



Dear Parents / Guardians:

This is just a note home to let you know that we have started enrollment for our White County Middle School FFA Chapter. If your student is interested, they can join for the **year for only \$9.00**. This fee goes toward helping to pay State and National FFA dues and allows that member to participate in FFA activities. Students wishing to join the FFA chapter will need to complete a membership form and turn it in to Ms. Dickerson when they pay their dues. Forms are available in the Agriculture classroom or online. Dues can be paid in cash or checks made out to WCMS. Students must be enrolled in Agriculture at some point in the school year to be eligible to join.

The FFA is a national organization that has chapters in every state in the US. We are an organization for students who show an interest in Agriculture – growing up on a farm and livestock are not necessary. There are many areas of Agriculture and related careers that the student will be introduced to while they are taking part in their Agriculture class here at WCMS. FFA membership is voluntary and not required as part of class work or needed for a grade. Learning through real life experiences and developing leadership skills are two of the best benefits of our FFA program. I plan on taking students to several Career Development Events in our area. These are contests where FFA members get to explore all the different aspects of an Agriculture career and use skills and information that they learn.

On activities and trips, your child may be required to bring money for a meal. Permission Trip Forms and Information Letters will be available for students to take home prior to practices and events. Members are also asked to attend as many meetings as possible. Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 until 4:30pm. Any change in the meeting day will be posted. There is a link on the Middle School website that will take you the FFA webpage that lists activities and meeting dates as well. It also has news and results from contests and shows. Just look under the Clubs heading. The chapter also has an Instagram (**@wcms.ffa**) and a Remind account (**text @whitecoffa to 81010**) where club information and pictures of activities will be posted.

If you have any further questions, feel free to call or email me.

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