

Over the FENCE



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – MONDAY, AUGUST 29

▶ Elementary Schools

- The first day is an afternoon-only half day, starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. No lunch will be served on this day. However, students can bring a snack with them.
- Buses will begin picking up students at 10:50 a.m.

▶ Secondary Schools

- FHS begins at 7:30 a.m. and dismisses at 2:18 p.m.
- RMS begins at 8:05 a.m. and dismisses at 2:50 p.m.

CALENDAR

View, print, or download the **2022-2023 district calendar** and stay informed about important dates and events.

TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ To find your child's bus stop, **click here**.
- ▶ Students should arrive at their bus stops 10 minutes prior to the pickup time.
- ▶ Students need their student ID to ride the bus. Elementary students may use last year's ID until they receive a new one.
- ▶ Download the **Here Comes the Bus** app to get real-time bus information. See the story on **page 4** for more information.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

We offer breakfast and lunch every day in all our schools.

Menus and order forms can be found on our **website**.

If you think your student(s) may qualify for free or reduced meals, you can **apply online**.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SIGNS

We have first day signs for every grade available by **clicking here**. If you share your picture online, use **#FraserFamily** so we can share!

STAY CONNECTED

- ▶ Follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**.
- ▶ Subscribe to our **YouTube channel**.
- ▶ Use **#FraserFamily** on any platform to follow along.

Fraser accepts district residents in all grades, and Schools of Choice students in Young 5s-11th grade.

We are also offering a fully virtual option for all students.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fraser Families,

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you have had a wonderful and restful summer. As we look to the new school year, our focus will remain on designing learning for all students. We look forward to a normal school environment and routine for the 2022-2023 school year.



Fraser Public Schools' top priority remains the health and well-being of all, and we are doing our part every day to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will continue to work closely with our local **Macomb County Health Department** and follow their guidance.

Also, by welcoming back our students before Labor Day, we will end the first semester at Holiday Break. This will be a great benefit to both students and staff as we will all be able to enjoy a two-week holiday prior to the start of the second semester.

This summer we concluded our Universal Design for Learning furniture replacement at our elementary schools. All our Young 5s through 6th grade classrooms now have flexible spaces chosen in collaboration with our teachers and with our students in mind.

In addition, we are excited to roll out new devices to our students. All students in grades 3-6 will be receiving new iPads, and all students in grades 7-12 will be receiving new MacBooks. Along with this new technology, we will be launching Canvas, our new learning management system for all students K-12. This is a tremendous

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CURRICULUM CORNER

Fraser Public Schools is excited to announce that we will be introducing our students to a new learning management system (LMS) this fall.

Canvas is a web-based LMS accessible to all students using their district-provided iPads or MacBook Air computers. Within Canvas, students will have continuous access to course materials and information regarding their achievement.

Starting this fall, all classroom teachers will utilize Canvas to provide instruction, resources, activities, and assessments for our students. Previously, our elementary

students accessed classroom lessons and activities using ItsLearning, while our middle school and high school students used BlackBoard. This is the first time Fraser will use one LMS for all K-12 students. This move allows more consistency for students and families as they progress through their education.

In addition to classroom resources and materials, student grade information

A FRESH CANVAS



CANVAS

BY INSTRUCTURE

will also be in Canvas. Previously, this information was in PowerSchool. Please note that student attendance information will still be in PowerSchool.

More information on Canvas and parent access will be provided in the coming months.

Welcome New Administrators



Amy Porter
Principal of Disney Elementary

Prior to Ms. Porter's seven years as FHS assistant principal, she taught math at FHS. Her experience with instructional leadership through the Galileo Leadership Academy and as an acting administrator in Fraser will bring a fresh new lens to Disney and to our leadership team. She has spent her entire career here in Fraser, and she has a deep knowledge of the culture and instructional practices that drive our work. We are so excited for her to transition into this new role.



Jennifer Kelley
Principal of Eisenhower Elementary

Mrs. Kelley has been with our district for 10 years. Most recently, she served as the Title I coordinator at Eisenhower. She has also been a classroom teacher at Eisenhower as well as in Ferndale Public Schools.

She has a master's degree in educational leadership from Saginaw Valley State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Oakland University. She is also a Fraser High School graduate.



Keith Tonn
Principal of Mark Twain Elementary

Mr. Tonn is the new principal at Twain Elementary, after serving as the principal of Eisenhower Elementary for the past four years. Before that, he was an elementary principal and a 5th-grade teacher in Fitzgerald Public Schools. He has two children who attend Fraser Public Schools.

Mr. Tonn has master's degrees in classroom teaching and principalship from Saginaw Valley State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wayne State University.

Lindsay Samassa

Assistant Principal of Fraser High School



Mrs. Samassa joins the Fraser Family after spending the past four years as assistant principal – two years at Cabrini High School in Allen Park and two years at Wagar Middle School in Airport Community Schools. She has a strong background in restorative practices. Prior to administration, she taught high school English.

Ms. Samassa has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Marygrove College.

Welcome New Board Member

Abigail Wasil
Board of Education Trustee

Ms. Wasil was appointed to the Board of Education in July and will serve as a trustee. She is a lifelong resident of Fraser, and it is her desire to give back to the community by serving in this capacity.

She feels the role of a School Board member is to actively listen and engage the policy decision making process. A School Board member must not only look at the immediate impact of a policy or budget decision, but also understand the long-term impact.

She is an associate attorney in Southfield and works with no-fault insurance claims.



New Student Devices **ROLLING OUT**

When students return to school this year, many will be receiving new technology devices.

During the summer, the district purchased new iPads for all students in grades 3-6, as well as MacBook Air computers for students in grades 7-12.

While this is a replacement of devices for elementary and high school students, it is the first time Richards Middle School students will have MacBooks.

During the past several years, it has become apparent that students need the ability to manage files, have a keyboard, and continue to take ownership of their learning.

The district surveyed parents during the spring of 2021, and a majority indicated a device with a keyboard would have been beneficial for their student's learning.

Fraser Public Schools has been a 1:1 district with technology since 2011. This proactive approach proved invaluable during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade have a dedicated device that stays with them throughout their educational journey.

The new devices arrived during the summer and will be issued to students during the first few weeks of school.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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opportunity for our students, families, and staff to leverage these tools to improve instruction and provide students with access to their learning 24/7.

I am a firm believer in providing our stakeholders with clarity around our work. Our Portrait of the Graduate and strategic plan will continue to be our North Star. We will also continue to focus on:

- ▶ Learning Partnerships: Building dynamic relationships with teachers, students, staff, families, and the community.
- ▶ Teaching Practices: Infusing proven instructional practices and emerging innovative practices.

As a district, we will continue to do what is best for our kids.

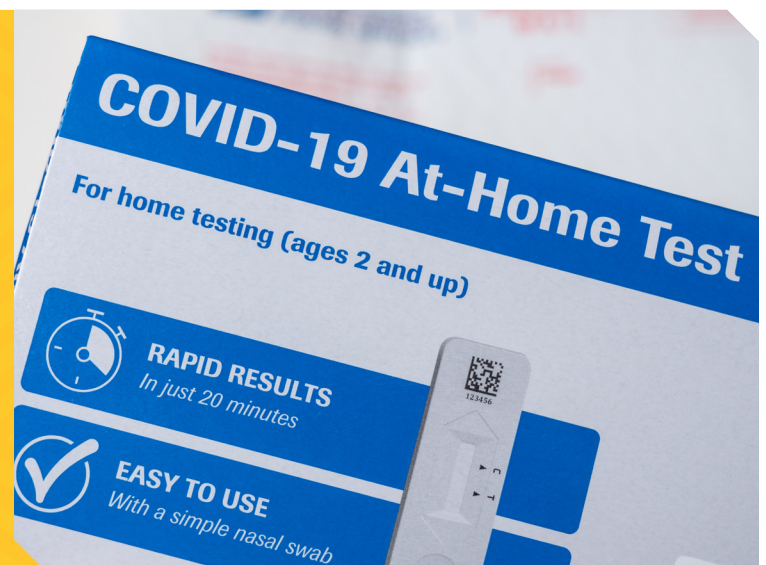
Looking forward to a fantastic school year!

With Fraser Pride,
Dr. Wozniak

Free COVID-19 Tests Available for Students

Fraser is committed to the health and safety of all students and staff.

That is why free at-home COVID-19 tests are available at all our schools. If you would like to pick up a box of two tests, please ask in the main office of your child's school. We anticipate having tests available during the entire school year.



HERE COMES THE BUS

For the past several years, Fraser Public Schools has partnered with Synovia to provide an extra layer of security on our school buses.

Over the past two years, students at Richards Middle School and Fraser High School scanned their student ID cards when they got on and off the bus, which allowed the district to have accurate ridership information.

This school year we are excited to expand this program to our elementary students, as well as to introduce the Here Comes the Bus app for all levels. This free app provides families with updates regarding transportation – from the exact time to expect the bus at a specific stop to alerts for parents when their child gets on the bus and arrives at school or home.

When does this take effect?

Beginning the first day of school, August 29, all students in grades 7-12 will be expected to use their student ID to scan on and off the bus.

When will students receive their ID?

Students at RMS and FHS received their IDs at orientation. Anyone who missed orientation will need to get an ID during the first few days of school. Elementary students can use their IDs from last year if they have them. They will receive a new one once fall pictures are taken.

What if my student loses/forgets their ID?

Students are expected to scan their ID when they get on and off the bus both before and after school. If a student loses their ID, they will need to have a new one made in the media center. Please note this may incur a \$3 fee.



Here Comes the Bus A School Bus Tracking App for Parents

Tracking Features

Shows the real-time location of your child's bus on a map

Gives scheduled and actual arrival times at home and school for bus routes

Provides push and email notifications when the bus is near

**RIGHT BUS.
RIGHT STOP.
RIGHT TIME.**

Sign Up Instructions For Parents:

1. Download Here Comes the Bus app or visit herecomesthebus.com
2. Click the "Sign Up" button
3. Enter school code 87797 and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
4. Complete the "User Profile" box
5. Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number
6. Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin



For more information, visit: herecomesthebus.com

PLANNING AHEAD

AUGUST 29

First Day of School for Students

FHS & RMS Full Day
Elementary Half Day
[11:30 a.m. start time]

SEPTEMBER 2-5

Labor Day Recess

SEPTEMBER 6

School Resumes

SEPTEMBER 8

FHS Meet the Teacher

SEPTEMBER 14

All Levels Early Release
District-Provided
Professional Development

SEPTEMBER 15

RMS Meet the Teacher

SEPTEMBER 19

Powder Puff Football Game

SEPTEMBER 23

FHS & RMS Early Release
Homecoming



BIG EVENTS

Powder Puff Football: 6:30 p.m., September 19, Fraser Stadium
Float Building: 5-9 p.m., September 20-22, FHS Homes
Pep Assembly: 4 p.m., September 23, Fraser Gym
Parade: 6 p.m., September 23, Garfield & Klein
Game: 7 p.m., September 23, Fraser Stadium
Dance: 7-10 p.m., September 24, Richards Middle School

CLASS THEMES AND COLORS

Seniors: Star Wars & Black
Juniors: Marvel & Red
Sophomores: Scooby-Doo & Purple
Freshmen: Toy Story & Blue

HOMECOMING COURT

Nomination Forms: Available in Room 1813 September 1-9
 Forms are due to Mrs. Schaeff in Room 1813 by **September 9 at 2:18 p.m.**

SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 19-23 & 26

Monday: Holidays (dress up as your favorite holiday)
Tuesday: Hawaiian Day (dress in a Hawaiian shirt, wear a lei, etc.)
Wednesday: BBQ Dads & Soccer Moms (dress in a cookout apron or like you are cheering on a soccer game)
Thursday: Theme-Day Thursday (dress up as a character from your class movie)
Friday: Class Color (2023 – Black, 2024 – Red, 2025 – Purple, 2026 – Blue)
Monday: Get Up & Go (dress in PJs, sweats, comfy clothes)

HOMECOMING TICKETS

Cost: \$20
Orientations: All Dates
After School in Room 1813: September 14-15 (Wed-Thurs) and 19-22 (Mon-Tues)
 Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the dance.
Regulations: All fines and fees must be paid
Guests: ONLY SENIORS may bring guests from other schools. Guests must be under 21. Forms may be picked up in any office or Room 1813.

HOMECOMING DANCE (Semi-Formal Attire)

Saturday, September 24, 7-10 p.m.
 Richards Middle School

Restrictions:

- Limos or party buses are strongly discouraged (please consider using other forms of transportation)
- Enter the Stadium from the circle lot off Garfield

Requirements:

- Arrive by 8 p.m.
- Bring a photo ID and pre-purchased tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Once students enter the dance, they are NOT permitted to leave and re-enter.
- Students must follow the dress code as described in the Code of Conduct.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY FHS STUDENT COUNCIL

For up-to-date info, follow the FHS Student Council on Twitter @FraserStuCo and Instagram @Fraser_Stuco

QUESTIONS?

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