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Mrs. Guth's Forensic Lab huge hit with students

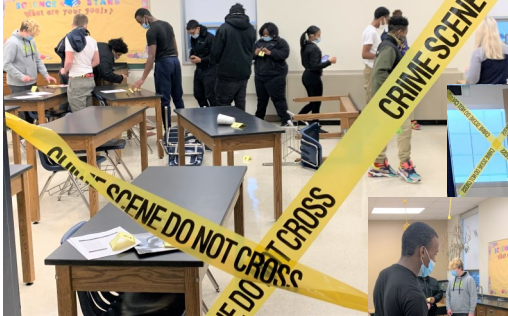
"It's very fun solving mysteries, you have to pay attention to every detail. If you forget one thing, it could really mess up your investigation." - Khalil Mathews

Mrs. Guth answers SNN questions:

Where did the inspiration for this project come from?

Students often say that they hate science or it is too hard, or that they are never going to use this information. I just set out to find more interesting ways to get them to see science in a different light. During one of our training sessions for Math and Science at Westminster, we got to participate in a crime scene investigation put on by a fellow teacher. We all had an amazing time and realized that we could incorporate different pieces into our classes. I am not going to lie, it does take weeks worth of preparation. You make up a scenario in your head. Decide what

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Above, ninth graders work carefully and methodically to extract evidence from the scene of the crime.

evidence should/would be left by witnesses, bystanders, victims, and perpetrators. Then you need to design all the evidence.

What would you like for the students to take away / learn from this experience?

I am hopeful that students will understand that science is everywhere and it is not the worst subject ever. I would love to inspire students to take another look at some careers or jobs in

Below, Chauvon Ousley records a clue.



Left, Osiris examines the scene.

"You get to become a detective and see what really happens." - Jashaun Lowe

the science field.

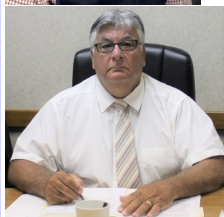
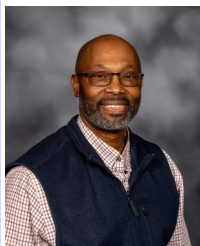
What has the student engagement been like?

This is the second year I have created a crime scene however it is the first time it was full scale.

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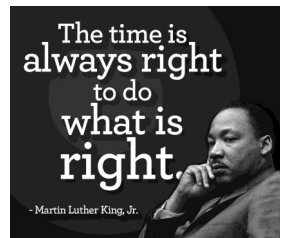
Thank you FASD School Board



Pictured from top, left: President, Rev. Terry Harrison, Vice President, Rev. Tiffany Holden, Treasurer, Charles Branca, Ms. Sharon James, Mr. Allen Harrison, Mr. Anthony Retone, Mr. Gary Satterwhite II, In Memory of Mr. Lester Robinson. Not pictured: Mr. Dan Dragicevic

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Did you know that MLK Day is a national day of service? Find out what one district family does annually to honor this day locally, on page 5.

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Brice and Gary awarded Thiel Scholarship

"I would like to thank the judges at Thiel for giving me this opportunity. I'd like to thank my family for always encouraging and supporting me." - Brice Butler



Seniors, **Brice Butler** and **Gary Satterwhite**, pose with full, 4 year scholarships to Thiel College. Awards were presented at Linden Pointe, in Hermitage, PA. Neither student has yet made a formal commitment, but Gary has made a verbal commitment to Duquesne University. Congratulations to both of our scholar athletes and best of luck.

Family Consumer Sciences

Photo credit: Mrs. Bolyard

Right, Braylon Harrison (9) and Darwin Dixon (9) make chicken pot pies.



Photo credit: Mrs. Bolyard



Left, Sydney and McKenzie show off embroidered aprons while cooking.

Right, Jacara Green and Harold Hooten prepare chicken pot pies.



Photo credit: Mrs. Bolyard



Eat, Sleep, do Math, Repeat brings subject into laser focus



Photo credit: Mrs. Kladits

7th and 8th Grade students fundraised almost \$900.00 to purchase calculators as well as support extracurricular activities in the middle school, Mrs. Kladits reported. Proceeds also went to purchasing the T-shirts modeled by students in the photo to the left.

Pictured from left, front row is Zaniya Thomas, Kiara Wilson, Autumn Scarbrough, Kahmia Atwood. Top row from left, Chaurice Ousley, Janiya Daniels, Jordyn Jackson, Juelz Johnson and Kayvon Evans

Students not pictured, yet assisted with the fundraiser, are Ty'Erra Hopson, Taleah Johnson, Jaidyn Depuy, Ja'Mauri Jones, Nahla Gains, Amarhii Martino, Zameere Thomas, Jiada Brodie, Lillian Switz, Zoe Mishata

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Slater

By JACARA GREEN

Mrs. Tina Slater is the Health/Physical Education Teacher. She is a 1991, graduate of Farrell High School and was very active in Varsity Sports. During her career here at Farrell, she played basketball, volleyball, and track. Once she graduated, she felt the need to come back to her alumni school to teach and has been working here for about 21 years. In addition to being a full time teacher at Farrell, she works a part time job at Diversified Family Services.

After high school, Mrs. Slater attended Youngstown State University, and majored in Physical Education and minored in Health Education. After freshman year, Slater resigned on her 4 year volleyball scholarship because she was disappointed in the team's performance. She considered transferring to Slippery Rock University because she was not connecting with students on YSU campus and she missed her close friends. Ultimately, she decided to stay at YSU to play volleyball and to continue on with her scholarship.

After graduating from college she came back to Farrell, and got married. With her husband, she moved to Tennessee and they had their first daughter, Tamera Slater, then moved back to Farrell to continue to teach at Sharon, then again at Farrell. The Slater family then welcomed their second daughter named Tia, who is now 5.

In her free time she enjoys relaxing at home with family and playing board games. Some of her favorite board games are *Bingo* and *Garbage*. Upon retirement, she plans on continuing to work a part-time job just to keep herself active. She wants to volunteer more and hopefully enjoy her time as a grandmother.

Parenting is very important to her, one thing that she hopes to convey to her children is the importance of staying close to their family and refraining from drug and alcohol abuse. Similar to her relationship with her own children, Mrs. Slater reaches her students by meeting and

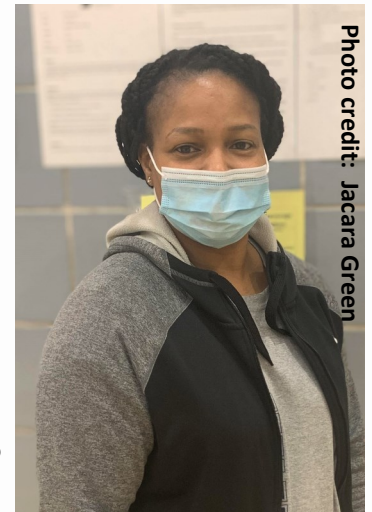


Photo credit: Jacara Green

Mrs. Slater's unique rapport with students allows her to connect with and reach students at their level.

communicating with us on our level. In this way, students are more likely to listen and follow her advice. Mrs. Slater is not just the Gym Teacher or the Health Teacher. She is a great role model, and someone who you can always confide in.

Interested in owning an EXOTIC PET?

BY Tylajea Karkoska

Any pet owner knows that owning a pet is no easy task. Different species require different duties. But what about some rather peculiar tasks, like having to lock the cupboards throughout the day to prevent Meeko from sneaking another sleeve of crackers to munch on before dinner, or having to shake out your blanket because Max camouflaged himself again and you don't want to squish him? Such is the struggle of exotic pet owners. Certain pets, such as axolotls or fennec foxes, are endangered. Yet, it is legal in some places to let people keep them as pets. This article is here to raise the question "Should It Be Legal to Own an Exotic Pet?"

Before getting into this, let's set the outline of what makes an exotic pet. The line between what makes an exotic animal a pet or wild is surprisingly thin. Exotic pets have been around for centuries, yet there is no set definition or criteria. Though for the sake of this article, we'll say that in order to qualify for exotic, the animal isn't domesticated and can't be found in the owner's local area (though this is not always the case). Examples include: chameleons, tigers, axolotls, parrots, monkeys, Fennec foxes, Chinchillas and racoons.

Having an exotic pet seems like a good idea to some. You have an animal that not many other people have. Taking care of a rare pet isn't all sunshine and rainbows, though. Taking into consideration all the things that happen before you get your new best friend, it is actually quite saddening.

Firstly, unless explicitly stated, this animal could be coming from the wild, or from a breeder. Breeders are notorious for having terrible conditions, with the most notorious example being puppy mills. And if it were to be stripped from the wild, that ecosystem is missing an element that keeps it in balance. Not only that, but transporting these animals is illegal, meaning they have to be smuggled in. Smugglers will do anything it takes to conceal them, even if it brings harm to the animals. Many animals die before arriving at their destination.

If the animal has not suffered enough on the journey, their home may only bring more pain. Inexperienced owners may unintentionally hurt their companions, like forcefully uncurling hedgehogs. The animals may also bring harm to themselves under certain circumstances, such as parrots, who pluck out their feathers when stressed, or sugar gliders, who will mutilate their own bodies out of the stress of neglect and lack of attention. Even if their owners are taking care of them properly, things can still go wrong, such as the animals contracting diseases. These diseases can even spread to humans if not taken care of.

Some may argue that by taking these animals out of their homes, we are helping them, but those people fail to realize that humans are the reasons their ecosystems are becoming uninhabitable. As the population rises, there is more pollution and deforestation, both things that cause these creatures to leave their homes.

Exotic Animals as 'Pets'. (2019, January 10). Retrieved January 28, 2021, from <https://peta.org/issues/animals-in-entertainment/exotic-animals-pets/>

Forensic Lab Continued from page 1:

"We got to drop fake blood and study it based on the splatter, which informed us about the speed and direction, etc." - Marion Norris

The students love it. They are engaged, thinking outside the box, and strategizing the entire period.

Would you do this project again?

Of course, I plan to do more crime scenes with different scenarios to test how much they are learning in class. And it doesn't hurt that I love everything about science and inventing new material for my classes.

Anything you'd like to add?

Maybe at some point, I would like to have other teachers participate in the crime scene. They could be witnesses that the students would have to interview or the perpetrator. Last year, I roped Mrs. Latzoo in to be the Chief Inspector and we did a silly News Report together to show to the students.

What does your Zodiac Sign say about you?

BY Arianna Blanchard

Each Zodiac sign is categorized in groups that share distinct traits. Together, they form the natural world, so each is in some way dependent on the other. Compatible partners consist of the four element groups, fire, water, earth, and air. Fire signs come first because Aries is in the chart along with Leo and Sagittarius. Next follows comes the Earth signs, the Zodiac signs in this group are Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. The Air element consists of Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. Lastly, are the water signs, Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces.

The Fire group signs tend to share characteristics such as passion, creativity, being spontaneous, inspired, and they can have a very competitive side to them when it comes to competing, so be prepared to see that trait.

Next comes Earth signs, they tend to be calm people, they are practical and hard-workers. Earth signs are very down to earth (pun intended), they seem to be very stable beings and it tends to be difficult to see them act out of character when "upset" but when you do, watch out.

The Air signs are free spirited beings, they also have a creative side to them along with being social and are very analytical. Air signs also tend to analyze a situation instead of going full on to help themselves and others with the emotional weight. Air signs aren't very emotional people; they think with their mind rather than their heart.

Lastly are Water signs. Water signs are deep and intellectual. It is easier for them, than most, to read a person. They tend

to be very insightful and they are actually emotional human beings.

The year 2021 could be a complete turn around for many of the signs. Read on to find out what is in store for you according to the stars!

For the sign **Aries** this year is going to be filled with changes and improvements. You will start becoming more accomplished with your school and work life, you will become more intellectually and financially stable depending on how you proceed in your year.

Year 2021, for the sign **Taurus**, is your year to shine bright and loud! This year may bring you recognition for your innate talents. A message to you is to be your most authentic self.

For **Gemini**, this year people may recognize something good about you that they may not have noticed before. Many things may seem like there coming out of the blue to you but they may be positive so don't be held up on it. Expect an upcoming change in your year of 2021.

You are going to be excelling in many ways this year **Cancer**. You may start becoming romantically involved if not already. You're going to be more independent, (on a good note if you take it that way). Be ready to take on what the universe throws your way.

Leo's horoscope predictions for the year of 2021: you may be celebrating your love life and your career life this year. This year you may also have a lot of eye opening events that will allow you to grow. For you to grow you will have to learn your lessons that come with that.

Virgos will experience a lot of growth in many areas, such as personal growth, health, happiness, and in love, and friendships, and

lastly, success. Expect to have a busy year, something is going to happen to drive you in a new direction of focus. You may experience some challenges, but still luck out in some ways.

Libra, in the year of 2021, you may experience popularity, don't be afraid to express your opinion on some ideas. This year will bring you positive change in many ways such as your finances. They are expected to start paying off pssh, whatever that means. Keep up the good work and you'll notice a difference.

For **Scorpio** this year will be full of new interactions. True colors will be shown throughout this year but it will be your job to stand your ground and to stay strong. You will eventually start having an urge to do something, try not to fight it and maybe an outcome of your choice might happen. This year will be full of growth, ambition, and change. This is your year Scorpio, try not to stress about it.

For **Sagittarius** the year of 2021 it will be filled with manifestation, luck, karma, and many responsibilities. This year you will evolve but you can't be afraid to make the changes needed to do so. You will be put through many obstacles but throw on a tough face for you have to go through what you will to learn a lesson you're destined to know.

Capricorn's 2021 horoscope predictions are going to be achieving goals that you've been working on or not yet accomplished. This year you should be learning self love, and selfcare. With this you should be able to accomplish success.

Aquarius this year, you are going to experience your own personal growth within. This year you may find yourself trying to reinvest in something you may be thinking about. People may start coming toward you and you will be learning many lessons on top of lessons.

Last but not least is **Pisces**, year 2021 is going to be full of lessons as well as Aquarius not telling whether good or bad. You will learn who people truly are but be wise about it. People are going to be showing their true colors toward you.

My risk taking RESOLUTION and departing wisdom...

By Jordan Jones

Goals are everything, and the best time to set them is around the New Year. Everyone gets a fresh start in the New Year. This year, I am starting with taking more opportunities and less procrastinating. This comes as a great challenge to me, because in most cases both factors set me back from a lot of goals that I want or could be achieving. Most importantly, for me, it is all about risk taking. Risk taking for me generally means to do something outside of my comfort zone.

For myself, I have begun to start my own business. I feel like it was something out of my comfort zone and it was a good decision. So far, the business has flourished, while going through many, inevitable trials and tribulations. February 5th, 2020, was my launch date and the business has been growing ever since. As of

dream it will never come true. I also have a lot of potential that should not go to waste. If I stay determined, and open to new ideas, my risk taking resolution will work out.

My advice to underclassmen would be to put yourself out there all throughout high school. Unlike me, I was very introverted throughout high school, which made me miss out on many opportunities to see my own worth and develop new skills. As time passed (flew by), a lot of people realized my potential before I did. These outside nudges, helped me to take that one step forward. You will be very surprised by how much you can do, so I say do NOT wait any longer, pursue that interest or learn that new skill today!



Community Connections

Shop with a Cop 2020



"It's a joy to see the faces of the kids when they get to shop for what they want..."

~Farrell Mayor, Kim Doss

By ANTHONY JACKSON



Photo credit: Anthony Jackson
FHS student, Caleb Skiljo, surrounded by Officer Maricher and City Manager Ben Prescott.

Shop with a Cop started in 2013, with The Farrell Police Department and The Farrell Recreation Commission. This event is funded this year,

as in past years, by donations, according to retired Farrell Police Chief, Riley Smoot. Other communities like Sharon, Hermitage, Sharpsville, Shenango and Greenville do things similar to this event and it's always a success with overwhelmingly positive responses from the city residents and police departments both. Retired Farrell police chief, Riley Smoot, said the purpose for this event was to, "To provide an opportunity for a child to receive a gift for Christmas and to buy for a parent or sibling."

As a reporter for *STEELER Nation News*, I attended the December event this year to get a feel for our local response and watch the children pick out the gifts. I could see the smiles on their faces and how happy they were to be a part of this event. Each child had \$300 to spend on whatever they wanted, kids chose iPads, toys, clothes, etc.

This event started with Farrell's Recreational leader, Terrence Crumby, who still runs it. Today, they average from 15 - 20 kids per year and



Photo credit: Anthony Jackson

Student, Montique Reddick with Farrell Police Officer.

the lucky students that get selected have the time of their lives. Police officers volunteer to come and help the kids shop and every year there is an officer for about one or two kids. They also have a lot of city officials there like Farrell's Mayor Kim Doss, City Manager, Ben Prescott, and Farrell Chief of Police, Jon C. Rococi.



Photo credit: Anthony Jackson



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Sergeant Gatewood, Melinda Odem and Mayor Kim Doss with student Jamir Odem (left two pictures), Officer Phillips with Aiden Mailloux, and then with Ms. Brandy Robinson and Chris Robinson (3rd and 4th pictures), Officer Maricher and Farrell Police Officer (last photo right).

MLK Jr. Day:

Did you know?

BY Jacara Green

•In 1994, Martin Luther King Holiday and Service Act was passed by congress, to be a day of service. This initiative was to be headed by the *Corporation for National and Community Service*.

•This day is to be "a day on, not a day off," which is a national call for citizens to volunteer around the world.

•The act of serving makes communities stronger, and gets our mind set closer to Martin Luther King's vision of "Beloved Community"

•Some acts of service that people do to honor this day are tutoring children, helping at community or church centers, and reflecting on Dr. King's life and his different beliefs.

(n.d.). Retrieved January 26, 2021, from <https://www.aascu.org/programs/ADP/MLKDay/>



Photo credit: Mrs. Latzoo

Biology Teacher, Mrs. Latzoo and her children (Lydia and Ernest, pictured) have celebrated MLK day for the last 5-6 years by either baking and giving out cookies, making phone calls to elderly, shoveling snow for neighbors, or saying thanks to our protective services. This year, they took Hilltop Pizza to the Farrell Fire Department.

What will you do next year?



Farrell High School Winter Athletics



Photo credit: Jiada Brodie

Above, Lamont and Christian look on as Sian Rain shoots a foul shot.



Boys' Basketball, back row, from left: Assistant Coach, Mr. Larry Gillespie, Kabron Smith, Omar Stewart, Jaiman Holden, Denzel Driver, Lamont Samuels, Braylon Harrison, Front from left: Assistant Coach, Mr. Tim Odem, Jhailyn Richardson, Nasir O'Kane, Christian Hartley, Trian Holden, Brice Butler, Julian Scarbrough. Head Coach, right, Mr. Bobby Stewart.

Shooting a free throw (left): Kylon Wilson

Photo credit: Jiada Brodie

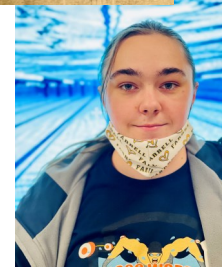
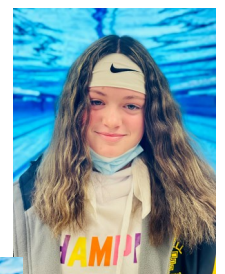
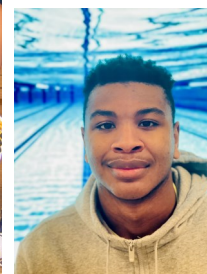


Basketball Cheer Squad (from left): Tamara Slater, Mariyana Amos, Jacara Green, Toni Austin and Demaris Crowder. Assistant and Head Coaches (not pictured), Ms. Cassandra Verroco and Mrs. Joanne Retone.



Girls' Basketball, back row, from left: Damerra Thomas, Deryah Stewart, Gabrielle King, Jaylie Green, Cyncere Harden-Mann, Makayla Hall, Front, from left: Demariah Burns, Jada Jackson, Jordyne Scott, Sa'mya Moore, Syv-era Parchman, Sanaa Brodie, Assistant Coaches (not pictured), Ms. Jordan Snyder, and Mr. Marsell Holden, and Head Coach (not pictured), Mr. Ed Turosky.

Dive in! FHS Swim Team



Top left: Jeremiah Butler, Cheyenne Felix, left: Mackenzie Ulan, Not pictured: Landen Felix and Coach: Jaylan Sharper



MEET YOUR STEELER NATION NEWS STAFF:



Arianna Blanchard,
11th

How long have you been on Newspaper Staff? 5 months
Favorite topic(s) to write about: Anything that is entertaining and keeps me intrigued.
Favorite subject: English
Favorite book and or movie: movie: "The Hunger Games" and book: "Where the Past Begins"
Extra-curricular and or sports: When the season starts Track & Field
Work: I work at Walmart
Future plans: Go to college, achieve all of my career goals and future career goals, be overly wealthy, live the life of my dreams, create a better life for myself and my future kin, and to be happy and healthy.
Dream trip: To Bora Bora and Dubai.



Michelle Stubbs,
10th

How long have you been on Newspaper Staff? 5 months
Favorite topic(s) to write about: Things that I have personally experienced or feel passionately about.
Favorite subject: English
Favorite book and or movie: movie: *All the Bright Places*; Book: *Divergent*
Extra-curricular and or sports: Softball and Upward Bound
Favorite FHS memory: the Christmas lock-ins
Future plans: go to college after high school (don't really have any, yikes.)
Dream trip: Bora Bora



Malachi Shepherd,
10th

How long have you been on Newspaper Staff? 5 months
Favorite topic(s) to write about: Football
Favorite subject: Photojournalism
Favorite book and or movie: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Fast and Furious*.
Proudest moment or accomplishment: Winning States my Freshman year
Extra-curricular and or sports: Football and Basketball
Favorite FHS memory: when I won states.
Future plans: to go to college for football and study engineering
Something you would like to share: a memory about how I went this haunted house with a couple friends,
Dream trip: to go to L.A.



Tylajea Karkoska,
10th

How long have you been on Newspaper Staff? 5 months
Favorite topic(s) to write about: Music and Art
Favorite subject: Art
Favorite book and or movie: "Pieces of Why" by K.L. Going
Proudest moment or accomplishment: Making a relatively good piece my first time working with acrylic paints
Extra-curricular and or sports in which you are involved: Youth Arts program at Hope-CAT
Favorite FHS memory: Baking in Family and Consumer Sciences
Future plans: becoming a children's book illustrator and opening commissions online for my art
Something you would like to share: I paint, sing, watch anime and write poetry in my free time
Dream trip: San Diego, purely to see all the cool cosplays at Comic Con



Anthony Jackson,
10th

How long have you been on Newspaper Staff? 5 months
Favorite topic(s) to write about: Sports
Favorite subject: Photojournalism
Favorite book and or movie: *The Outsiders*
Proudest moment or accomplishment: When I won my first state title last year
Extra-curricular and or sports: Football
Favorite FHS memory: My time with the Farrell Football Team
Future plans: go to college for 4 years and play football
Dream trip: Bahamas

2020 Football Award Winners:

All State:
First Team: Offense
 Brice Butler
 Gary Satterwhite
 Anthony Stallworth

First team : Defense
 Tai'Don Strickland
All Region:
First Team : Offense
 Gary Satterwhite (OL)
 Anthony Stallworth (RB)

Brice Butler (WR)
First team: Defense
 Gary Satterwhite (DL)
 Tai'Don Strickland (LB)
 Anthony D. Jackson (LB)
 Omar Stewarts (LB)

Brice Butler (DB)
 Kylon Wilson (DB)
Second Team : Offense
 Omar Stewart (WR)
 Christian Hartley (QB)
 Jaimain Holden (OL)

Preston Williams (OL)
Second team: Defense
 Preston Williams (DL)
 Lamont Samuels (DB)



JANUARY 2021:

Chapter 1 of 12: *Resolutions*

By MICHELLE STUBBS

Every year, people make New Year's resolutions. Most people do not actually keep up with them. The average person who makes New Year resolutions typically only lasts a week to a month. If you do end up making New Year resolutions, make them to where you know that they are actually attainable.

The goals that people set for themselves are usually very unrealistic or unattainable for them. They make some long term goal thinking that they will achieve it but usually don't. People make goals to magically become stress free, when that is simply not possible. Any mental issues that you may want to solve take time. You can not just wake up one day and be perfect, it's simply not possible. You have to work towards goals like this by taking out the stressful things in your life or learning how to manage them.

A very common goal is to lose a large amount of weight in a very short amount of time. When you make goals like this, you have to sit down and think about it. How long does it take the average person to lose the amount of weight that you want to? What are you going to do in order to achieve this goal? What things are you going to give up in order to lose the weight? Also, when you first start, you have to start off slow. Pick a small amount of weight to start with and go with that. Increase over time and eventually, you'll meet your longtime goal.

If you plan on making an attainable New Year resolution, make sure that it's well thought out. Realistic goals would be to get a better job, boost your grades, drink more water and eat healthier, spend less money, read more, sleep an extra hour

every night, or even home cooking more often. It is important to make goals but it is just as important to make them realistic.

Some of our students here at Farrell have made resolutions that they have been trying to keep up with.

I asked some of our students and staff here at Farrell have made resolutions that they have been trying to keep up with. Most students made very broad resolutions; Mrs Kladitis made a resolution to try to be better for herself everyday than she was the day before. Ava Golden(7th) made the resolution to express herself more. Both Demaris Crowder(10th) and Isaac Husband(9th) made the resolution to stop spending money irrationally. Faith Zagotti's(12th) resolution is to be the best possible version of herself. She said, "I just try to do my best each day as a person. I believe I'm successful, but sometimes it does fall through. I just try to keep my conscience clear."

Chyna Butler(10th) made two resolutions! The first is to work on writing her book. Chyna writes two chapters of her book a day. Her second resolution is to practice her softball skills. She practices softball whenever she has the opportunity to. Chyna said, "I try and keep myself motivated because I know that I want to be a writer and I love playing softball, so by doing this it will help me in the future. I feel that by the end of the year I will be successful in improving these things."



PEACE OUT, 2020!



Photo montage: JACARA GREEN

