



the **STAMPEDE**

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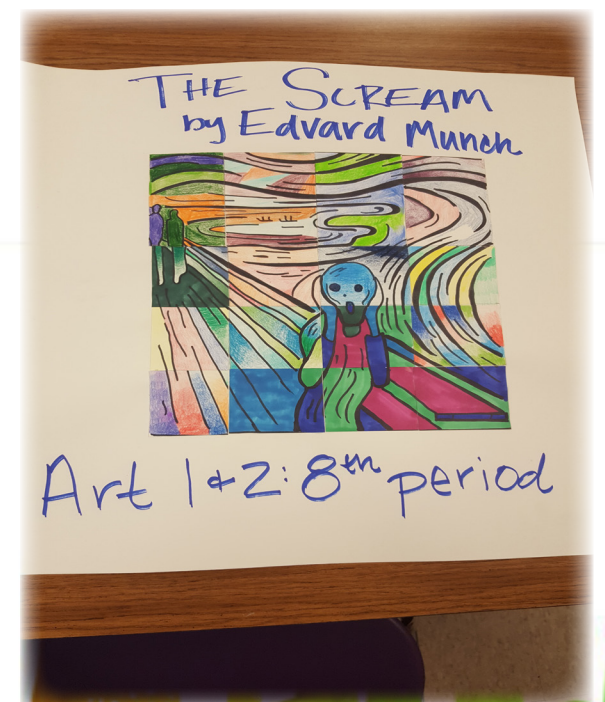
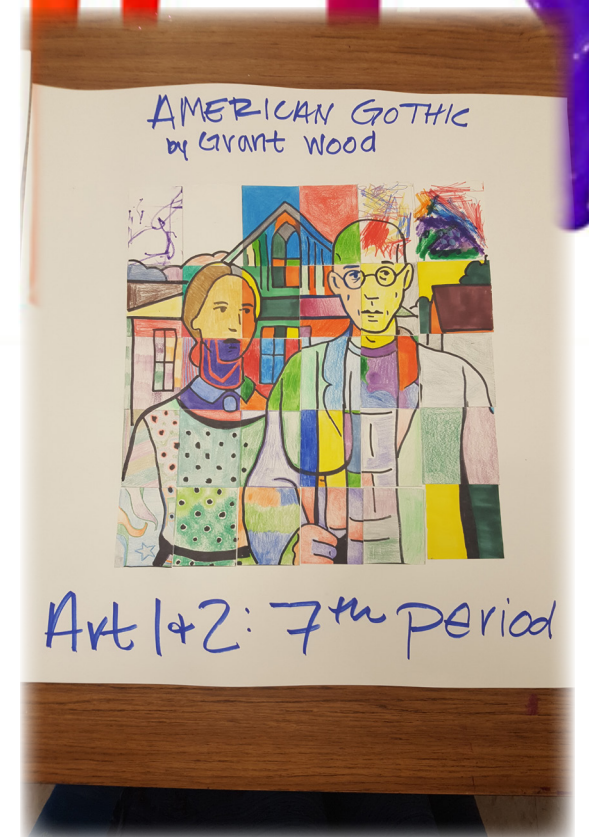
Fine Arts

Written by Anna Maspero

During the first week of school, the Art 1 and 2 classes were already making masterpieces. Each student was asked to add color to a square with what looked like random lines on them. But once the pieces were put together, they formed different well known paintings: a self-portrait by Frida Kahlo, Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh, American Gothic by Grant Wood, and The Scream by Edvard Munch.

In the past, Mrs. Maspero has used the school's mascot for the collaborative drawing, but this year she wanted to add some art history to the project. The students were interested to see what the final pictures looked like when they were fully assembled. The pieces are currently displayed in the hallway outside the art room.

The project helped students get comfortable with the art materials, and helped them feel like part of an art community.



BUFFALO BAND



BAND SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 7: VISTA RIDGE MARCHING FESTIVAL @ CEDAR PARK

OCTOBER 11: HEART OF TEXAS MARCHING FESTIVAL @ EARLY

OCTOBER 21: UIL REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST @ CEDAR PARK

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

UPCOMING TESTING

•PSAT/NMSQT - OCTOBER 11th. The PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 11th starting at 8 am. Room assignments will be posted in the week previous in the hallways.

•The PSAT is a practice SAT for students. Testing usually is completed in 3 hours.

•All SOPHOMORES will take the PSAT. Juniors who are in Advanced Placement (AP) and/or Dual Credit courses will also take this exam. Any other Juniors are welcome to take the PSAT, if you choose to do so, please come by Mr. Tinsley's office to make sure you are on the list.

•For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

ATTENTION SENIORS!

FAFSA

•All Seniors will need to begin the FAFSA process starting October 1st, 2017.

•Any institution that you plan to attend after graduation will require the completion of the Federal Financial Aid form, referred to as FAFSA. By completing this application, institutions that you have applied to and/or been accepted by will know the amount of Federal Financial Aid you are eligible to receive.

•To complete the FAFSA application you will need your parents 2016 IRS Tax Return and your own 2016 IRS Tax Return if you filed as well.

•FAFSA should be completed online via the following webpage: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

•If you have any questions about the FAFSA process and application please come by and see Mr. Tinsley in the Counseling Office.

APPLY TEXAS

•The APPLY TEXAS portal is open and Seniors should be working on completing their college applications for Fall 2018.

•The APPLY TEXAS portal allows you to create a common application for all Texas Public Universities, Community Colleges and Trade Schools. So whether you are applying to the University of Texas, Texas Tech University, Austin Community College, Central Texas College or Texas State Technical College or any other Texas public institution, APPLY TEXAS allows you to fill out that application one time.

•A reminder to students filling out their APPLY TEXAS application to also make sure you fill out the scholarship portion of the application for each institution that you are applying to.

We have had a fantastic start of the New Year here at Florence High School! It is great to see all of the familiar faces along with many new ones. I look forward to having a great year with all of you. My office door is always open. No question is too small, so please drop by.

Mr. Tinsley

The Herd

Boys athletics can mean many things to many different people, but C.J. Giddens has shown what athletics means to him. "We are one big happy family," and he has exemplified that by always showing up to events and being one of the most school spirited people. To C.J., being a captain means leading in all aspects of life, lead by example, best represent your community and school without bringing negative attention to yourself and community. As a captain he leads by example to achieve his goal of leading the team to the first playoffs in 15 years. C.J. plans on trying to pursue his athletic career into the collegiate level. His advice is to not waste your opportunities because time flies by.

Matt Edgar is also well known throughout the Florence community, and he has shown that the world doesn't revolve around him. Matt likes to help the younger generation improve by giving his advice on how they can improve their athletic or academic performance and the younger generations can always come to him. As captain Matt believes he must lead and show younger kids what they need to do as they mature and to set an example for the generations to come. He gives full effort in all aspects of life and it's his personal goal to encourage everyone to achieve theirs. After high school he is continuing his baseball career at Texas A&M University: International and majoring in Kinesiology. His advice is to go all out, all the time.



As we are currently in volleyball season, we interviewed our Varsity Volleyball Captains. Juana, one of our captains stated the team's goals for the year: "As a team, we want to make playoffs. That's our overall goal. We're going to be graduating 8 players out of 9 and this is our year. It would also be exciting if our team could help Coach Pinson be coach of the year." Macki replied, "As a team we've set a lot of goals for ourselves and we're working everyday to accomplish them. We want to make a name for Florence and set the foundation for future generations."

Juana says that being captain is a leadership position that she's glad to fill. "You definitely have to always have a good attitude, as your teammates are looking up to you. Being captain puts me in a position to be a great leader on and off the court. I love being captain to great athletes because it makes my job easier. In order to 'Be The Foundation', Macki and I have to set the foundation."

Macki added, "There's definitely more pressure being a captain, you want to make sure your team can always depend on you."

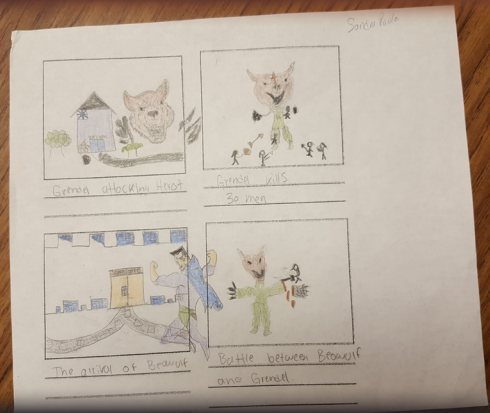
The captains are ready to tackle the challenges of their upcoming season. Juana replied, "It's been a rocky road, but I'm pretty excited to see where we go and how we grow as a team."

"We're all really excited because most of us are seniors and we're even more excited to see how we do in district," said Macki.

the Bookworm

Written by: Rebecca Wright

In English 4, seniors recently created a storyboard. Currently, they are reading Beowulf and the storyboards depict a battle scene between Grendel and Beowulf. Students were told to keep the storyboards true to the story but also use their imagination.



Mr. Calvin's English 3 class visited the Life Skills class and participated in coloring sheets with the students after reading "The Scarlet Ibis."

The Timeline

Each Wood's class this year, we will start a project that we will do about 2 or 3 times throughout the year. In this project, you will choose a state in North America or a province in Canada and you will present information about this place

on a powerpoint presentation. You will be teaching Coach Wood as well as the rest of the class. The project will include details like the state bird, state flower, and many more things for your state!

2017 FLORENCE HS HOMECOMING



KING QUEEN

CLASS REPS

SENIOR HOMECOMING COURT

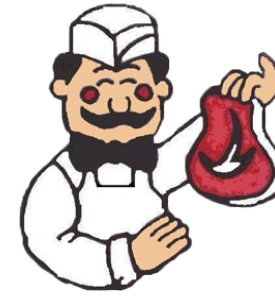
THE CORDUROY CHRONICLE



Written by: Bonnie Weidler

Monday September 18th, we held the first district meet within district five of the new alignment. In the business section of the meeting we introduced our district and area officers, which included Sam Barnett from Area 7 and Bre Bailey from the Cen-Tex district. During the business section we adopted a new constitution for our new district and our new name. We are now known as the Cen-Tex district. We also thanked River Star for donating the wonderful food and the goodies for the door prizes.

After business was concluded, we started the game portion of the night. We held the first annual kickball tournament of the Cen-Tex district. The rules were simple, you played either 3 innings or you got run ruled by whichever team led by five runs whenever the inning was up. As it was a single elimination bracket, our Florence teams prevailed. Florence 1 and Florence 3 ended up play each other for the Championship. As inning after inning passed, our Florence 1 team earned the first place trophy. We were super proud of our boys as they foreshadow what we are going to do in our actual competitions.



the BUTCHER PAPER

Written by: Leslie Schad

Have you ever wondered what's really on your cutting board? Since the 1980's there has been the discussion whether or not plastic is safer than wood. A lot of people think that because plastic is easier to clean and sanitize, it's safer. So which cutting board should you use? When you cut on a plastic board the knife creates lots of grooves where bacteria can hide. Wood is tougher to sanitize, but it's also tougher in general. You won't find as many deep scratches on the surface. Researchers have discovered that the type of wood your cutting board is composed of can make a difference on how safe it is.

Hardwoods are better because the grains pull down fluid, trapping bacteria which are killed off as the board dries after cleaning. Soft woods, however, are less likely to dull or damage your knife but also pose a greater safety risk since they have larger grains. Larger grains allow the wood to split apart more easily, forming grooves where bacteria can thrive. Ben Chapman, a food safety researcher at NC State, recommends using plastic cutting boards for meat and wood cutting boards for fruit, vegetables, or any ready-to-eat foods. Next time you reach for a cutting board, will it be wood or plastic?



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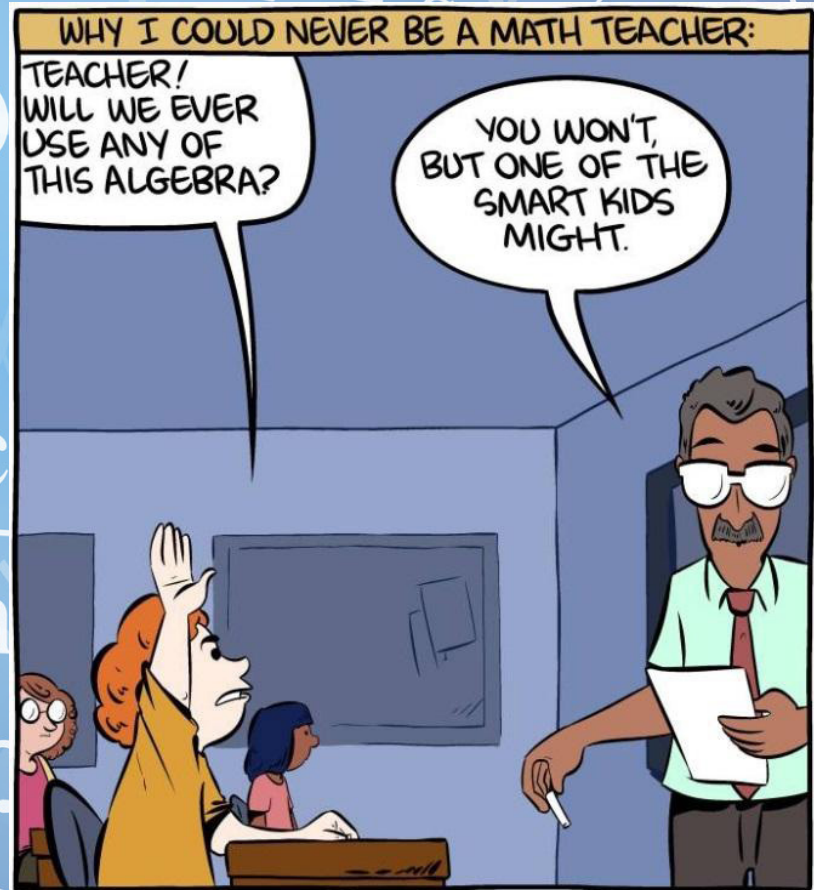
On Saturday September 23rd, 14 Freshman: Taylor Cospo, Riley Futrell, Kaylee Hilton, Shelby Broekhuizen, Tristan Murphy, Kyle Earp, Braeden Fisher, Connor Benoist, John Conner, Juliana Bouchie, Dylan Teegardin, Cooper Ellis, Trenton Quick, and Savannah Podhajsky attended the Area VII Greenhand Camp. Bre Bailey, Vice President of the Cen-Tex District, and Sam Barnett, Secretary of Area VII, also attended to help with running the camp. The Freshman went through 8 rotations of icebreakers and did team building activities with other Greenhands in our Area!

October

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

- 3. FFA Meeting in Tutorials
- 4. Greenhand Day
- 7. Booster Club Casino
- 10. State Fair Trip
- 14. H.O.T. Trap Shooting
- 20. ALL Fundrasing Due
- 23-27. National FFA Convention
- 28. Lamb & Goat Validation
- 30. WCYE Rabbit Tattoo

MATH MADNESS



When am I going to use this?" Every year math teachers are asked this question by a countless number of students (not really. The number of students can be counted since we have a finite number of people on the planet and students are a subset of that finite set). Often they are given the obvious responses such as, "You'll use it to pass my class and graduate," or "You'll use it if you become a math teacher," or better yet "You'll thank me when you get to Physics."

While these statements are true it discounts a myriad of careers open to those with an understanding of mathematics. In fact, quick

searches of the top 25 paying careers shows they are math heavy. Whether you go toward the medical, I.T., engineering, software, financial, or manufacturing fields, you must have a strong understanding of that first-year Algebra for any degree plan. Think of it as mental strength and conditioning. Even if your career is not "math heavy", taking 4 years in high school trains your brain to identify and analyze patterns, develop logic and critical thinking, see relationships, and solve real-world problems.

Closing thought: Bill Gates scored 1590/1600 on his SAT with a perfect 800 on the math section. I'd say he did pretty well for himself.

Listen to your Elder

Attendance at school is absolutely critical to your student's success in academic endeavors. When students are absent for reasons other than the most serious, or severe, they miss instruction designed to be foundational to future learning and must work even harder to catch up with their classmates. Obviously, serious illness and other causes may necessitate absence for your child, but less serious causes or unnecessary absence directly impacts students' academic potential. Our staff and faculty work hard to develop a challenging and rewarding academic environment that focuses on high expectations for student achievement. Those meaningful expectations, coupled with innovative work in the classroom, will ensure an optimum educational experience for the students at Florence High School. As part of the pursuit of excellence, we will challenge students to grow as readers, writers and life-long learners to ensure they have the greatest opportunity to thrive in an ever-challenging global economy. Students miss the benefits of this hard work when they are absent. Please consider these

factors when authorizing a student absence. Additionally, state law and Florence ISD policy requires student attendance at school for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. If a student is not in compliance with this compulsory attendance policy, the student could be subject to school discipline, legal process through truancy court, or other methods used by the school district to ensure compliance. I urge you to read the specific provisions regarding attendance in both the FISD Student Handbook and FISD Board Policy for more detailed information concerning absences and the school response to absenteeism. These documents can be found on the FISD website at www.florenceisd.net.

I look forward to working with each and every Florence High School family in establishing and maintaining a student attendance record that exemplifies the commitment to excellence we all want for the students of FISD. Please feel free to contact me at selder@florenceisd.net with any questions concerning attendance concerns as we continue "Stampeding Toward Excellence!"



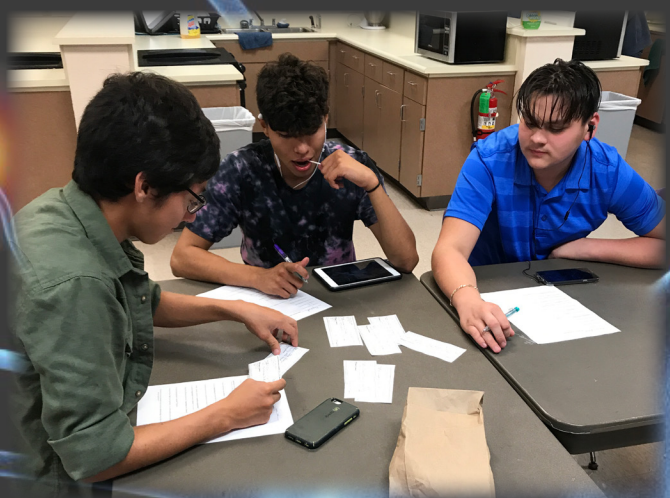
THE BIG BUFF THEORY

Written by: Debra Reavis

The FHS Food Science classes made a biscuit pizza for their first cooking experience. This was to teach hygiene in the kitchen and help students become familiar with the safe use of the oven.

Students used a canned biscuit and traditional pizza toppings to create a delicious treat. They flattened the biscuit on a greased baking sheet. Then, they added pizza sauce, mozzarella cheese, and pepperoni. They baked the pizzas for about 12 minutes, until the cheese melted, the biscuit browned, and the pepperoni became crispy.

The students agreed that the wait time was very difficult due to the aroma that emanated from the baking pizzas. Students enjoyed eating their creations and many said they would try this recipe at home.



Spanish Sweetness

Written by: Mrs. Stultz

Why a Quote Wall?


It is a positive collection of quotes that strike me as profoundly insightful so that the students can post them on the walls of my classroom. I asked the students to first pick a quote that inspires them or that they feel is a wonderful quote to live by. Once they choose their quote they were asked to translate it as we try and convert every activity to be centered around the Spanish language. Once they were finished, they drew something to bring the quote to life and become visually art. They in turn become leaders in this classroom. Once the quotes were finished the students had to practice saying their quote in Spanish and

explain to the class what it means. I think it is great that they can constantly see their work in the classroom and they can also always refer to that wall for positivity.

Some quotes translate to "Nothing happens without a reason", "Don't cry because it's over Smile because it happened." or "Just because my road is different does not mean I am lost."

Each Quote is personal to the student making it easier to understand and to recite. We want to build a classroom environment of positive feedback and reinforcing communication in Spanish.

Quien eres
Quien eres
Y Quien seras
3 personas
Compartamrte defuntes

"Siente el  Miedo
Y hazlo de
Todos modos."

NO LO LLAMES UN
SUEÑO
LLAMALE UN
PLAN

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Written by: Sierra Murphy

National Honor Society had a meeting on September 13th where we elected officers, homecoming nominees, made plans for blood drives, and discussed the new tutoring program. Officers elected were the following: President Sophie Brittain, Vice President Sierra Murphy, Secretary Juana Macedo, Treasurer Mackenzi Lincoln, and Reporter Dawn Rosales. After electing officers, we nominated the homecoming nominee, Sierra Murphy. The National Honor Society is aiming for 2 blood drives, one in the Fall and the other in the Spring. By donating your blood you could receive a red cord at graduation and a chance to win a scholarship. NHS will be starting a tutoring program in which NHS students will be volunteering their time to tutor high school students in science, math, English, and history. When this program begins we will be making announcements and have a sign up list in the library.



Staff Spotlight



MR. VAN CALVIN

Written by: Payton Aldrich

Mr. Calvin has taught at Florence for the past three years. He teaches English II and AP History. He is very engaged with the activities that happen throughout the year. Two years ago he started to plan a summer trip with students as well as their families to travel to Europe for over a week. They become educated of the different countries they visited. Mr. Calvin is a teacher that strives to provide the best education for his students through a variety of techniques, and Florence ISD thaks him for it. He definitely deserves his time in the Staff Spotlight!

Check out the video at:
<https://youtu.be/YRvDm2Xtgco>

SADD

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS

The SADD students participated in the homecoming parade where there theme was cutting out bad decisions. All of the SADD students worked together on getting all of there decorations for the parade and they made a huge pair of scissors that caught the eye of many elementary children. The next major project in the SADD club is coming up in October and it will be red ribbon week where all the students can dress up and stay against drugs.

RED RIBBON WEEK 2017
OCTOBER 23 - 31

MONDAY- SMARTIES ARE DRUG FREE
DRESS LIKE A NERD

TUESDAY- DON'T GET TIED DOWN WITH DRUGS
WEAR TIE-DYE

WEDNESDAY- HEROES DON'T DO DRUGS
HEROES VS VILLAINS

THURSDAY- SAVE A LIFE - DONT DO DRUGS
WEAR BRIGHT COLORS

FRIDAY- HATS OFF TO BEING DRUG FREE
WEAR HATS

THE BRIEFCASE

Written by: Erica Ellis & Bri Ramirez

In response to Hurricane Harvey, Coach N took donations for those in need in her hometown of Dickinson. She was pleasantly surprised at all the generosity from the Florence ISD family. Everyone stepped up and helped as much as they could.

The following items were donated: clothes, jeans, hygiene supplies, diapers, and money.

Coach N's sister and brother-in-law's home was completely destroyed; all the money that was collected was given to them to help them rebuild. When she gave it to them, her sister cried because she was so thankful.

The donation centers were overwhelmed with clothes in Dickinson, but they were very grateful for the supplies like shampoo, soap, diapers, and toys.

Even though Harvey was devastating and destructive; it was very heartwarming to see that we could help out with others' problems and needs.



ROBUFFS



Written by: David Willingham

Each year the ROBUFFS build a new robot to compete with according to FTC rules. This is the ROBUFFS eighth year competing with FTC so you might say that Florence High School has produced many robotic alumni!

Last year the ROBUFFS attended the SXSW Education Day in Austin. One of the booths at SXSW was an Austin FTC Club demonstrating the educational benefits of designing and building robots for the FTC competition. The same Austin FTC Club also had on display drones, which are really just flying robots! Attending SXSW got the ROBUFFS to thinking that a drone would fit into our off-season program really well. The rest is history, as they say, now the ROBUFFS are flying a drone when they are not working on their robots.

The drone purchased by the ROBUFFS last May is a Phantom 4 Pro Plus made by DJI which are some of the most stable drones on the market today. The Phantom 4 is easy to fly and has very sophisticated electronics onboard. It can fly autonomously (by itself) once programmed! Currently the ROBUFFS are using their drone as a community service tool to enhance the high school experience. They have filmed the homecoming parade, the Rosebud-Lott football game and one of the girls softball games last May. Flying the drone gives our high school students a skill that is directly transferable to profitable careers. This is just one small way the ROBUFFS are giving back to the community here in Florence, Texas and having fun at the same time!

Debate coach - Karen Standridge

- Congressional Debate*
- Shayla Stewart
 - Patrick Teegardin
 - Rebecca Wright .

- Cross Examination Debate*
- Patrick Teegardin
 - Rebecca Wright
 - Isela Ramirez
 - Bre Naticchioni
 - Faith Deleon
 - Shayla Stewart.

- Lincoln Douglas Debate*
- Alyssa Sullivan
 - Jesse Hanson
 - John Conner.

Literary Criticism coach - Cheryl Larson

- Team Members*
- Morgan Janssen
 - Lauren Childress
 - Kimberly Monroe
 - Rebecca Wright

Latino History coach - Cheryl Holder

Historical Essay coach - Barbara Jordan

STAMPEDING TOWARD EXCELLENCE

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FHS IS TEAM ELDER!

