





Col. Fred Cherry Website Update

Col. Fred Cherry Middle School / Homepage Fall sports are finally here! Come watch our Hawks dribble their way to victory on the court and fields this season!

Would you like to become a member of the CFCMS Parent Advisory Committee? There will be a brief meeting on October 19, 2024 right before our annual Fall Festival Celebration.

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OCTOBER!



ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES:

October 3- 1/2 Day Teacher Professional Development-Early Release for Students October 29- End of 1st Grading Period October 30- Start of 2nd Grading Period

CFCMS IMPORTANT DATES:

October 11 - Peanut Fest (Fine Arts) October 15 - Picture Day October 16 Unity Day (Anti-Bullying) Wear Orange October 17 Lion's Club 7th Grade Vision and Hearing Screening October 18 - NRPA Science Trip October 19 - 3rd Annual CFCMS FALL FESTIVAL 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. October 23 PSAT (8th grade) October 24 School Dance October 29 - NRPA Trip to Park 7th Grade





All CFCMS students must purchase a locker but the student agenda is optional. You can buy them from cfcms.spsk12.net The cost is **\$5.00** for each item.

2024 Fall Sports Schedule Basketball & Soccer Boys & Girls			No. All
Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Monday, September 30, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Home vs. JYMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	CFCMS
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Home vs. JFKMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	CFCMS
Tuesday, October 8, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Away @ KFMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	KFMS
Thursday, October 10, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Home vs. FGMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	CFCMS
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Away @ JYMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	JYMS
Monday, October 21, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Away vs. JFKMS @ LHS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	Lakeland High Schoo
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Home vs. KFMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	CFCMS
Tuesday, October 29, 2024	Soccer & Basketball - Away @ FGMS	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	FGMS
Monday, November4, 2024	Soccer & Basketball Playoffs - First Round		Higher Seed
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	Soccer & Basketball Playoffs - Second Round		Higher Seed



Just a friendly reminder that our school day starts at 7:00 a.m. and students are considered tardy after 7:20 a.m.

ATTENDANCE & SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Attendance has been increasingly the focus of attention among school divisions and educators. Regular attendance is a significant factor in a student's success:

- Chronic absenteeism correlates to low academic achievement;
- Absenteeism is a powerful predictor of dropout rates;
- Absenteeism has been linked to poor outcomes later in life.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing ten percent or more of the academic year for any reason, including excused absences, unexcused absences, and suspensions. Based on a 180-day school year, that means approximately 18 days per year or 2 to 3 days per month.

Truancy is the act of accruing one or more unexcused absences, where the parent is unaware of or does not support the student's absence, or where the parent's provided reason for the absence is not acceptable to the school administration.

Missed instruction, regardless of the reason, can have significant academic consequences. Therefore, the broader emphasis is on improving attendance for every student.



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Colonel Fred Middle School is thrilled to announce their 3rd Annual Fall Community Festival, which will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The event will be held at 7401 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, Virginia from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a free-entry event, and it will take place rain or shine. The event will feature vendors showcasing their businesses, a concession stand, a Cake Walk fundraiser, musical performances by our award-winning music department, a very scary Haunted Hallway, and as the finale, a Trunk or Treat Parade for the kids!



If parents/guardians bring outside food for their child, it must be consumed in the cafeteria during their lunch time only. <u>NO DOOR DASHING</u> <u>PERMITTED!</u>



Please submit all Emergency Cards at your earliest convenience if you haven't done so already.



Please remember that all cell phones and smart devices must be turned off and stored in your lockers throughout the day. No Cellphones are allowed in class or on you.

ADVANCED INSTRUCTION INFORMATION NIGHT

King's Fork High School

The Suffolk Public Schools Advanced Instruction Information Night will take place on Wednesday, October 16 King's Fork High School 351 King's Fork Road

High School 351 King 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Join us for breakout session rotations, conversation, Q&A and "Brain Power" Hour!

Please complete the <u>SPS Advanced Instruction Form</u> before October 11 to enhance the experience!

Explore content areas and services such as:

- Advanced Placement Classes
- The College & Career Academy at Pruden
- Dual Enrollment at Paul D. Camp Community College (PDCCC)
- Gifted Services/Q.U.E.S.T.
- World Languages

Discover Specialty Programs such as:

- The Governor's School for the Arts
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Project Lead The Way Biomedical Sciences
- Project Lead The Way Engineering
- The Center For Performing and Production Arts
- Talented Enrichment for Art & Music in Suffolk (TEAMS)

