

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! You are the parent of an amazing honor student, who has chosen to commit himself/herself to community service, through the FCS Jr. Beta Club. As the advisor of this organization, I wanted to take a moment to welcome all of the parents to this organization as well.

FCS Jr. Beta Club is a local chapter of an international organization known as "Beta Club International." We follow the same admission guidelines and general participation guidelines as the national organization, but we have a set of local bylaws that oversee our local operations. We welcome you to view the national website by clicking on the Beta icon on the school's website. The basic criteria for admission are a 3.5 GPA and maintenance of at least a 3.1 GPA thereafter. Each student must have satisfactory citizenship and remain in good standing at FCS at all times. Once an invitation is received by the student, she/he must obtain one letter of recommendation from a non family member, write a brief essay on the importance of Jr. Beta and community service, and submit a small fee of \$20 (made payable to **FCS** and delivered to the school with "Junior Beta" in the memo section). This covers costs associated with membership in the national organization and club operational expenses. The FCS club generally meets the second Wednesday of every month, in the presentation room, from 2:15-3:15 pm. Please check the website, Renweb calendar, and Jr. Beta bulletin board in the gym lobby for any changes to the schedule. Students receive one hour of service credit for every meeting attended.

Once a member, students are free to participate in as many service projects as desired. All FCS sponsored events are posted on the bulletin board located in the gym lobby and the website. Students are allowed to seek outside projects as well (church, service clubs, scouts etc.) These outside projects must be requested in advance, on the appropriate form, and signed by Mrs. Halvey prior to the event. Pre-approval forms, as well as completion forms can be downloaded from the Junior Beta page of the school website. It is the responsibility of the **student** to return these to Mrs. Halvey, by putting them in the Junior Beta mailbox in the FCS Baseline office. The goal for each student is 30 service hours per year. 8th grade members who complete at least 30 hours will be honored at graduation with an honor sash, to be worn over their graduation gown. Any student who serves over 50 hours/year will be eligible for differing levels of recognition as well.

All projects sponsored by the FCS Jr. Beta Club, will have a master sign in sheet at every event. **It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have signed in and out on this form!!** The adult in charge of each event will be responsible for returning the master form to Mrs. Halvey. **Returning members- please note that this is a change from previous record keeping of service hours.** A spread sheet representing monthly hour summaries will be presented at each meeting and posted on the bulletin board thereafter.

We realize a great emphasis is placed on "hours"; however I want everyone to take a step back, and realize the importance of the experience of serving itself. Service is a result of faith, and a great calling at any age, but especially for our young people. The Lord calls us to serve one another in joy. While the "hours" serve as a tracking tool, let us never lose sight of the mission.

As we embark on a new school year, we must gather support from each family in the Jr. Beta organization. Enclosed you will find a contact information and participation survey for you to return to us. We need to count on each of you this year. This is a large group, and we will need assistance in many areas (chaperoning events, snacks, drivers, ongoing coordination of events, tutoring etc.) **These must be returned, for your child to be a member of Jr. Beta.** These may be dropped off at the Baseline Campus front office, to be placed in the Jr. Beta mailbox. For further questions feel free to call Mrs. Halvey at home (626) 335-7599. Again, we thank you for the privilege of serving alongside these fantastic young people. In time, this group can truly change the world!

In Christ,
Michelle Halvey
Junior Beta Parent Sponsor

FCS Junior Beta Club Family Survey

Student Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (mother) _____

(Father) _____

(Student) _____

EMAIL _____

***The best way to communicate with our family is** _____.

I am willing to participate with Junior Beta in the following areas:

___ **Chaperoning event**

___ **Assisting social committee**

___ **Assisting with sports concessions**

___ **Communication team**

___ **Homework Assistance Program (Baseline campus only, Tues-Thurs each week)**

I am available___ **days per week**

I am available___ **days per month**

___ **Fundraising**

___ **Assistance with monthly meetings**

We give our permission for my child to participate in the FCS Junior Beta Club and in its activities. I have been given an overview of its admission criteria and general operating philosophy.

Mother Signature

Father Signature

I agree to abide by all Jr. Beta Guidelines for attendance, participation and behavior. I will conduct myself in a manner to bring honor to my school and God at all times.

Student Signature