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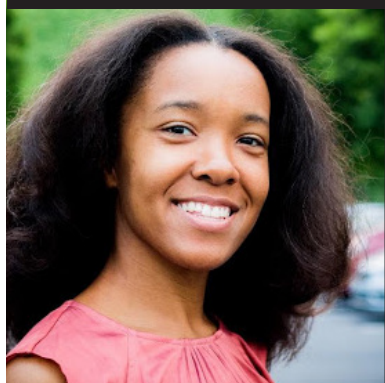
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## NEW FACULTY



### DANAE GAITER

Grades 3-4

Ms. Danae Gaiter, our new 3rd/4th grade teacher, graduated from Oakwood University with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She has four years of teaching experience with Hoover City Schools in Hoover, AL. She also has spent a year in Seoul, South Korea, teaching English and Bible classes. Most recently, Ms. Gaiter has worked with special needs children in Metro Nashville Public Schools. She is passionate about meeting the needs of all learners.

Ms. Gaiter enjoys reading, exercising, singing, and participating in outreach and volunteer service. She has been engaged in mission work in Nassau, Bahamas; Toronto, Canada; Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea; Limón, Costa Rica; and New Orleans, Louisiana (after Hurricane Katrina).



## FHJ Prep Launches a New School Year

It was a perfect summer day--August 9th. A Wednesday, and honestly, as a parent, I had a little anxiety about school starting so early. I'm from the north where school doesn't start until after Labor Day, and I just wasn't ready for the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" to come to an end.

Of course, my son was excited about the beginning of 2nd grade. He was a little down because my hubby, who commutes, couldn't be here for his first day, nor his birthday, which was the next day.

When we walked in the door, parents and kids were milling about, enjoying the breakfast that the Home & School Board had provided, and taking photos at the FHJ Prep photo booth. I noticed that there was an unusual amount of men present. They seemed to be dressed up, and most of them who I knew from church didn't have any children at F. H. Jenkins. "Why are there so many men here?", I wondered to myself. In a few moments I would soon find out...

Board member and F. H. Jenkins parent, Corey Bean, had arranged for the men of Riverside SDA Church to come and greet the students as they entered into their

new school year! It was like nothing I've ever seen before! The men lined the hallway and applauded, as the students walked from their classrooms into the gymnasium! It was like the red carpet at a Hollywood event!

Businessman, Lawyers, Doctors, Electricians, Engineers...even a REAL Fire Chief (as my 7 year old son exclaimed), took time out of their busy schedules to be there, first thing in the morning, to cheer on, love and support our children. WOW!

Being the "mamarazzi" that I am, I went live on Facebook, and my friends were even moved by that expression of support by the men of Riverside. When I looked around,

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*An outpouring of prayer support from the FHJ male community*

# Science in Action at FHJ

*"The intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment."*

- Encouraging Exposure
- Building Strong Foundations
- Expanding Career Choices
- Increasing STEM Diversity

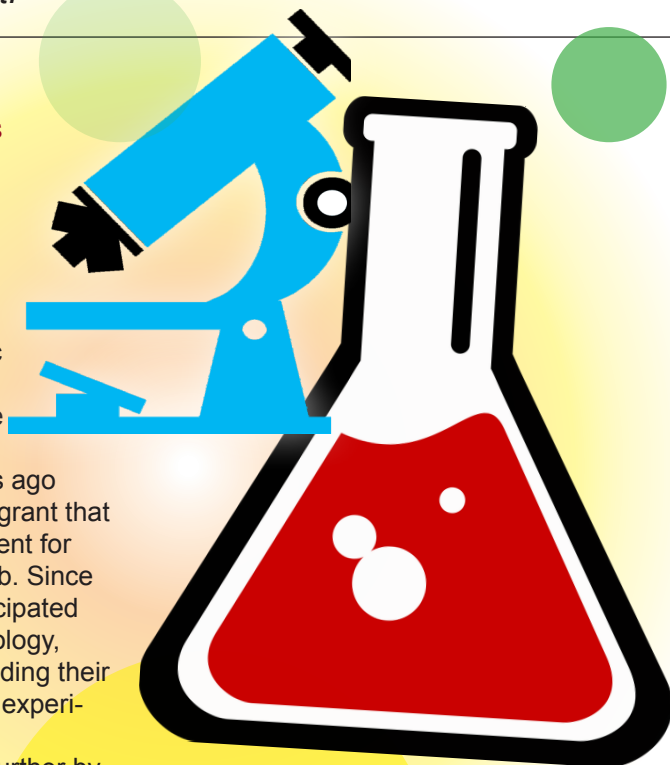
Over the last two academic years, FHJ Prep has diligently worked to increase scholars' access to quality science programming. Two years ago FHJ Prep received a VersaCare grant that allowed us to pay for lab equipment for our newly-established science lab. Since that time our scholars have participated in weekly STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) labs, building their understanding of the design and experimentation processes.

This year we expanded even further by instituting weekly science labs for scholars in grades 5-8, and bi-monthly science labs for scholars in grades K-2, in addition to the weekly STEM labs that occur on Friday for all scholars. We have also partnered with Engineering for Kids to provide STEM as an extracurricular activity for parents who elect to have their scholars get even more exposure to science.

Once a week Engineering for Kids works with our young scholars (K-2) on the invention process. Over the next few

months, Engineering for Kids will work with our 3rd-8th grade scholars using Minecraft as a medium for learning.

Research has repeatedly shown that there is an underrepresentation of people of color in the STEM fields. This is often attributed to lack of exposure to the sciences. It is our desire at FHJ Prep to build strong science foundations for our scholars such that they will be prepared should they choose to make the STEM field their career home.

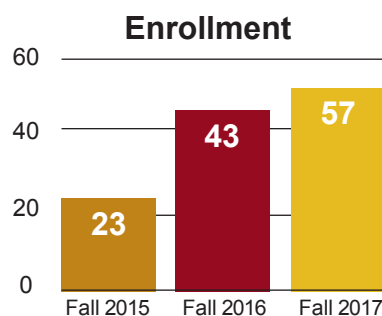


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## Enrollment Increase Continues



F. H. Jenkins Prep has seen significant enrollment gains each fall since 2015. Response to revitalization efforts pushed administration to hire new faculty to support the mission of Inspiring Leaders; Cultivating Excellence!





# FHJ Makes the Solar Eclipse Fun!

August 21st was destined to be a day like no other. It is one that, for those that lived in the Path of Totality, was sure to be captured in the minds of all, young and old, for a lifetime. While the other local schools in the area closed for Solar Eclipse Day 2017, FHJ Prep remained open and experienced the solar eclipse as a school family. The day was chalk full of learning activities about the solar eclipse, as well as a special solar eclipse themed lunch.

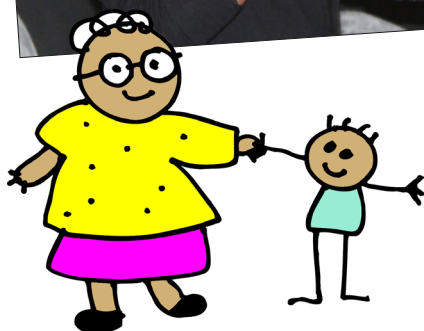
At approximately 1:10 pm, the scholars, teachers, family members, and South Central Conference Superintendent of Education—Mr. Johnny Holli-day—went out on the lawn, equipped with blankets, lawn chairs, and certified solar eclipse viewing glasses. The atmosphere was buzzing as we watched the overlapping of the moon and sun. We saw science in action, but most of all, we saw the handiwork of God. At the culmination of the event, scholars celebrated this momentous occasion with cupcakes and conversation.



## Grandparents' Lives Matter

"Grandparents' Lives Matter!" "Grandparents' Lives Matter!" This is the chant that rang through the gymnasium on September 15th. On this special day, where our grandparents, and grandparent-like figures, are honored, the FHJ scholars made a declaration to the nation that GRANDPARENTS' LIVES MATTER! They declared that no longer would our grandparents be overlooked or under appreciated.

In this rally-style program, the scholars shared why they love their grandparents, expressed how we are all family, that grandparents should not be silenced, why grandparents' lives matter, and heralded their grandparents as champions. The program ended with an energetic adaptation of "Heard It Through the Grapevine," especially written with our grandparents in mind.



### Student Government Officers

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**Ragan Kelly** (8th grade)

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**Jamiah Littleton** (5th grade)

*Secretary:*

**Mackenzie Lewis** (7th grade)

*Treasurer:*

**Rebekah Knight** (5th grade)

*Religious Vice President:*

**Kennedy McCartherenes**  
(6th grade)

*Public Relations:*

**Jade Cook** (6th grade)

### Welcome New Team Members

**Mrs. Toyin Mattison**  
(Office Manager)

**Mr. Kevin Cargill**  
(Chief Financial Officer)

### Coming Events

**Citrus Fruit Sale:**

Now-November 1 &

December 1- January 4

**Bible Expo:**

November 10th - FHJ Prep

**Christmas Program:**

December 16th -

Riverside SDA Church



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Thanks

Many thanks to Mr. Ron Pride, Art Director and Graphic Designer at Square1 Studio, for creating our new general-use logo to be used in lieu of the school seal for more "casual" purposes. Mr. Pride has designed many publications for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including *Message Magazine*. F. H. Jenkins Prep is proud to sport its new look here on the pages of *InTouch*!



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## New School Year

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I wasn't the only person wiping the tears away. It was indeed a sight to behold!

Thank you to those who took the time to make our little children feel like the superstars we know them to be. Thank you to the teachers who teach, love, discipline and nurture them for the majority of their waking hours.

Gestures like these are why Christian education continues to be worth it!

**We LOVE F. H. Jenkins!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

—SC Marshall - 2nd grade Mom



## FHJ Flames Off to a Fiery Start!

F. H. Jenkins Fall Sports program has been a major success this year. The Cross Country running team (now in its 3rd year) has grown from 8 runners to 26. The school qualified for the Middle TN Athletic Conference (MTAC) Championships held at The Hermitage on Monday, October 9th.

There were multiple individual and team accomplishments in what turned out to be a historic sports day for FHJ. First was the K-2 division with our Girls team finishing 4th. Boys K-2 runner, Keston Ashmeade, scored a Top 10 spot, finishing 8th. The 3rd-4th grade Boys team delivered the first FHJ conference Championship in any sport, claiming #1 with a strong performance from Daylin Alford who finished 5th, Zion Brown 6th, Jeremiah Marsh 7th and Aidan Chunn 13th. In addition, 3rd-4th Girl Jattori Nevers blazed a path to history finishing 1st with a record time and claiming an individual Champion title. Middle school runner, Price Fordham, capped off the day with a Top 15 finish in the division, along with being named to the MTAC All-Conference 2nd Team (an all-star honor).

The Lady Flames middle school volleyball team featured a very young squad that improved with every game this season, winning 2 out of the final 4 games of the Regular Season—finishing #4 in the North Division. In the First Round of the MTAC post-season tournament, the Lady Flames traveled to Bell Buckle, TN, where their run ended with a closely competitive match against The Webb School.

The newest addition to the Fall Sports roster is Flag Football. Currently, the Flames are ranked #3 in the TN Christian Athletic Association for middle school. Playoffs begin October 23rd with our Flames aiming for another sports Championship.

