

# Over the FENCE

## District Hires Director of Safety and Security



*Fraser continues to add additional layers to ensure a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and visitors.*

In our efforts to be proactive, we have hired Mr. Jason Cox as our director of safety and security.

In this new cabinet-level role, he will work with all buildings and the district's police liaison to enhance security efforts and build upon strong partnerships with our local police.

"We believe this role is essential for developing, implementing, and managing safety protocols, emergency preparedness, and crisis response plans," said Superintendent Dr. Carrie Wozniak.

"By having a dedicated professional in this position, we are able to proactively address potential threats, comply with legal and safety regulations, and foster a secure atmosphere conducive to learning."

The district is one of the first in the county to create this position, in collaboration with **SEC Shield**. Fraser has worked with SEC [Secure Environment Consultants] for many years as an independent security consultant, and this position will continue that partnership. Mr. Cox will take the lead with district security and safety training, as well as have the support of SEC resources and training.

Mr. Cox has 20 years of experience with the San Juan [NM] Sheriff's Office, and most recently served as security operations manager with Sterling Security.

His many years of experience in law enforcement will allow him to work with police in the three jurisdictions that are part of the Fraser school district, as well as the communities where our students live.



*Students practice safety training with Mr. Cox.*

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fraser Families,  
Welcome back to the new school year! This time of year is always special as we bring our excitement and energy into new opportunities in the district.

I am inspired by the past, energized by the present, and excited for the future that we are building together here in Fraser.

We have worked hard all summer to create a safe learning community for all students.

We added Mr. Jason Cox as our director of safety and security, which is a new role in our district. Mr. Cox brings a wealth of experience in law enforcement and security, and his unique perspective will help ensure that our district remains proactive in school safety initiatives.

Through our 2023 bond, we replaced the boilers at Disney and Emerson elementary schools. These much-needed improvements will provide a consistent and reliable environment in those schools.

As we begin this school year, I want to celebrate Fraser's many traditions and honor the dedication that keeps them alive.

I would like to invite everyone to attend our annual Fraser Family Tailgate, Friday, September 20. This traditional event, which takes place before the first home football game

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# CURRICULUM CORNER

**FHS BLOCK  
SCHEDULE**

Fraser High School has had a block schedule for many years, but some changes this year allow for fewer class periods each day; however, they are still offered the same number of total courses and course options as they have always had.

## What Changed?

The calendar is divided into blue and gold days that alternate throughout the school year. Students attend blocks 1-4 on Blue Days and 5-8 on Gold Days.

All classes are now 90 minutes. In previous years, they were 88 minutes except for SMART (which meets only on gold days [Block 8] for 90 minutes) and one class that was held daily for roughly 45 minutes.

Students can still travel during SMART to make up tests and assignments or meet with student organizations. Juniors and seniors who are eligible

can also sign out early after attendance is taken in SMART.

## Why Was This Change Made?

The changes provide consistency for students and staff. They also provide the following benefits:

- **In-Depth Learning:**

Longer class periods provide students with more time to engage deeply with the material, participate in hands-on activities, and work on projects. This revised format supports different learning styles and encourages critical thinking.

- **Reduced Daily Stress:**

With fewer classes per day,

students have fewer transitions and less homework each night, helping to reduce stress and allow for a more balanced workload.

- **Improved Teacher-Student Interaction:**

The extended class time allows teachers to build stronger relationships with their students, offer more personalized instruction, and address individual learning needs more effectively.

- **Flexibility for Various Learning Activities:**

The longer periods are ideal for labs, group projects, discussions, and other interactive activities that enhance the learning experience. They also provide ample time for assessments without feeling rushed.

## Welcome New Administrator: Mr. Jim Birko, Director of Operations and Maintenance

*Mr. Birko joined the Fraser team in June 2024.*

He previously served our district for many years, ending a 14-year tenure on the Board of Education in 2022. In his professional career, he has gained many years of experience in construction and facilities management, and has owned his own home inspection business for the last 11 years.

He built relationships with our teachers, staff, and community through his experience on the board, and he continues to be a strong supporter in this role.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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of the year, is an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate the start of the new school year. We also have the homecoming game the following week on September 27.

I want to personally thank everyone in our Fraser Family for their dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence. Together, we will continue to create a thriving and supportive learning environment for all Fraser students.

With Fraser Pride,  
**Dr. Wozniak**



# District Employees Honored for Years of Service

*Every August before school starts, all district staff gather for two days of professional development.*



This year, Superintendent Dr. Carrie Wozniak introduced years-of-service coins to celebrate our achievements and reinforce the values and goals that bring us together.

“As we prepare for this new year and welcome our students back, it’s important to recognize the traditions that have shaped our past and will guide our future,” Dr. Wozniak said during her welcome-back address. “Our traditions are the foundation upon which we build, and they remind us of the values we hold dear. These traditions connect us to our past, bind us together in the present, and move us forward into the future.”

As staff entered the Fraser Performing Arts Center, they were given the inaugural Fraser coin with the Rambler logo on one side and “Tradition Starts Here” on the reverse. Additional coins for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service were distributed by building leaders during staff meetings later that day.

“Each challenge coin represents a milestone – a year of service, a year of dedication, a year of making a difference. From our newest staff members to those who have worked for decades, every coin is a token of

appreciation for the time, energy, and passion you have invested in our shared mission of Designing Learning for All,” said Dr. Wozniak.

Dr. Wozniak also brought the 13 employees with 30 years or more of experience on stage, where they were given their 30-year coin:

- **Kim Albrecht**, Mark Twain Elementary, 32 Years
- **Lynne Bucciarelli**, Fraser High School, 48 Years
- **Sheila Cancel**, Mark Twain Elementary, 34 years
- **Miriam Catenacci**, Fraser High School, 30 Years

- **Dave Czanstke**, Operations and Maintenance, 54 Years
- **Kelly Gutc**, Salk Elementary, 37 Years
- **Dan Hogan**, Fraser High School, 36 Years
- **Amy Laidlaw**, Eisenhower Elementary, 33 Years
- **Karen Lentine**, Edison Elementary, 32 Years
- **Beth Marchioni**, Richards Middle School, 35 Years
- **Richard Reid**, Operations and Maintenance, 37 years
- **Frank Rubino**, Operations and Maintenance, 38 Years
- **Dan Scott**, Operations and Maintenance, 34 years



## FRASER FAMILY TAILGATE!

**Friday, September 20, 2024**

Fraser Public Schools invites all to join in a celebration of the new school year. Join us at the annual Fraser Family Tailgate at the first home football game, against Port Huron High School!

*Parking lot outside of the football field from the Garfield Rd. entrance.*

**TAILGATE: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. | GAME TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**FREE HOT DOGS, DRINKS, KONA ICE, INFLATABLES, MUSIC & FRASER SPIRIT!**

## PLANNING AHEAD

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
Fraser Family Tailgate  
FHS Stadium Lot, 5:30 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
Powder Puff Game  
FHS Stadium,  
6:30 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
Board Meeting  
Idea Lab, 7:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 27**  
FHS & RMS  
Early Release

**SEPTEMBER 27**  
Homecoming Parade  
Garfield/Klein, 6:00 p.m.  
  
Homecoming Game  
FHS Stadium, 7:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
Homecoming Dance  
FHS, 7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 2**  
Count Day

# YOUR *bond dollars* AT WORK!

## FRASER BOND UPDATE

We are excited that construction and classroom enhancements have started throughout the district!

We appreciate the continued support from the community, local leaders, staff, and parents of our vision for a brighter future. With these bond funds, we are creating transformative projects, implementing state-of-the-art technology, and improving learning resources that will benefit all students at Fraser Public Schools.

While students have been out of school for the summer, our project team has been diligently working to finish a few projects before school starts this fall.

### • WINDOW SHADE UPGRADES

New window shades have been installed throughout all schools in the district – supporting energy cost reduction and increasing security.

### • BOILER REPLACEMENT

Both Emerson and Disney Elementary Schools have new boilers being installed – keeping both schools open and safe in the winter months, as well as improving energy efficiency.

### • HVAC CONTROLS

The HVAC controls system at Richards Middle School is receiving an upgrade, including air purifiers and filtration systems to remove pollutants and germs from the air – creating cleaner learning environments.

## PARKING LOT & SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Due to the city construction on Garfield Road this summer, we have postponed the parking lot replacements and other site improvements at Fraser High School until next summer.

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## UPCOMING PROJECTS *in planning & design phase*



### DISNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS



### EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS



### RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS



### FRASER HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS + SITE WORK



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*more?*

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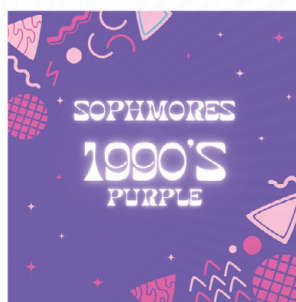
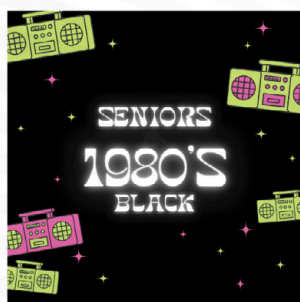
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## Fraser High School Homecoming September 23-28, 2024



### BIG EVENTS

**Powder Puff Football:** 6:30 p.m., Sept. 23, Fraser Stadium

**Float Building:** Times Vary, Sept. 21-26, FHS Homes

**Pep Assembly:** 4 p.m., Sept. 27, Fraser Gym

**Parade:** 6 p.m., Sept. 27, Garfield & Klein

**Game:** 7 p.m., Sept. 27, Fraser Stadium

**Dance:** 7-10 p.m., Sept. 28, Fraser High School

### CLASS THEMES AND COLORS

**Seniors:** 1980s and Black

**Juniors:** 1970s and Pink

**Sophmores:** 1990s and Purple

**Freshmen:** 1960s and Orange

### HOMECOMING COURT

**Nomination Forms:** Available in Room 1813, Aug. 26–Sept. 10. Forms are due to Mrs. Schaeff in Room 1813 by **Sept. 11 at 2:18 p.m.**

### HOMECOMING TICKETS

**Cost:** \$20 Each

**Orientations:** All Dates

**After School in the Media Center:** Sept. 18-26

Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the dance.

**Regulations:** All fines and fees must be paid to purchase a ticket.

**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, Sept. 28, 7-10 p.m.  
Fraser High School

#### Restrictions:

- Limos or party buses are strongly discouraged (please consider using other forms of transportation).
- Enter the dance from the front doors.

#### Requirements:

- Arrive by 8 p.m.
- Bring a photo ID and prepurchased tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Once students enter the dance, they are **NOT** permitted to leave and reenter.
- 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 X (formerly Twitter) @FraserStuCo

### QUESTIONS?

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FRASER HIGH SCHOOL  
*Athletic Booster Club's*  
ANNUAL  
CRAFT AND VENDOR  
SHOW

Saturday  
**Oct. 19**  
**2024**  
**10 AM – 4 PM**

*Fraser High School*  
**34270 GARFIELD RD.**  
**BETWEEN 14 & 15 MILE ROADS**

**ADMISSION: \$3.00**  
**CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER FREE**  
(no strollers please)

**OVER 150 ARTISTS AND EXHIBITORS!**