



WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

Friday September 7, 2018

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STEAM STUDENT NEXT YEAR?

Our Application Window is currently open for 2019-2020 and closes October 8th, 2018!

Consideration will also be given to incoming 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. If you would like to apply for a sibling of a current STEAM student you must still complete the online application for them to be considered in the lottery! Here is the link to apply: <https://dna.fcps.net/SpecProgApp/login>

STEAM/BCTC CAMPUS NEWS

Students who do not have an internship secured by Tuesday 9/4/18 may be asked to schedule a parent conference with Mr. Flores and Mrs. Strange to discuss internships. All students must have an internship. Failure to secure an internship may cause the student to be placed back on the 6th street campus for the Spring Semester.

All Interns should be getting their time cards signed each week and returned to their individual folder. Failure to report to your internship without prior approval is considered skipping and students will be assigned Saturday School Detention.

The main line into the STEAM/BCTC Campus is (859) 381-3797. Please dial this number if you need to reach one of the STEAM/BCTC Staff. If it is an emergency please dial Mrs. Strange or Mr. Flores on their cell phones.

Please make sure your students are arriving to campus by 7:45 or they will be marked tardy if they have not communicated with staff.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees will be added to your student's account September 10th. An invoice will be sent home with your student. You may write one check for all fees. Make the check payable to STEAM Academy. ALL checks should be turned in to your student's advisory teacher. Please do not send checks to the office or to Mrs. O'Rourke.

If your student is free or reduced lunch you must complete the fee waiver form that was included with the beginning of the year paperwork. Your student will be charged for school fees and field trips if we do not have that form on file. Email Mitzie.orourke@Fayette.kyschools.us if you need a fee waiver form sent home with your student.

MORNING DROP OFF

The bus lane is not available for student drop off prior to 7:30am. Please pull into the side parking lot to drop off your student.

Do not stop in front of the school on 6th street to drop off your student. This is an accident waiting to happen. We have already had several close calls.



As of 9/7/2018
Daily Average Attendance
95%



9th	Grade	95%
10th	Grade	96%
11th	Grade	94%
12th	Grade	93%

Parents thank you for making your child's school attendance a priority! At STEAM Academy we want to partner with you to make every effort possible to help your child succeed.

Remember — every day counts!

PARENTS OF SENIORS

Please watch for announcements in the weekly communication regarding senior activities: senior pictures, senior trip to St. Louis, prom at Kroger Field and graduation.

Notes about graduation: Our students have STEAM graduation and they can attend their home high school graduation (BSHS, PLD, LHS, TCHS, HCHS, FDHS). Due to a state law diplomas are given by the home high school. Our students will purchase their cap and gown at STEAM, not their home high school. Their cap and gown will be the color of their home high school so you will only purchase one cap and gown.

PARENTS OF JUNIORS

This year, the Central Kentucky Council on Youth Leadership, will sponsor the 39-th annual “Youth Salute” in cooperation with the National Council on Youth Leadership. The purpose of this program is to honor high school juniors in your community who maintain a high scholastic average and have demonstrated leadership ability. The “Youth Salute” has been an approved program by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for over 39 years.

<https://www.centranky.youthsalute.com/>

STEAM Open House and Senior Trip Information Meeting

Open House will be at STEAM on September 11th from 6-8 on the 6th Street Location. Students enrolled at BCTC do not need to attend this open house and there will not be any information provided at BCTC that night. Families at STEAM 6th Street Location are encouraged to come and visit the school and talk with teachers about what has been happening the first few weeks of school.

Starting at 6:00pm on the 11th, there will be a senior trip informational meeting on the 6th Street Campus in the cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend with their senior to find out information about the trip. The trip will once again be to St. Louis. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Strange.

DRIVER'S PERMIT VERIFICATION FORM

Mrs. O'Rourke, Registrar, is your contact for the driver's verification form to obtain a driver's permit. Your student must be pass 4 of 6 six classes the previous semester of school and have less than 9 unexcused absences to receive this form. These are also the requirements to retain a permit/license until the student is 18 or graduates.

Parents complete and sign the top box of the form, then Mrs. O'Rourke signs, dates, stamps and makes a copy of the completed form.

At the end of each semester Mrs. O'Rourke runs a report that specifies which students are not in compliance according the their grades and attendance. She then reports that to the state. Students not in compliance will have their license suspended.

2017-2018 YEARBOOKS

If your student hasn't picked up their pre-ordered yearbook yet, please have them stop by room 114 to see Ms. Merlin or Mrs. Parks.

CANVAS PARENT APP

Update: Canvas Message from Fayette County Public Schools

Parent Access Not Working ✕



Parent access to Canvas is not working at this time for either the app or Observer role. We are currently working to resolve the issue.

This is a message for **Fayette County Public Schools**

Message from Ms. Rosen

Parents and Guardians: some changes have been made to the Parent Canvas App and how you would access observing your student's Canvas information. Ms. Rosen, our School Technology Coordinator is currently working on this with district staff and as soon as it is made available more information will be shared out. In the meantime this would be a great opportunity to sit down with your student and have them log onto their Chromebook and walk you through Canvas and their courses and have discussion about each of their courses. Every student has access to Canvas through their Chromebooks and have logged on daily. If your student indicates to you that they cannot log on to their Chromebook or Canvas please contact Ashley Rosen, School Technology Coordinator via email at ashley.rosen@fayette.kyschools.us

TSA Technology Student Association

Dear Parents and Students,

Technology Student Association, TSA is a national technology association. TSA is a great way to be able to discover many things about technology. By being involved you can earn many skills such as leadership, problem solving, communication, and being engaged with the different things the world can hold. You can compete in many planned out and designed competitions, and learn how to strive to do your best in competition.

By being involved in this club you have a chance to experience the great things that TSA hold within. There are several competitions you can give a try such as problem solving, dragster, children story, music production, STEM careers, and many more. There is something for everyone. This is a great opportunity to grow and challenge yourself to a fast changing technology society

The first meeting will be Thursday, September 6th, at 2:45-3:45 in Mr.DeBordes room. The meetings will be held on thursdays for now. Hope to see you there

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jayla Pence

Current STEAM student/TSA president

To find out more information visit www.tsaweb.org or stop by STEAMS TSA meeting

2018 PSAT Exam for Current Juniors (Optional)

PSAT/NMSQT is the preliminary SAT and the National Merit Scholarship Program qualifying test. This scholarship program is the most prestigious scholarship, only given to the top 1% in the nation. The exam measures critical reading, math, and writing skills. Along with your scores, you will get feedback about critical academic skills and be better prepared for the SAT.

****Only Juniors taking the test are eligible for National Merit scholarship competition.** ALL freshmen and sophomores will be given a different version of the test as a means of determining benchmarks**

STEAM Academy Test day for Juniors: Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

Arrival Time: 7:45am

Materials to bring: #2 pencils and a calculator

Test location: STEAM Academy

***Test fee: \$20.00 Cash or Check (Checks made payable to STEAM Academy)**

***Registration money can be turned in to Mr. Ridd (BCTC Campus) or Ms. Stone (6th St Campus) on Friday, September 7th or Monday, September 10th, 2018.**

*All registration fees are non-refundable!

* Visit www.collegeboard.org to obtain the Official Student Guide for practice and review.

Students should review the student guide to be best prepared on test day. Seat placement on exam day will begin at 8:00a.m. Late arrivals will not be permitted to test and there is no make-up window for this test.

PTSA KROGER REWARDS

How to enroll in in Kroger Community Rewards to support STEAM Academy PTSA

[Instructions Here](#)

STEAM Academy PTSA is organization - MV149

Engineering Courses - Fees

If your child is in Foundation of Engineering or Mechanical and Technical Engineering there is a course fee.

This fee helps to cover tool maintenance and purchase consumable items related to project builds.

The fee is 30.00 and needs to be turned into Mr. DeBorde. Checks and money orders should be made payable to STEAM Academy.

If you have any questions. Please feel free to contact Mr. DeBorde via email:

gary.deborde@fayette.kyschools.us

Student Voice Team

The Student Voice Team will work with other students, grades 9-12, and adult leaders at STEAM to share student perspectives on matters related to instructional, emotional and social experiences at STEAM Academy. If you are chosen to be on the team you will facilitate meetings with your peers and share out the voices and opinions of your peers to make decisions to better our STEAM community. Applications are available here: (You must have a Fayette County Email to access) <http://bit.ly/18-19STEAMSVT>

Students are encouraged to attend the first open meeting on Thursday Sept. 13 from 3:00-4:00 in Room 28.