

Dear Parents,

The Boys' Club Open House and Girls' Club banquet was a big success on Sunday evening. Everyone looked very spiffy in their dress-up clothes and the entertainment was "Fletcher's Got Talent", a talent show similar in format to "Britain's Got Talent".

This weekend the 11th hour choir group will be touring eastern Tennessee, going to several SDA schools and churches to share their talents. Then on Sunday they have the privilege of singing to greet the visitors coming into Dollywood. Two weeks ago the bell choir went to the bell choir festival in Ohio which they said was an excellent learning opportunity. And the band went to Morganton church last week. So our music groups are getting lots of great opportunities to share their talents with others.

Remember that now that the time has changed, Friday classes are shortened so that school will end at 4:00 to give time for students to get ready for the Sabbath. As another special opportunity for students to focus on spiritual things in anticipation of the Sabbath, there will be a Bible study in the Student Center from 4:15 – 5:15. All students are welcome to come.

Thanksgiving break is just over a week away. Because of the holiday there will be school on Sunday, November 20. It will be a full school day with the Tuesday school schedule. The only exception will be that there will not be band that day. Then on Tuesday there will be a half day of school, starting with band, but then going to a Friday afternoon schedule for the rest of the morning. Schedules will be posted around the ad building so students can know what classes they need to be at if they are confused. Break begins at 12:30 on the 22nd.

The teachers are participating in "learning communities" this year to try to hone their teaching skills and encourage one another to be the best teachers they can be in the classroom. Each teacher is in a group with 4-5 other teachers and they meet once a week to talk about what creative things they are doing in the classroom. They are also reading the book The Skillful Teacher and gleaning ideas on better ways to reach all their students in learning. We are thankful for all our teachers do to continue to meet the needs of all the students at FA.

The Students of the Month for October were announced. They are Eric Collson and Sarah Graham. These students are great examples of good leadership, spirituality and embodying the Fletcher Spirit on campus. Also, Carrie Earnhardt was honored by the students as the student that shows courage, which was the character trait for October.

The CommonWeal Foundation will be visiting the campus of Fletcher Academy on November 14 and 15. This Foundation is responsible for giving about 20 students scholarships for a good education and they are coming to observe what their money is going towards. We are sure they will be impressed with the caliber of teachers and students at Fletcher Academy.

In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be a war veteran sharing with the students for vespers. Then on Saturday night the activity will be Indoor Mini-Golf in the Ad Building from 7 – 9:00 pm.

The junior class is making apple pies from scratch on Saturday night the 19th and Sunday the 20th as a fundraiser. They are delicious pies that all you have to do is put in the freezer until you are ready to bake. It is a great dessert for the holidays or any special occasion. If you have not had someone from the junior class approach you about buying a pie and you would like to order one, please e-mail me at mhagan@fletcheracademy.com and I will make sure your name gets put on the list to get a pie. The pies are \$10 for one or \$8 each for two or more. You may pick the pies up on Sunday afternoon, or if you live far away you can make arrangements to have your

child bring it home with them on Thanksgiving homeleave and the class will keep it in the freezer until then, as long as you pre-pay. Junior parents, we are going to need lots of parental help on both Saturday night and Sunday (but esp. Sunday because of Sunday school), so if you are able to help one or both of those times please e-mail me as well. We plan to make over 400 pies, so it is a big undertaking, but it is a class bonding time as well.

Other up-coming events:

Nov. 18	Faculty Family Vespers
Nov. 19	Music Dept. Thanksgiving Service at Fletcher Church
Nov. 22-27	Thanksgiving break
Dec. 3	S.A. Christmas party
Dec. 6	All fines and bills paid
Dec. 8	Exam passes given
Dec. 9	Acts II Christmas Drama
Dec. 10	Christmas music concert

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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