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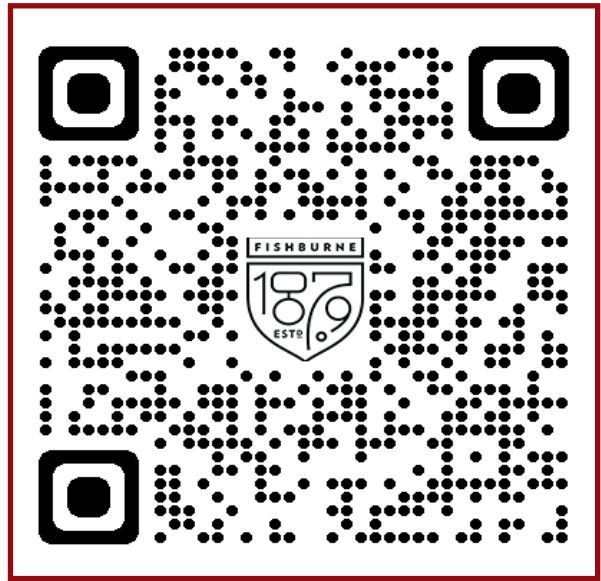
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FOUNDER'S DAY
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April 10, 2024



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ALUMNI WEEKEND
April 26 & 27, 2024



.....The March to Founder’s Day.....

In honoring Professor James A. Fishburne’s Legacy, this Founder’s Day, on April 10, is an opportunity for all Fishburne Military School alumni, current and past parents/grandparents, staff, faculty, and friends to salute Professor Fishburne on his 173rd birthday.

This year, the Corps of Cadets will march to Ridgeview Cemetery to honor Professor Fishburne and render honors at his graveside, have a cake cutting with 173 candles, and host our #Since1879 Day of Giving event to secure the future and **Legacy** of FMS. The City of Waynesboro has also joined us in our mission to honor Professor Fishburne by officially declaring Wednesday, April 10, 2024, as Professor James A. Fishburne Day. All are welcome to join us virtually or in person, 2024, to honor Professor Fishburne.

Caisson Wrestling



At the State Championship tournament prior to nationals held at Potomac High School the weekend of February 16th, 2024, the FMS Caissons brought home another State Champion, Cadet Hunter Wagner. In addition, FMS boasts two State Runner-ups Ryan Barone and Grayson Jones, and a 4th place by Saba Mushkudiani, and a 5th place by Brayden Farrar from the conference. Freshman Larkin Williams in his first year of wrestling lost his first match, then bounced back to win the next three matches before losing in the “blood round.” Larkin was one win from securing a state medal. The Caissons finished 26th out of 108 schools competing in the Prep School National Tournament, marking the highest finish in FMS history.

Head Coach and VISAA Wrestling Hall of Famer Terry Waters expressed his gratitude for the season. Waters said, “I owe the parents of the Cadets on the wrestling team for their endless support. And to the seniors whose contributions to the team cannot be measured, and finally, my message to the younger members of the FMS wrestling team— we’ve only just begun!”

..... Welcome Back CW3 Philip Lacey

Fishburne Military School welcomes back history and government teacher, coach, and FMS alumnus, CW3 Philip Lacey '02. CW3 Lacey shared his thoughts on what sets FMS apart from other schools.

Lacey said, “The best part about teaching at Fishburne is our Cadets. They have ownership of the Corps and learn how to hold each other accountable. They also know that FMS is just the beginning of their next venture, whether they go on to college, enlist, or join the workforce.”

Lacey plans to assist with coaching track during the spring 2024 season. Fishburne thanks CW3 Lacey for his enthusiasm and dedication to making a difference in delivering the Fishburne Experience.



FMS National Capital Region Social



The Fishburne Military School National Capital Region Social was held on Thursday, March 8, 2024, at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. We had a great turnout with 34 attendees, including Trustees, Alumni (their spouses), current and past parents/grandparents, Friends of Fishburne, and FMS staff. It was an evening to meet new friends, catch up with FMS Brothers, talk to parents about their Cadet, and hear an FMS Update from COL Brown (VA). We knew it was a great event when guests stayed the whole evening— which is precisely what happened that evening!

Be on the lookout for future FMS Socials as we continue to bring the Fishburne Experience to our Alumni, past and current parents, and Friends of Fishburne.

.....Fishburne Middle School – Fall 2024

Fishburne will add a 6th grade in the fall and begin transitioning to Fishburne Middle School (grades 6 – 8) over the next two years. The Fishburne Middle School will be a separate division (non-boarding) and will not be a part of the Corps of Cadets. The Middle School will feature a classical-style education foundation for boys. The middle school’s required uniform will entail Fishburne polo shirts and khaki pants.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the middle school will feature 6th and 7th grades, and for the 2025-2026 school year, an 8th-grade level will be added. The Middle School will be at the First Presbyterian Church on West 11th and Wayne Avenue.

In 2027, 8th graders graduating from the middle school can formally join the Corps of Cadets in the 9th grade to begin their Rook experience.



Scout Troop 1879



Fishburne Military School’s Boy Scout Troop 1879, led by U.S. Army MAJ J.W.G. DeFabio, and CPT Trey Copenhaver (VA) '08, participated in the Klondike Derby winter camp at Camp Shenandoah on February 10, 2024. Troop 1879’s five scouts came ready to compete with the 20 troops attending the camp. Troop 1879 fared well as they placed 3rd first aid category competition! The Cadets faced challenges such as building fires, conducting first aid, orienteering, shelter building, and axe and spear throwing. Mastering these activities demonstrates leadership and self-sufficiency that the Cadets learn throughout the year at FMS. Scout Troop 1879— we see what’s great in you!