Welcome

As we enter our 50th year, we have so much to celebrate! We consider having your family, as part of our community, at the top of our list. From humble beginnings in the basement of a local church five decades ago, Forsyth Country Day School has relied on the strong partnerships between our school, our students, and our parents.

We hope this guide will help you to find ways to use your gifts and talents in furthering the mission of FCDS. If you need assistance throughout the year, please don’t hesitate to stop by the Advancement Office (front of the school next to the lobby) or send us an email.

Cate Lynch, Associate Director of Advancement
Family Engagement & Stewardship

Save the Date - 50th Anniversary Celebrations!
April 17 - Family Event & April 18 - Gala
Giving

The Forsyth Fund is our annual giving program and top giving priority because it directly impacts our greatest assets—our students and our teachers. Far-reaching and essential, the Forsyth Fund directly impacts everything that makes FCDS exceptional.

Frequently UNasked Questions about the Forsyth Fund

Let’s go right to the bottom line – my family is already paying tuition. Why should I make a donation to the Forsyth Fund as well?
The bottom line is this: Your gift supports the people and programs that make FCDS so special. This means talented teachers. Small classes. Educational resources that many public schools simply can’t afford. Up-to-date technology. Accommodations for different learning styles. And exceptional offerings in everything from the arts to athletics.

Gifts are necessary because tuition does not cover all the opportunities your child receives. That is why independent schools need endowments, auxiliary revenue sources such as summer programs, and yes, fundraising.

Why not just raise tuition?
Simply increasing tuition would eventually make FCDS unaffordable for most families. We strive to be a community of learners who are diverse in many ways. It’s actually less expensive for families to meet this cost of education by giving a tax-deductible gift.

How much should I give?
We ask each family to participate at a level appropriate for that family’s unique financial circumstances. All we ask is that you give no more or no less than you are able. Every gift, regardless of size, is important to this effort and helps support the school in essential ways. We strive to have 100% participation from current FCDS families.

But does my contribution really make a difference?
Yes! Each gift is an endorsement for Forsyth Country Day and has a much broader impact than its financial support alone. Foundations, grant-making institutions, and major donors all look at giving participation as a key indicator of satisfactions. If our parent community stands behind the school, those organizations deem FCDS more deserving of their support as well.

Visit FCDS.org to learn more, sign up, and give.
Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
We look forward to seeing you on campus. Go Furies!
Getting Involved

It is hard to imagine a more powerful team than our school and our parents working together for the good of our children.

Engaged Parenting
From learning about what happens in your child’s classroom to attending parent nights and conferences to reading the weekly email, there are many ways for parents to be engaged.

Active Participation
Every FCDS parent is encouraged to participate in a way that’s meaningful for them. It could mean organizing a school event, volunteering in the classroom, or attending events.

Volunteering
All parents are automatically members of the Parents' Association and are welcome to join us in pursuing our mission through volunteerism and involvement in FCDS.

Volunteer Opportunities
- PA Officers
- Grade Representatives
- Lower School Classroom Parents
- New Family Connections/Parent Ambassadors
- All School Tailgate
- Book Fair
- Box Tops/Everyday Purchases
- Do or Dye
- Faculty Appreciation Luncheon
- Graduation
- Lower School Grandparents’ Day
- Lower School Field Day
- Middle School End of Year Celebration
- Middle School Student Socials
- Music on the Lawn
- Parent Social
- Storytelling Festival
- Wonderful Wednesday Coordinators

Learn more at FCDS.org/community/parents-association

Community Nights
We ask that you come to FCDS and take part in meaningful programming, meet up with fellow parents and teachers, and spend time together. We’ll use these nights to focus our major activities including Parents’ Nights, many (though not all) concerts and plays, guest speakers, interest meetings, and more, thus reducing the number of one-offs you need to come to campus for. We’ll have dinner available to families, child care, and homework-free evenings for students.

Please put the following dates on your calendar.

- August 29, 2019
- September 19, 2019
- October 17, 2019
- November 14, 2019
- January 16, 2020
- February 20, 2020
- March 12, 2020