

Over the FENCE

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In Fraser Public Schools, we know that to help students succeed, you must have a community first, and build relationships and trust.

During the pandemic, our teachers and staff worked creatively to make connections with students and families, despite being virtual for much of the last school year.

As we return to a more typical school environment, we are still committed to meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of our students.

This year's **district video** celebrates how our staff, parents and students worked together even when we were unable to be in the same space.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fraser Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! There is much excitement in our schools as students and staff return to the classroom and school routines.

We know that the key to having a successful year is building a strong sense of community within our classrooms and schools. As I traveled throughout our district, it was wonderful to see the time and energy our staff put into developing relationships with students. This was a district priority, and our staff exceeded expectations. The time they spent creating positive experiences has renewed our school community with great energy and enthusiasm like no other year!

In 2019, we adopted a new strategic plan and Portrait of a Graduate that work together to design learning for all students.

This year we are focusing even more on two of the goals of that plan to support our community:

- ▶ **Learning Partnerships:** Building dynamic relationships with teachers, students, staff, families and the community.
- ▶ **Teaching Practices:** Infusing proven instructional practices and emerging innovative practices. High Quality Instruction (Universal Design for Learning)

Our Fraser Family is fortunate to have a staff that is committed to not only the craft of teaching and learning but understands how important it is to nurture and grow our young people. Everyone in the district has come together to do their part in welcoming back our students to campus. I am grateful for their dedication and efforts.

In these next few weeks, we look forward to coming together as a community to celebrate and learn together. Homecoming will soon be here (October 1), along with other Fall festivities. I encourage our families to take advantage of these opportunities to come together with our school community. These are wonderful occasions to learn from each other and deepen our relationships with our friends and neighbors. Fraser is a special place, and we will continue to rise to whatever challenges come our way.

With Fraser Pride,
Ms. Wozniak

PLANNING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER 30

Gleaners Mobile Pantry, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 1

FHS & RMS Early Release

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FHS Pep Assembly, 4:00 p.m.

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Homecoming Parade, 6:00 p.m.

Homecoming Game, 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2

Homecoming Dance

OCTOBER 6

Student Count Day

OCTOBER 13

All Levels Early Release

OCTOBER 14

Gleaners Mobile Pantry, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 21

RMS Half Day

Afternoon Conferences, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Evening Conferences, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

Gleaners Mobile Pantry, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 29

All Levels Early Release



Welcome Back, Staff!

Every year, the district welcomes back staff for two days of team building and professional development the week before school starts.

Under clear and sunny skies, the annual welcome back breakfast was held at the newly renovated stadium. Once everyone moved to the stands, Superintendent Carrie Wozniak addressed the crowd and reiterated the district's focus on building relationships with students and returning to the Fraser Family community.

The FHS cheer team, dance team and marching band all performed before staff moved inside Fraser High School. Grade-level teachers had the opportunity to work together to review data from last year and build a strong plan for meeting the needs of our students this year.

STUDENT BROADCASTERS LIVE STREAMING HOME ATHLETICS

As the fall sports seasons get underway, *The Flash* student broadcasters from Fraser High School will be live streaming many of the games. Students will also offer play-by-play commentary.

Currently, *The Flash* is streaming most varsity games and many junior varsity games on their **Facebook page**.

Give the page a like to get a notification when they are live and cheer on our Ramblers from anywhere!

Welcome Back, Students!

Our schools celebrated the start of the school year in a variety of ways. From class breakfasts to learning school expectations, to photo props, our staff kicked things off with energy, excitement and enthusiasm for the year ahead.



Disney Elementary



Dooley Center



Edison Elementary



Eisenhower Elementary



Emerson Elementary



Fraser High School



Richards Middle School



Salk Elementary



Twain Elementary



ALL FAMILIES ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE **FREE, REDUCED MEALS APPLICATION**

All students are again eligible for free breakfast and lunch during the school day. However, families are still encouraged to complete the free and reduced-price meals application before October 15.

The district receives funding that supports a variety of programs based on the number of families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Additionally, families who complete the application may be eligible for programs and services from other organizations.

The application takes only a few minutes to complete, and can be **found here**.

We encourage everyone to participate in free meals this school year. Menus can be found on **our website**.

Many families have expressed concern about it taking away from children that are truly in need, but there is enough funding to cover all meals, and we will have enough food available. Families are still welcome to send in a lunch from home if they would prefer.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About the Non-Homestead Election

When is the election?

November 2, 2021.

What does non-homestead mean?

Non-homestead represents industrial, commercial, second homes and some agricultural property. It does not include a family's primary residence.

Is this a new tax?

No. The non-homestead millage was last approved by voters in 2014. The current millage expires June 30, 2025.

I live in the Fraser Public Schools district. If the non-homestead millage renewal and replacement passes, will my property taxes increase?

No. The tax applies to non-homestead properties like commercial, industrial or rental property, not your primary residence.

I thought schools no longer received funding through property taxes. Why is Fraser Public Schools asking for a millage renewal?

Funding for Michigan school districts changed significantly when voters passed Proposal A in 1994. Under Proposal A, the state funds a portion of public school districts, but to receive full funding, schools must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property in the district.

Why is Fraser Public Schools asking for 21 mills when the state only requires 18 mills?

Legally, Fraser Public Schools is only allowed to levy a maximum of 18 mills. Due to the Headlee amendment, the 18 mills assessment is rolled back each year, and the district can currently only assess 17.4682 mills on non-homestead property.

The district is seeking a replacement of the currently authorized 17.4682 mills which would otherwise expire on June 30, 2025, and a restoration of 0.5318 mills lost as a result of the reduction due to Headlee rollbacks. The remaining 3 mills would serve as a means to protect against future Headlee rollbacks. By approving more than 18 mills, voters can help guarantee a more stable budget for the district by ensuring the district is able to collect taxes on non-homestead property at the full 18 mills.

What if the millage does not pass?

If the non-homestead millage is not renewed, Fraser Public Schools will continue to not be able to assess the full 18 mills that voters approved in 2014. Due to the Headlee rollback, the district currently assesses 17.4682 mills. This amounts to \$621,923 in lost revenue since 2014.

The State of Michigan will not replace the lost revenue; therefore, Fraser Public Schools would have to reduce programs and staff to reach a balanced budget.

Learn more at www.fraser.k12.mi.us/election2021

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING AMERICAN ROAD TRIP: CITIES

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 2, 2021

BIG EVENTS

Float Building

Powder Puff Football: 6:30 p.m., September 27, Fraser Stadium

Evening Pep Assembly: 4:00 p.m., October 1, Fraser Stadium

Parade: 6:00 p.m., October 1, Garfield & Klein

Game: 7:00 p.m., October 1, Fraser Stadium

Dance: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., October 2, Fraser Stadium

CLASS THEMES AND COLORS

Seniors: Detroit & Black

Juniors: Las Vegas & Red

Sophomores: Nashville & Blue

Freshmen: Hollywood & Gold

SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 4

Monday: USA Day (dress in USA gear)

Tuesday: Tie Dye Tuesday

Wednesday: Country vs. Country Club Day (dress like a cowboy or a prep)

Thursday: Theme-Day Thursday (dress in attire related to your class's city)

Friday: Class Color (2022 - Black, 2023 - Red, 2024 - Blue, 2025 - Gold)

Monday: Get Up and Go Day (wear pajamas or comfy clothes)

HOMECOMING TICKETS

Cost: \$20

After School In Room 1813: September 20 - 23 & September 27 - 28

*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, October 2, on the Fraser Stadium field, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Restrictions:

- ▶ Limos or party buses are strongly discouraged
- ▶ Please consider other forms of transportation
- ▶ Enter RMS from the circle lot off Garfield
- ▶ Girls are encouraged to wear flat/wedge shoes or bring flip flops. Heels are not allowed on the field.

Requirements:

- ▶ Arrive by 8:00 p.m.
- ▶ Bring a photo I.D. 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.

QUESTIONS?

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