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Congratulations.....Patriots?!?!

Pictured are the helmets of the Super Bowl LI teams that played on Sunday, February 7th...the Atlanta Falcons versus the New England Patriots. The Atlanta Falcons were consistent in making great plays which led them to the Super Bowl, but they made some mistakes and lost the game with a score of 34-28. To make it more interesting history was made when the Super Bowl went into overtime!

Although the Falcons were up with a lead of 25 points, they somehow managed to let the Patriots come back and tie it up to send it into overtime and eventually win. This has been noted as the greatest comeback in NFL Super Bowl history. It was a sad day for all Falcons' fans, including us. However we will always support our home team. GO FALCONS!!



Written by: Miles Thornton, Miles Harris, Richie Powell, and Adam Buffkin



Coach Ben Thacker's Interview-Volleyball/ Girls Basketball



Why do you like to coach? I love to coach students and see them progress over the season.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? I think this is a great opportunity for them to show progress and grow.

What do you say to a team on the first day of practice? I tell them that I look for effort, growth, and learning in them as an athlete.

How do you feel this sport makes a difference to the students at Flat Rock Middle School? This sport gives student athletes the opportunity to represent the school.

What are your goals for your team this year at Flat Rock Middle School? For students to do their best and to improve.

Interviewed By: Delmi Cavada & Hunter Kincaid

Coach Ryan Ross' Interview-Football



Why do you like to coach?

Coaching is great because you get to see kids improve and what hard work they can do. It is fun to have kids come back after they moved onto high school and receive a college scholarship.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport?

I think all kids should participate in more than one sport. I hate to hear a kid say they're going to focus on one sport. We encourage all of our kids to play as many sports as possible. Statistics show that kids who participate in multiple sports in high school have more success in college. Focusing on one sport limits kids and we don't want that.

What do you say to a team on the first day of practice?

Remember who you are representing. Your parents, your teammates, and Flat Rock. We're going to work hard and we'll get on you when you do things wrong and I'll praise you when you do things right.

How do you feel this sport makes a difference to the students at Flat Rock Middle School?

There is nothing like sports. It holds kids responsible for passing all of their classes and behaving in the classroom. They learn to respect their teachers and coaches the right way.

What are your goals for your team this year at Flat Rock Middle School?

We want to win every game, but we want to win it the right way. We want to represent the right way and teach them lessons that will help them the rest of their life.

Do you have any words of wisdom or advice for students who want to join or participate in this sport in the future?

The most important thing is to stay on top of how you represent yourself outside of athletics and in the classroom. Stay out of trouble, pass your classes, respect your teachers, and be willing to work hard.

Interviewed By: Lilly Hsu, Jeremy Manning, Nolan Johnson



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Mrs. King

6th Grade Intramurals

Why do you like to coach? I like to coach because it gets me out with the kids, lets us run, and have fun.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? Usually if they pick more than one sport they are very athletic and they perform better at the sports they have chosen.

How do you feel this sport makes a difference to the students at Flat Rock ? It helps the students get more involved with the school and it shows school spirit.

What are your goals for your team this year at Flat Rock? Our goal is to get the sixth graders ready for seventh and eighth grade sports and to help them master the skills they need to know.

Do you have any words of wisdom or advice for students who want to join or participate in this sport in the future? Just try. Never be afraid to come out and try something new.

Interviewed by: Daniella Alvarado & Donovan Brady

Mrs. Evans-Track

Why do you like to coach? This is my favorite sport and I have been doing this all my life since a kid.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? I think that more than one is fine as long as their grades are good and they participate.

How do you feel this sport makes a difference to the students at Flat Rock? Being a good student in the classroom will also make you a good student on the track.

"I like to be involved with the coaches, athletic department, and the players. Being a former coach it helps me stay in touch with the athletic department and the different sports as a director. Of course we would like to win championships, but if a player is better at the end of the season than he/she was from the beginning of the season, we have done our jobs as coaches or athletic directors."

~Mr. Stone

Athletic Director & Assistant Principal

What are your goals for your team this year at Flat Rock Middle School? My goal is to be number one in the county.

Interviewed By: Kylan Wimbush & AJ Stewart

Mr. Latimer-Track

Why do you like to coach? Its an opportunity to interact with the other students and encourage them to be great.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? It's good because you can stay in great shape and it gives you the opportunity to be good at more than one sport.

What do you say to a team on the first day of practice? Commitment is everything.

What are your goals for your team this year at Flat Rock? To win a championship.

Do you have any words of wisdom or advice for the students who want to join or participate in this sport in the future? Make sure that you want track. If track is in your heart then you should try it.

Interviewed By: Arienna Watson, Demetrice Alexander Shane Erkins

Coach Tyler Cheerleading



Why do you like to coach? It allows me to build personal relationships with other students and seeing what they are capable of.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? I think that any student should participate in various sports to develop your abilities and develop your social skills.

How do you feel this sport makes a difference to the students at Flat Rock Middle School? I feel like cheerleaders are the ambassadors of the school and represent our school for others on the outside looking in. They should be good examples for their peers.

Interviewed by: McKay Byerly & Danny Le

Coach Foley -Boys Basketball



Why do you like to coach? Coaching is fun because I get to see kids improve academically and just the personalities of the kids in the classroom versus on the court/field. It is really interesting to see that dynamic and to see kids improve."

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? I believe that at this age (middle school) you need to try things to find out what are your strengths and weaknesses are."

How do you feel this sport makes a difference to the students at Flat Rock Middle School? It helps you feel connected to the school.

Interviewed by: Terrence Artis & Roberto Alcantara

Mr. Carby Track

Why do you like to coach? I like to see progress and growth in athletes.

How do you feel about students participating in more than one sport? It can be both good and bad. It allows students to be social and experience more than one sport.

Do you have any words of wisdom or advice for students who want to join or participate in this sport in the future? You are a student athlete, but remember you are a student first.

Interviewed by: Deshon Proctor, Jelani Scott, Nigel Bannister





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"Student Concerns"

"The Hangout Needs Entertainment"

Students are not interested in going to the hangout because there is nothing to do in there. No one wants to sit in a room with only one of their friends and eat lunch and look at each other. Lunch is the only time we get to be social without getting into trouble and to only choose one friend is not very exciting.

I would suggest either being able to add more friends (at least two) and some entertainment. As far as entertainment maybe an older game console (PlayStation 1 or 2 only \$50-100 dollars) with age appropriate games that are also educational. Or a small television with shows and educational programs that are interesting to watch. This will definitely get people "hanging out" in the Hangout.

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VENDING VARIETY



"Locker-Tastrophe"

Have you ever stopped to think that we could use bigger lockers in order for all of our items to fit? Well we have. In the building we have lockers in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade halls for students.

However, even the tidiest person alive could realize that we need to make them a bit wider and steeper. If we do this, students would have more space to put all their items in the lockers. This would eliminate trash in the hallways, items hanging out of the lockers, and a cleaner appearance. Do you, the student body, think that we should have bigger lockers?



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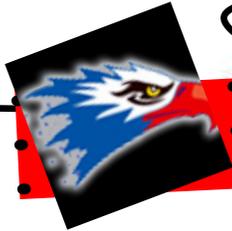
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Schools can make lots of money off vending machines. Having a machine with a variety of foods will allow students the option to choose from an assortment of things to eat, thus enhancing the lunch experience.

We think that adding more items such as snacks, healthy alternatives (veggie packs, natural fruit snacks), and a variety of beverages will make the lunch experience better. This may be a little out of budget but having a fundraiser can obtain the funds to implement a vending machine with a variety of items to enhance the lunch experience.

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"Shout-Outs"

Happy Birthday

December

- 15th- Dionne Maddox
- 15th- Herr Bryant
- 17th- Darryll Hutchinson
- 20th- Cassie Upshaw
- 25th- Jose Aponte
- 28th- Melinda Hall
- 30th- Fabby Bowen

January

- 7th- Kimberly Carter
- 7th- Chintan Patel
- 8th- Monique Williams
- 13th- Beth Pope
- 15th- Gloria Bennett
- 17th- Jennifer Rowell
- 30th- Robin Clark

February

- 2nd- Shelly Quance
- 14th- Nateil Carby
- 15th- Tarchell Caruthers
- 22nd- Matt Price





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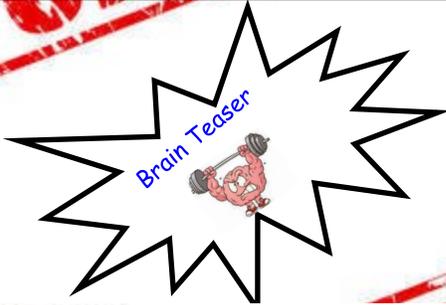
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| Baseball | Football |
| Volleyball | Swimming |
| Hockey | Running |
| Tennis | Golf |

Thank You!!

The students in Business & Computer would like to say thank you for helping us gather information for this issue of the school newsletter.

With so much going on at Flat Rock Middle School we wanted to create a publication from the student's perspective. The next issue of this newsletter will be next quarter (nine weeks).

In future issues we will have: "Do It Yourself" activities for students "Administrative Advice", "Counselor's Corner", "Cafeteria Cuisine" and much more with your help and input.

This is a newsletter for the students and by the students.

Thank you for reading!

-The Eagle Chronicles