FCCLA Members and Parents of FCCLA Members:

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Dues are due on this date. Dues are $15 and will cover the national and state affiliation dues. Once your child pays dues they are an official member of the national student organization, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America! Hopefully, you were able to attend the first DMMS FCCLA Chapter Meeting. If not, no worries! This letter is to inform you of some important dates and upcoming events.

DMMS FCCLA Monthly Meetings: Our monthly FCCLA meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting dates are as followed: September 14th, October 20th , November 18th, December 15th, January 19st, February 16th, March 16th, April 20st , and May 19th . Students should plan in advance to ride the activity bus or have a ride arranged to pick them up by 4:45. There is a WCPSS activity bus with an evening schedule for students participating in after school activities. Please note: The bus WILL NOT drop your student off in front of their house. You will have to provide transportation to pick your student up from one of the stops on the assigned route.

Periodically, officers and/or committee members will need to meet on days separate from the monthly meeting. If your student needs to stay, they will have advanced notice. Officer elections will be held during our monthly meeting on October 20, 2015 from 3:30-4:30. All FCCLA members will need to attend in order to vote.

DMMS FCCLA Officer Elections: FCCLA is a student organization ran by students. At our first meeting, members will learned about nine leadership positions that will need to be filled by members. They are as followed: *President, First Vice President, Vice President of Correspondence, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Chapter History, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Community Service*. Students interested in running for an office should prepare a short speech (1-2 paragraphs) describing what makes them an ideal candidate for the position.

2016-2017 DMMS FCCLA Events:

*Community Service:* FCCLA members will plan and execute at least one community service project each semester. Each community service project will support the National FCCLA Community Service initiative.

*NC Fall Leadership Meeting:* FCCLA offers a variety of learning experience for their members outside of the traditional school setting. Fall Leadership date/ cost is TBD. Transportation will be provided by Wake County. More details will be distributed at the October meeting. Students should listen to the announcements to pick up information regarding payment deadlines. You can also visit http://facskboyd.weebly.com/ for updates.

*2016 NC FCCLA State Leadership Conference*: Students who attend the NC Fall Leadership Meeting are eligible to compete in the State Leadership Conference. Students will learn more about competition at the Fall Leadership Meeting. The NC FCCLA State Leadership Conference location and date is TBD. The approximate cost is $140/student which includes two nights at the hotel, all registration costs, dance ticket, and transportation. Details will be provided closer to SLC.

*Financing Your Student’s FCCLA Activities:* FCCLA offers your students a variety of activities and real life experiences both in and outside of school. Some of these opportunities require the student to pay for their individual expenses. The prices set for district or state meetings and conferences are set by the national and state headquarters. If at ANY time your student desires to participate in an activity but needs financial assistance to do so **please** let me know. We will work together to ensure your student is provided the opportunity to experience FCCLA on all levels.