20, a Boy Scout in Algiers Troop 64, is working on his **Eagle Scout Project**. He is collecting **gently used sports equipment** and asking for your help. He will be cleaning up and donating all items to sports programs run by FirstLine Schools, a 501(c)(3) here in New Orleans, who will give the equipment to kids who can really use it. If you have any equipment that you can donate, either drop off by the front office (a box will be set up) or email jwagner20@bfhsla.org.

SUMMER PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to keep busy this summer? Hoping to improve your college applications? We have a list of **summer opportunities** [here](#). We will be adding to that list as we hear of new programs, so please check back at our [College Counseling page](#).

The **Louisiana Children's Museum (City Park)** is currently looking for Holiday Camp Volunteers (age 15-18), to assist with Summer Camps (various dates, **May 26 - Aug.7**, one-week-minimum volunteer commitment). Camp volunteers assist during camps for children ages 4 to 8 years old. Volunteers enthusiastically facilitate exploration and play during museum exploration time (in galleries), as well as assisting in the camp rooms during facilitated programs and assisting with setup/cleanup. Camp volunteers also have several weekly group meetings with Volunteer Manager, where we work on leadership and other skills and put them into action through fun camp games with kids! To apply, please complete the Youth Application at www.lcm.org/volunteer

STUDENT OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Congratulations to **Allison Lee '20**, who was selected as a finalist for **Louisiana Student of the Year!**

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to **Emily Smither '20**, who was selected as a **Morehead-Cain Scholar** at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Congratulations to **Kevin Lu '20**, who was chosen as an **Elks National Semifinalist** and state finalist, earning \$10,000 in scholarship money.

Congratulations to **Autumn Grieb '22**, who is representing Ben Franklin High School in the 2020 **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year campaign**. Throughout this campaign, she will be working to raise money and awareness for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and its mission to treat and cure blood cancers. For more information, [email her](#).

HOSA raised \$1,500 with the **Hunger Challenge**. Thank you to everyone who participated by making a recipe in homeroom.

Congrats to the **softball team**, who started off their season with a decisive 19-2 victory over Crescent City. **Olivia Dodart '20** paced the Falcons, striking out five batters, while **Tamera Gause '21** drove in 5 off of two triples and **Jasmin Elnaggar '20** drove in 4, going three for three. **Sarah Buckley '21** raced around the base paths stealing four bases. The Falcons started off the first inning defensively by turning a double play from Dodart to **Sydne Fleming '20** to Elnaggar at first. The Pioneers could not rebound. The softball team plays **tomorrow** at 4 p.m. against Easton.

Congratulations to the baseball team for their win against Landry Walker last week. **Alex Michael '23** got the win on the mound, and **Malachy Bartkus '21** got two hits. The Falcons will play Higgins **tomorrow** at 4 p.m.

Congratulations to the **boys' tennis team** on clean sweeps against St. Aug and Holy Cross: **Chris Brown '20**, **Alastair Deng '23**, **Lyle Bilbe '21**, **Jaedon Duckworth '21**, **Peter Bilbe '21**, and **Conor Hardie '21**. They play **tomorrow** at 4 p.m. vs. Newman.

Congratulations to the **girls' tennis team** for a win against McGehee: Line 1: **Faith Miller '20**, Line 2: **Ameli Tucker '21**, Line 3: **Audrey Mann '21**, Line 2: **Cate Daly '21** and **Laurette Compass '21**, Line 3: **Annabel Allen '22** and **Lynn Hammel '20**. Coach Kessel was very impressed and proud of the girls who stepped up and played under not-so-normal circumstances. Thanks to all, including parents!

Congratulations to **Audrey Mann '21** on her impressive win over her Newman opponent in last Wednesday's tennis match. Girls' tennis faces off against Dominican on **Wednesday, March 11**, at 4 p.m.

The **Ultimate Frisbee** season just started and they had their first two games March 3 against Brother Martin and Lusher. We won both games: 8-7 vs. Brother Martin and 7-5 vs. Lusher. In the game against Brother Martin, we were down 7-2 and came back to win the game 8-7. There will be games every Tuesday at the City Park Festival Grounds until April 14. Our next game is against Lusher on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 6:30 p.m. The team would love people to come watch the games.