



# Otwell's Bulldog Bulletin



December 2021 / January 2022

It's a Wonderful (*and busy*) Time of the Year! With the upcoming season of special holidays, family/friend celebrations, cooking, and shopping on everyone's To Do List, we hope you will take a night to relax and simply connect with your family. Our Forsyth Central community of feeder schools will be hosting our **Winter Festival at FCHS on Thursday, December 2nd from 6:00-8:00pm**. We hope you will take advantage of the *No Homework Night* for all of our elementary, middle, and high school students in our community to enjoy the winter festivities as a family. If you would like to volunteer to help with one of the activities, there is a link below in the PTO section of the newsletter.

**Our 5th Annual Heart of Forsyth Winter Festival**  
 Thursday, December 2, 2021  
 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Forsyth Central High School

We invite our Central Cluster Families to join us for this winter wonderland event!

- Decorated tree walks
- Picture with Santa
- Hot Chocolate
- Live musical performances
- Activity tables
- Much more!

Admission: Please bring new, unwrapped toys, teen items, used or new tires, or other gifts designed for children ages 0-18 to benefit The Place of Forsyth's Holiday House.

**5th Annual Festival de Invierno del Corazon de Forsyth**  
 Jueves, 2 de diciembre de 2021  
 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Forsyth Central High School

Invitamos a nuestras familias del Cluster Central a unirse con nosotros para este evento invernal en el pais de las maravillas!

- Paseos por arboles decorados
- Fotos con Papa Noel
- Chocolate caliente
- Actuaciones musicales en vivo
- Mesa de actividades
- Mucho mas!

Admission: Por favor traer juguetes nuevos, sin envolver, articulos para adolescentes, bicicletas nuevas o usadas, u otros regalos para niños de 0 a 18 años en beneficio The Place of Forsyth's Holiday House.

Thank you for *partnering* with us at Otwell Middle School.

## Title 1

If you haven't signed and returned your child's Title I Compact yet, please return it to their Blue class teacher in the next few days. We need 100% participation in returning these forms.

Please visit our [website](#) for some great parent resources.

## Shout-Out to Our Amazing Staff!



We would love to hear from you when one of our staff members goes *above and beyond* to make a difference in your child's life.

[Recognition Form](#)

## Meet Your Otwell Administrators



Pictured from left to right:

**Tony Jones**  
Assistant Administrator

**Kadi Sipsy**  
Assistant Administrator (6th)

**Beth Holder**  
Assistant Principal (8th)

**Jennifer Amburgy**  
Assistant Principal (7th)

**Steve Miller**  
Principal

## Upcoming Events



You can also find the Calendar of Events on our [Otwell website](#)

11/20-11/28	Thanksgiving Break No School
12/2	Winter Festival @ FCHS Family Connect Night (No HW) (PTO is looking for volunteers to help with the bouncy house)
12/10	PTO Staff Holiday Luncheon (PTO is looking for volunteers to bring food items for this)
12/21	End of 2nd Quarter
12/22-1/5	Winter Break No School

## Quarter 3 Schedules Beginning January 6th, 2022

Rotation C - 3rd Quarter				
Class #	Color	6th	7th	8th
3	Purple	9:00 - 9:55	9:00 - 9:55	9:00 - 9:55
4	Pink	9:59 - 10:54	9:59 - 10:54	9:59 - 10:54
6	White	10:58 - 11:53	10:58-12:19	10:58-11:53
7	Brown	11:57-12:52	12:23-1:18	11:57-1:18
5	Blue	12:56-2:17	1:22-2:17	1:22-2:17
1	Orange	2:21-3:16	2:21-3:16	2:21-3:16
2	Green	3:20-4:15	3:20-4:15	3:20-4:15

Otwell Block 2021-2022 - Rotation C				
Q3		Wednesday		
Class #	Color	6th	7th	8th
3	Purple	9:00 - 10:40	9:00 - 10:40	9:00 - 10:40
5	BLUE	10:45 - 12:45	10:45 - 12:45	10:45 - 12:45
6	White	12:50 - 2:30	12:50 - 2:30	12:50 - 2:30
1	Orange	2:35 - 4:15	2:35 - 4:15	2:35 - 4:15
Q3		Thursday		
Class #	Color	6th	7th	8th
4	Pink	9:00 - 10:40	9:00 - 10:40	9:00 - 10:40
5	BLUE	10:45 - 12:45	10:45 - 12:45	10:45 - 12:45
7	Brown	12:50 - 2:30	12:50 - 2:30	12:50 - 2:30
2	Green	2:35 - 4:15	2:35 - 4:15	2:35 - 4:15

### Cafeteria

#### Breakfast & Lunch Menus

The Rock n' Roll café is off to a great start! All Forsyth County students are entitled to one free breakfast and one free lunch each day again this year! Students who prefer to pack a lunch from home can supplement their lunch by choosing three side items and milk...all free! This is a great option for students and parents while supporting Food and Nutrition Services.

On a daily basis, the cafeteria offers one or two hot entrees and a variety of salads, subs and wraps. The cost of an adult meal is \$3.20, and it includes four side items and a milk. It's a great value, so please join us for lunch!



## Cheer On Your Bulldogs!

### Basketball Game Schedule

## PTO Information & Some Volunteer Opportunities

**PTO Spirit Wear:** Otwell hoodies are selling out! Purchase one today before they are gone. Here's the link <https://otwell-pt0.square.site>

**Winter Festival:** Bounce house *volunteers needed!* Please volunteer for 30 minutes with the Otwell PTO overseeing the bounce house at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart of Forsyth Winter Festival on December 2, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Forsyth Central High School. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA5AA2FA5F58-bounce>

**Coat Drive:** The PTO will be collecting new and gently used coats and sweatshirts/hoodies (adult sizes) during the week of December 6-10.

**Duty Free Lunch Volunteers Needed:** It's back!!! We are excited to offer this on Friday, December 10! Click on the link for more details!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA5AA2FA5F58-volunteers1>

[Click here](#) to join PTO & view spirit wear.

Also, check out our [PTO Facebook page](#) for updates

1/6	Quarter 3 Begins - Students Get New Schedules When They Arrive
1/7	Reports Available Online in Parent Portal
1/12	Family Connect Night (No HW)
1/17	MLK, Jr. Day - No School

## Counselors Corner

Latest [Newsletter](#) from our OMS Counselors

## Community Outreach

Otwell is once again partnering with The Place to spread joy to over 2000 needy children in our community. With the effects of the pandemic still at play, we anticipate a large number of families reaching out to The Place Holiday House for assistance. Your help will make all the difference in providing holiday cheer this year.

Otwell will be collecting items for The Place Holiday House from **November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you would like to make a donation, please [choose an item from the list](#) and send it in to your child's Blue class teacher. Items may also be dropped off in the front office vestibule donation box.

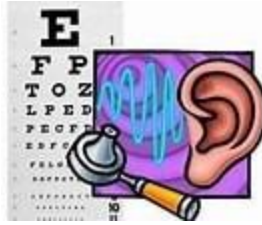
If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Sessa [@msessa@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:@msessa@forsyth.k12.ga.us).

## Reminders

Digital Citizenship

[How to Interact Safely Online](#)

## *Update From Your School Nurse*



All **EIGHTH-GRADE** students will be screened for **HEARING and VISION** on **Tuesday, November 30th**. To prepare, please be sure your student brings their glasses or contact lenses to school that day. In the event your student does not pass either or both of the screenings, you will receive a vision/hearing referral letter. If you receive this letter, please make an appointment for a follow up exam with a vision and/or hearing specialist and bring this letter with you to be completed by the provider. Please return this letter to the school nurse when complete. You may email Nurse Michelle at [f33342@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:f33342@forsyth.k12.ga.us) with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support in this process!

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the upcoming hearing/vision screening event. **Tuesday, November 30th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. No experience necessary! Please contact Nurse Michelle if you are interested. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

All **SIXTH-GRADE** students age 11 and up are due for two school required vaccines: TDaP (tetanus) and MCV4 (meningitis). Please reach out to your child's pediatrician or healthcare provider for more information and to schedule an appointment.

There is always a GREAT demand for the clinic, which in turn results in a need for replenishing supplies. The following items are used frequently and are always welcomed and appreciated as donations: small 8 oz bottled waters, sandwich-sized ziploc baggies, 5-ounce cups, saltine crackers \*Premium brand (due to other brands contact to potential allergens during manufacturing), small cans of ginger ale and lemon-lime soda, soft and hard peppermints, and tissues.

*Michelle Winsness, LPN*

[Otwell Website School Nurse Page](#)

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