



CFK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Take Stock applications due September 15!

Club Rush

By: Jazzmyn Carr

On Sept 4, students participated in Club Rush. They got to choose from Student Council, NHS, Interact, Bible Studies, Drama, Music, Art, Fashion, and Coding. Students who did not want to join a club were able to join Study Hall. Clubs meet on Fridays in school.



Students at Club Rush

Upcoming Dates

By: Jazzmyn Carr

Sept 11 - Patriot Day
 Sept 14 - PAC meeting @2:35pm
 Sept 17 - Constitution Day: Wear Red, White and Blue!
 Sept 18 - Bowling on Base Field trip
 Sept 21-25 - Start with Hello Week
 Sept 23 - Wear Green!
 Sept 22 - U.S History exam
 Sept 24 - FAST ELA retake
 Oct 2 - School Picture Day

Patriot Day

By: Isabelle Coller

Friday, September 11 is 9/11. This day is to remember and honor the people that lost their lives in the event, and the heroic first responders.



Constitution Day

By: Isabelle Coller

Constitution Day is September 17. Be sure to wear red, white, and blue to celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. On the 17th, students will be going to CFK for a guest lecture in the library.

College Colors

By: Isabelle Coller

On Friday September 4, students participated in college colors day. Students wore the colors or official college wear for the college they want to attend. It was a class contest day, and the Sophomores won, followed by the Freshmen, Seniors, and the Juniors.



Sophomore class



Senior Spotlight: Michael Bryant



What degree(s) and/or certification(s) are you pursuing?

I am pursuing a path in electrical work, which doesn't have specific degrees, but does require an apprenticeship program or to go to trade school.

Please list the colleges, universities, jobs/careers, or future paths you will be pursuing after graduation.



I currently don't have a specific college in mind. Though if life goes my way I would love to go to Florida Polytechnic.

Please describe one event or experience you have had this year that has impacted your education.

There is one specific event that has happened this year that has had a profound impact on me. That was the day we had to share a sentence or quote we really liked, and for me that quote was: "The rules dictate that you must be precise, as the law is a very precise endeavor."

Do you have an inspirational quote or advice to offer the undergraduate students at CFKA?

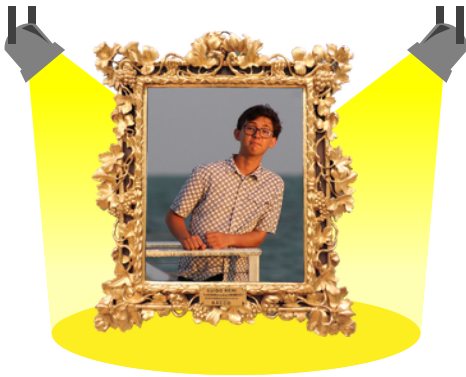
"Mean what you say, not say what you mean, because you'll never know how someone will interpret what you have to say, so leave no room for miscommunication."

Anything else you would like to share? Community Service? Projects?

I've been working on a community service project where I am taking leadership to help veteran families by providing Veteran's Day letters and holiday cards for retired military veterans.



Senior Spotlight: Kai Quiring



What degree(s) and/or certification(s) are you pursuing?

Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering

Please list the colleges, universities, jobs/careers, or future paths you will be pursuing after graduation.

Colleges: Florida Polytechnic, FIU, MIT Jobs: Hardware engineer

Please describe one event or experience you have had this year that has impacted your education.

The Community service project we did for Mr. Hughes has had and is having a major impact on my education. It started as a basic assignment that I didn't care for and turned into something I am passionate about. It made me realize how great it is to help the community and the values within it. This is the only school that has given me an opportunity like this, and I'm forever grateful for it.

Please describe another event or experience you have had this year that has impacted your education.

I also really love this school for the way it pushes students to do better and to be better. This applies to normal check-ups to see how you're doing, wellness-wise and school-wise. They also push us to get into dual enrollment, which I personally admire, because it sets you up for an amazing future with no cost to you. So basically, what I'm saying is: I love this school and the experience I have gained from it because of the opportunities they give, the push for us to do better and be better, and because this school really wants us to succeed in life.

Do you have an inspirational quote or advice to offer the undergraduate students at CFKA?

Advice I would give to undergraduate students is to focus on school, do your best, and think of how to achieve future goals. Don't ever lose sight of your goal. The only thing that will happen if you stop prioritizing school is you failing and being disappointed in yourself. A quote I'd like to give is, "There isn't any shame in being weak. The shame is in staying weak." -Fuegoleon Vermillion from Black Clover. I take this quote wholeheartedly, and I recommend you do so as well. This quote doesn't only apply to physical strength but to almost any category.

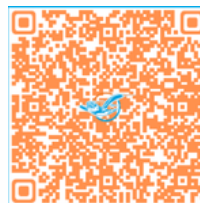
Anything else you would like to share? Community Service? Projects?

There's one thing I remind myself every day, and that's to stop making excuses. If you don't want to do something, do it anyway. If you can't because there's something actually stopping you, then find a substitute. You only live life once, so become everything you want to be.



Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



Hello!

As we settle into the school year, one topic that consistently comes up in counseling conversations is community service. Beyond being a checkbox on a college application, volunteer work helps students develop empathy, gain practical leadership skills, and uncover potential career interests long before they declare a college major.

However, one of the biggest pitfalls we see each year is waiting until senior year to start tracking hours.

Why Starting Early Is Essential

When students volunteer consistently over a year or two, they build relationships with mentors who can eventually write compelling, highly detailed letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications.

Senior year is packed with rigorous coursework, college applications, and standardized testing. Scrambling to complete dozens of volunteer hours in the final weeks before graduation adds unnecessary pressure.

Spreading 100 hours over four years equals just 25 hours per year—or roughly two hours per month. Breaking it down into small, consistent chunks makes the milestone effortless to reach.

Florida Bright Futures Requirements

Students can meet Bright Futures service requirements using volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or a combination of both (up to 100 total combined hours).

Class of 2027 Requirements

Scholarship Program	GPA Requirement	SAT Score	ACT Score	CLT Score	Service / Paid Work Hours
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	3.50 Weighted	1330	29	95	100 Volunteer OR 100 Paid Work OR 100 Combined
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)	3.00 Weighted	1190	24	82	75 Volunteer OR 100 Paid Work OR 100 Combined
Gold Seal Vocational / CAPE	Varies by Track	Varies	Varies	Varies	75 Volunteer OR 100 Paid Work OR 100 Combined

Important Note for Families: Please keep in mind that the Florida Legislature and the Department of Education review scholarship criteria periodically. Requirements—including test score thresholds and hour guidelines—may change from year to year. Always verify the most up-to-date guidelines with your student's school counselor or directly on the Florida Bright Futures Web Portal.



What's Happening in Our Classes?



Mrs. Garcia's Classes:

In Biomedical class Freshman students learned to extract strawberry DNA.

In Chemistry students learned more about the periodic table.

6	C	8	O
Carbon	12.011	Oxygen	15.999



Rolando Araujo Garcia and
Kayla Riche in Biomed



Polina Lysenko in Biomed

Dr. Drewel's Classes:

ELA Classes: Students are working on their Individualized Study Plans, reading fiction and non-fiction. Field trips to the Elizabeth Bishop House have been scheduled!

Journalism: Our resilient staff needs your help uploading pictures for the yearbook. Please use the following QR code to submit your pictures.



9th Grade Leadership: Reviewed all Leadership material and created a list of values. 9th graders took 2nd place in the College Colors Day contest! They are excited to begin our school-wide PBL for our Student Showcase in December.

Mr. Hughes' Classes:

Aerospace Engineering Students have been learning about the physics behind airplane propellers. They learned why propellers have a twisted and are not just straight wings. They finished their week by building propeller powered cars and racing them down the Academy's hallway.



Mrs. Hughes' Classes:

Junior Leadership:

Juniors are planning a fundraiser to support the charity of their choice, the American Red Cross. We are in the initial planning stages, but rest assured we plan to involve as many students as possible in the fundraising event!

Digital Media:

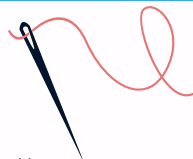
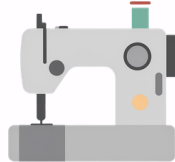
We have begun working in Photoshop! Prior to Photoshop, we spent time learning some basics of photo editing in Adobe Express. Here are some samples of our work:



Fashion Club Needs Supplies

By: Isabelle Coller

CFKA Fashion Club is in need of supplies. They need buttons, needles, thread, fabric or old clothes, yarn, crochet/knitting hooks, sewing scissors, clips, seam rippers, stuffing, and sewing machines. You can contact Mrs. Garcia by her CFK email tracy.garcia@cfk.edu.



THE CFK ACADEMY STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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CLASS



Sports Corner

By: Asia Leatherwood

Volleyball Schedule Dates:

9/18 @ 3:30 p.m. (Away game)

9/24 @ 5:30 p.m. (Away game)

Swim Meet date:

9/12 @ 11:00 a.m. (Home game)

Cheerleading/Conchette Football

Half Time Performance dates:

9/14 @ 6:00 p.m. (Home game)

9/25 @ 7:00 p.m. (Home game)



Polina Lysenko and Haden Andrade posing with Dr. Veldheer and Ms. Alexander



Catherine Miller and Summer Bailey posing

Riddle of the Week

Riddle: Two fathers and two sons went fishing together, but they only caught three fish total. Each person caught one fish. How is this possible?

Answer: There are two fathers: The grandfather is a father, and his son is also a father. There are two sons: The grandfather's son is a son, and the grandson is also a son.



Have an Idea for the Newsletter?

By: Isabelle Coller

Parents, are your students doing something amazing? Contact Dr. Drewel at christine.drewel@cfk.edu. We are always trying to get information about volunteering, community service, and the amazing ways your students are contributing to our community.

September Birthdays

By: Asia Leatherwood

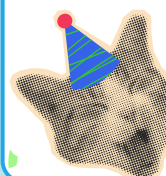
Amber McRoy 9/5

Claire Massih 9/10

Matthew Gomez 9/11

Jackson Mitchell 9/14

Ryleigh Shaw 9/20





**WEAR CFKA
CLASS COLORS
EVERY FRIDAY!**

★ FRESHMEN : WHITE

**SOPHOMORES : NAVY
BLUE**

JUNIORS : ORANGE

SENIORS : LIGHT BLUE



**CFK
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BOOK YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPOINTMENT ONLINE!



ALL NON-EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

✦ Discuss DE Tests such as the PERT

✦ Register for the SAT/ACT/CLT

✦ Conflict Resolution

✦ Help with College Admissions

✦ Look for Qualifying Scholarships

✦ Discuss your CFKA, CFK or FLVS class schedules



Use the QR Code, the link in the student Google Classroom or email Ms. Huebscher:
brenda.huebscher@cfk.edu

**HAVE GREAT PHOTOS?
UPLOAD THEM FOR THE
YEARBOOK!**



SCAN HERE!

THANK YOU!



CFK
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MONDAY

Meet-N-Greet Monday

Students are encouraged to use their own "Hello Style" by saying hello in a foreign language!

TUESDAY

Tell Someone Tuesday
Students give friendly notes to each other all day long telling them what they appreciate.

WEDNESDAY

Wear Green Wednesday

Students and staff are encouraged to wear green today as a symbol of unity, inclusivity and solidarity with Sandy Hook Promise.

THURSDAY

Thankful Thursday

Students are encouraged to write a thankful note to a trusted adult.

FRIDAY

Friendly High-Five Friday

Students and staff are encouraged to give high-fives to friends.



September 21-25, 2026



Start with Hello Week!

**Wear GREEN on
September 23rd!**



A YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FROM SANDY HOOK PROMISE

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SEPTEMBER 1ST

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