

November 11, 2016

# FCPS Focus

## Students Pay Tribute to Veterans

James Wood, Millbrook and Sherando high school students in the Service Learning Government program hosted their [annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Celebration](#) on November 10. The theme was "We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All." The students planned and led the program and provided an outstanding tribute to our nation's veterans.



## Public Information Meeting on 12th Elementary School



A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, regarding the new elementary school that will be built in Snowden Bridge with an anticipated opening in the fall of 2018. The meeting will be held in the Stonewall Elementary School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the school division and the architectural firm designing the school will provide an overview of the project, seek community input on the design and respond to questions. The attendance zone for the new school will not be discussed at the meeting. The rezoning process is currently scheduled to begin in the fall of 2017 and the community will be provided with opportunities to provide input on the attendance zone for the new school at that time. Questions about the meeting can be directed to Frederick County Public Schools Coordinator of Planning and Development Wayne Lee at 540-662-3888.

## School Board Focused on Addressing Enrollment Growth

The Frederick County School Board held a full-day training session on October 28 to set [comprehensive plan](#) and [budget priorities](#) and review the school division's [Capital Improvement Plan](#). The Board also held a joint meeting with the Frederick County Board of Supervisors on November 9 to discuss several projects needed to address growing student enrollment including construction of a 12th elementary school, construction of a fourth high school and an addition/renovation at Armel Elementary School. Superintendent David Sovine sent a [letter](#) to parents highlighting the top capital needs.

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## SAT Scores Climb

The mean composite score of [Frederick County Public School students who took the SAT in 2015-16](#) climbed while scores declined nationally. The mean score of FCPS students was 1,533 which is nearly 50 points higher than the national all-student mean.



## Bright Futures-Frederick County Seeks Holiday Help

Bright Futures-Frederick County is seeking individuals and groups willing to "adopt" a family and provide food, gifts or both to help make the holidays special for those who otherwise may not have a happy holiday season. For more information, contact [Bright Futures-Frederick County](#).



## Sherando Student Seeks \$250,000 Scholarship

Sherando High School junior [Karter Ohlson](#) has been named a semifinalist in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge. If she advances to the finals and wins the competition, Karter will earn a \$250,000 college scholarship and Sherando will receive \$100,000 towards a new science lab.

## Superintendent's Student Leadership Council

Superintendent David Sovine hosted the first meeting of 2016-17 Student Leadership Council last month. The goal of the council is to enrich the school experience for all students while helping council members further develop their leadership potential.



## ESPN Highlights JWHS

James Wood High School received some national exposure from ESPN recently when the school's soccer team was featured as one of the [Top 10 Neighborhood Plays](#).

## Student Athlete Signings

A number of student athletes have recently signed to continue their athletic pursuits in college. Congratulations to the following:

### Millbrook High School

[Alec Schrank](#)- cross country and track at the Air Force Academy

[Anthony Simonelli](#)- baseball at Coastal Carolina University

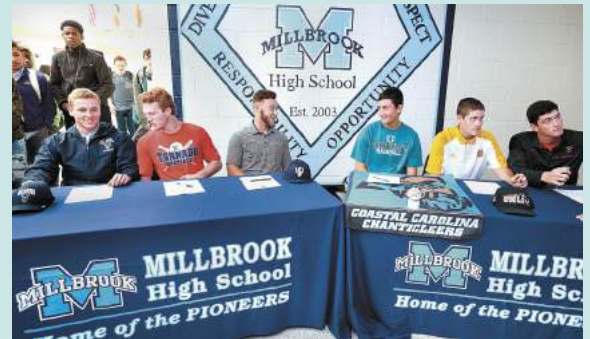
[Gavin West](#)- baseball at Shepherd University

[Kyle Keenan](#)- baseball at Villanova University

[Nate Jaye](#)- baseball at King University

[Ryan Kennedy](#)- baseball at Kennesaw State University

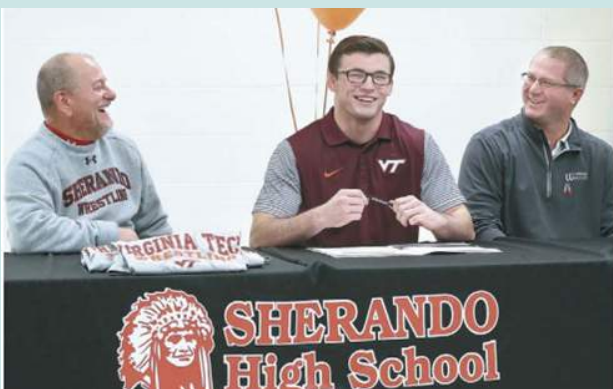
[Austin Murphy](#)- baseball at Virginia Military Institute



### Sherando High School

[Brett Loy](#)- golf at Longwood University

[John Borst](#) - wrestling at Virginia Tech



## WOW

All seventh grade students got to explore a variety of careers last month at the [Worlds of Work Career Expo](#) thanks to a partnership with the Lord Fairfax Community College Career Pathways Consortium.

## FCPS Website Tutorial

Frederick County Public Schools unveiled a new website as well as new school websites prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year and has produced a [tutorial on navigating](#) the new websites.





## Drivers Compete in Bus Rodeo

More than a dozen Frederick County Public Schools bus drivers competed in a Bus Rodeo last month. The top finishers were Robert Keefer (Bus 236), Joe Carbaugh (full-time substitute driver) and Terri Lloyd (Bus 17).

## Gold Star Teachers

[Eight Frederick County Public Schools teachers have been named Gold Star Teachers](#) by Working in Support of Education (w!se). The teachers receiving the recognition include: Cindy Forse and Mike Onda from James Wood High School; Emily Carper and Mike Wehn from Millbrook High School; and Molly Chapman, Kitty Crosby, Charisse Woodward and Amy Strosnider from Sherando High School. Just 609 teachers from across the country were named Gold Star Teachers this year.

## Still Time to Speak Up

[The 2016 Speak Up Survey](#) remains open through December 16. The brief, anonymous survey provides parents, students, educators and members of the community with the opportunity to share their views on key educational issues, particularly concerning digital learning and the use of technology in schools. Frederick County Public Schools uses the local results to help guide decisions related to educational technology.



## November Student Athlete of the Month

[James Wood High School](#)

[senior Max Lindquist](#) has been named Frederick County Public Schools' Student Athlete of the Month for November.

## Cheering on Cheer Teams

Congratulations to the cheer teams at James Wood and Millbrook high schools who finished third and fourth respectively in the Group 4A State Cheer Championships on November 5 in Richmond. Both teams represented their schools and communities well throughout the season and at the state championships.

## Bright Futures to Benefit from WINC Chain of Checks

[The WINC Chain of Checks Campaign](#) is underway. This year's campaign will benefit [Bright Futures-Frederick County](#) and the Highland Food Pantry.

## Thanksgiving Break

Please remember that there is no school November 23-25. Administrative offices will be closed November 24-25. Frederick County Public Schools wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. [FCPS 2016-17 Calendar](#)



## Millbrook Joins Facebook

[Millbrook High School](#) is the latest Frederick County school to join the Facebook community.

## Free and Reduced Price Meal Program

Eligible families are encouraged to apply for the Free and Reduced Price Meal program at any time during the 2016-17 school year. The application form is available [online](#). Under the program, both school breakfast and lunch are available each day for free or at a reduced price for eligible students.

## What's in the FCPS Spotlight?

FCPS Spotlight is a program available on the FCPS YouTube Channel that provides a quick look at the people and programs that make Frederick County Public Schools successful.



### [Sherando's Future Scientist](#)

Sherando High School sophomore Jonathan Ames was one of just 11 students selected nationally to participate in the prestigious Tuskegee University Genomics and Biotechnology Workshop held in July 2016. In this program, Ames discusses his passion for science, his experience as a participant in the three-day workshop and his future goals.



### [National Rodeo Champion](#)

James Wood High School senior Sarah Angelone won the breakaway roping championship at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Wyoming in July. In this program, Angelone discusses her passion for rodeo and why winning the national championship was such an emotional experience.



### [Greenwood Mill Elementary Food Bus](#)

The Food Bus Program at Greenwood Mill Elementary School is designed to promote food recovery for the sake of alleviating hunger. In this program, students and staff discuss the program and how it's making a difference in the community.

## Easy School Payments with My School Bucks

**My School Bucks** is Frederick County Public Schools' online school payment portal which is available to pay for student meals, fees, activities and other purchases online. The system also allows parents to view current cafeteria account balances, review recent purchases, receive low-balance alerts and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis. Payments can be made through MySchool Bucks 24 hours a day using VISA, MasterCard or Discover.

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Redbud Run Elementary School

Stonewall Elementary School

Frederick County Middle School

James Wood Middle School

James Wood High School

Millbrook High School

Sherando High School

Dowell J. Howard Center

## Advertising Space Being Made Available on the FCPS Website

A limited amount of advertising space is still available on the school division's homepage and each individual school homepage. All of the revenues generated will go back into programs directly impacting students. For information on advertising opportunities, contact Steve Edwards at [edwardss@fcpsk12.net](mailto:edwardss@fcpsk12.net).

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