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WHEN PASSION MEETS INNOVATION LEARNING IS REVOLUTIONIZED



Watch the latest Fraser Public Schools video as the District continues to redesign education with a focus on competency-based learning.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fraser Families,

One of the greatest challenges for any organization is finding and retaining outstanding talent. As a leader, I have always focused on hiring the most qualified and skilled staff members who are intrinsically motivated to accomplish the mission and vision for Fraser Public Schools. Unfortunately, one of the downsides of having hired such talented individuals is the reality that others will want to hire them, as well. Such is the case of two District administrators who have recently left Fraser Public Schools to pursue outstanding opportunities.

The first, Mr. Steve Berg, had been with our district for 19 years serving as a classroom teacher, building principal and, finally, as our Director of Special Education. Mr. Berg was an outstanding member of our District and will be greatly missed.



Mr. Berg recently accepted a position with the Macomb Intermediate School District and will be serving students throughout Macomb County. Steve's legacy in Fraser will be his focus on always doing what was in the best interest of our students. He was

a strong yet quiet leader who made a significant impact on our Special Education Department during his time as Director. Mr. Berg always used collaboration as a cornerstone of his leadership style, involving key stakeholders.

The second administrator who is moving on is Mrs. Nicole Malak, who has been with our District for the past four years as our Community Relations Coordinator. Mrs. Malak began her position in Fraser at a time when our communications and media relations program were in need of a digital transformation. Through her efforts, Fraser Public Schools is recognized throughout the state of



Michigan as a leader in marketing, branding and communications. Nicole has been recognized for several state and national awards for her work on our marketing campaigns. Her efforts have led to the significant improvements in our monthly newsletters, District website, parent communications and crisis management communications. In her new role, Nicole will be working both locally and nationally in the healthcare sector, promoting wellness and a healthy lifestyle through chiropractic care. Nicole's presence and professionalism will be missed, but her impact on our District will be long-lasting.

Though it is always difficult to lose such talented staff members, it is exciting to see the leaders they become and the opportunities afforded to them as a result of their hard work and incredible skill sets. On behalf of the Fraser Public Schools Board of Education and our staff, we wish Steve and Nicole the very best as they begin this next chapter in their professional careers.

With Fraser Pride,
Dr. Richards

FRASER FAMILY TAILGATE!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Fraser Public Schools invites ALL to join in a celebration of the new school year. Join us at the annual Fraser Family Tailgate and the first home football game against Grosse Pointe North.

Due to inclement weather, tailgate is now located inside the Fraser High School cafeteria.

TAILGATE: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

GAME TIME: 7:00 P.M.

FREE ATTRACTIONS FOR KIDS!

HOT DOGS | DRINKS | DJ
TREATS | INFLATABLES | FRASER SPIRIT
QUANTITIES LIMITED

Fraser Youth Choir

F A L L A U D I T I O N S

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE FHS BAND ROOM (ENTER THROUGH DOOR #51)

Mark your calendars to come sing with Mr. Perkins and Mrs. Hagerty!



Auditions will be held for all current 5th and 6th graders. The parent meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 22, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. and rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the FHS Band Room. Returning members will join us this day.

Rehearsals for the group take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the FHS Band Room.

For questions, please email Mike Perkins at mike.perkins@fraser12.org. Please click below to fill out the registration form prior to the audition.

REGISTER TODAY!

Welcome BACK!



ATHLETIC
BOOSTER CLUB

CRAFT SHOW

**OCTOBER 17, 2015 AT
FRASER HIGH SCHOOL**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
\$2 Entry Fee

No Strollers Please

Administrative Announcements



Jessica Carrier, Director of Special Education

The position of Director of Special Education recently became vacant after Mr. Steven Berg transitioned to a new position with the Macomb Intermediate School District. After several rounds of interviews, Fraser Public Schools is pleased to announce Mrs. Jessica Carrier as our new Director of Special Education. Mrs. Carrier began her career in our District as a member of the special education staff, serving in the role of Resource Room teacher and Teacher Consultant. She also was responsible for providing district-wide direction for all assistive technology for students with special needs. In 2004, Mrs. Carrier transitioned to the role of Assistant Principal at RMS and was named Principal of Richards Middle School in 2011. Mrs. Carrier brings a wealth of building and District-level experience to her new role and will be a wonderful addition to the Central Office administration team and a great leader of the Special Education Department. Her ability to think critically about systems and supporting students will serve our special needs students well.



Huston Julian, Richards Middle School Principal

With Mrs. Carrier's appointment as our Special Education Director, Mr. Huston Julian, Assistant Principal at Fraser High School, has been appointed to the position of Richards Middle School Principal. Mr. Julian began his career at the middle school-level, having spent nearly a decade teaching and assisting with administrative responsibilities prior to joining the FHS staff. Transitioning to the middle school as the RMS principal allows Mr. Julian the opportunity to return to his original passion of working and growing students of this age level.



Kyle Ray, Fraser High School Assistant Principal

With Mr. Julian's transition to Richards Middle School, Mr. Kyle Ray has been appointed to the position of Fraser High School Assistant Principal. Mr. Ray has been a mathematics teacher at Fraser High School for the last nine years. From his work as a teacher leader to the development of the FHS student intramural basketball league, Mr. Ray has been an integral part of the FHS staff. He remains student-centered at his core and is enthusiastic about this new role. With his acceptance of his new position, the leadership team for the 2015-16 school year at Fraser High School will be stronger than ever.



Opening Day For Staff

Back to School season began for staff of Fraser Public Schools on September 1 at Fraser High School. The employees of the District gathered for a Welcome Back Breakfast, followed by two days of Opening Day and professional development activities. New staff members and administrator updates were announced, and the District's latest video was debuted. On September 2, the teachers joined together for professional development with a special keynote from Chris Sturgiss, co-founder of CompetencyWorks.org. It was a great two days of preparation for our students!

FCCLA Students Develop Leadership Skills At National Conference

More than 8,000 nationwide members, advisors, alumni and guests of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), gathered in Washington, D.C., July 4-9 for the 2015 National Leadership Conference. Seven members from Fraser High School were among them.

This year's theme for the conference was "Together we are Healthy." Attendees focused on peer leadership opportunities to address their generation's health, wellness and fitness concerns. Members also took part in trainings that teach professionalism, communication, public speaking skills and more. FHS student Jessica Helfrich, a 2015-2016 FCCLA state officer, attended workshops specifically geared toward her role as a leader for the state.

FCCLA takes students' initiatives and ideas and allows them to develop those into projects and community service opportunities. Along the way, students may ask advice from their advisor, collaborate with their peers, and create a partnership with community members and businesses. At the conference, students were able to showcase their projects during the competitive events. Becky Carson, Madison Winbigler and Danielle Wernette received Gold-medal recognition for their "Promote and Publicize FCCLA" project. Silver-medal recognition was awarded to Kai Martin, Shelby Kaczor and Alyssa Flanagan for their "Focus on Children" project.

The students loved exploring D.C., networking with others, and they were grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a great event! Congratulations to the students for their hard work and dedication.



Bus Driver's Perfect Score

Rolin Gaines, a second-year bus driver for the transportation department, received a 100-percent score on the CDL road skills test. Rolin, who was testing to receive his air brake certification, completed the test with a 100 percent in all four components of the test: inside of the bus, outside of the bus, range test, and road test.

"In the five years of my position, no one has ever received a hundred percent on the road skills test. We are very proud of Rolin's accomplishment," said Steve Burnett. Congratulations, Rolin!



Where Everybody Belongs

The Richards Middle School W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs) orientation was a huge success, thanks to this year's 8th-grade W.E.B. leaders. Ninety W.E.B. leaders volunteered three days of their summer to help ease the transition for incoming 7th-grade students. The first couple of days, students attended five hours of leadership training to prepare for orientation and their mentorship throughout the school year.

On the third day, the 8th-grade leaders were excited and ready to give the 7th graders a welcome they would never forget. The orientation started as a large group in the gymnasium where Miss Thompson, Mr. Whiteley and Mrs. Murray guided all 400 students through some ice-breaking exercises to help them relax and feel good about their new school. The large group was then broken down into smaller groups of 10 where the 7th graders were assigned two W.E.B. leaders. These small groups then traveled to classrooms as the W.E.B. leaders took them through team building activities to help them discover what it takes to be successful at Richards Middle School.



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ANNUAL CHARLEY BROWN GOLF CLASSIC

The Athletic Department's Charley Brown Golf Classic was held on Monday, August 10, at Gowanie Golf Club. Over 120 golfers joined in the fun for a great day packed with golfing, contests and prizes. The funds raised from the event will go towards providing college scholarships for our student athletes.

This year, Class of 2015 graduate Marcus Bowers, stopped by the event to share his appreciation as he received a scholarship from the 2014 Charley Brown Golf Classic. The event is named after Dr. Brown, a local dentist and the first President of the Athletic Booster Club. Since its inception, the Booster Club has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Fraser Athletics.



LOOKING FORWARD *UPCOMING EVENTS* CALENDAR BY SCHOOL

DISNEY ELEMENTARY

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/14– 6th-Grade Camp
- 09/16
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/17 2nd and 3rd Grade Meet the Teacher Night in Media Center, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- 09/22 PTO Meeting in Media Center, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- 09/23 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/30 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Meet the Teacher Night in Media Center, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

DOOLEY CENTER

- 09/10 Preschool Registration Day Open House, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- 09/14 Pre K 4's and Flex Meet the Teacher, 12:30–3:00 p.m. and 6:00–7:30 p.m.; Focus Four Starts
- 09/15 Pre K 3's Meet the Teacher, 12:30–3:00 p.m. and 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- 09/16 4-year-old Pre K and Flex Starts
- 09/17 3-Year-Old Pre K Starts; DK and ECSE Early Release; DK Curriculum Night, 7–8:30 p.m.
- 09/18 Pre K 4's and Flex Fort Fraser Picnic, 9:00–11:30 a.m. and 12:30–3:00 p.m.
- 09/22 Pre K 3's and Flex Curriculum Night, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- 09/23 DK and ECSE Early Release; Pre K 4's Curriculum Night, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- 09/24 Toddler Time First Day; Pre K 3's Fort Fraser Picnic 9:00–11:30 a.m. and 12:30–3:00 p.m.
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EDISON ELEMENTARY

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/15 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 09/23 Draw Your Destiny Assembly (All Grades)
- 09/24 Annual PTO Sponsored Walk-a-Thon, 1:30 p.m.

- 09/28 Fall School Picture Day
- 10/06 Dentists R Us Visits Edison
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your child to school today.

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/17 Picture Day
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/21– 6th-Grade Camp
- 09/23
- 09/23 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

EMERSON ELEMENTARY

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/23 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/29 Picture Day
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 7:30–11:44 a.m.
- 09/24 Meet the Teacher at FHS Auditorium, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 7:30–11:44 a.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 8:05 a.m.–12:25 p.m.
- 09/23 Meet the Teacher, 7:00 p.m. *Please meet with the student's "Team Teacher."*
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 8:05 a.m.–12:25 p.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

SALK ELEMENTARY

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/23 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

TWAIN ELEMENTARY

- 09/11 Fraser Family Tailgate at FHS Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- 09/15 Meet the Teacher, 6:30–7:00 p.m. for Session 1 and 7:00–7:15 p.m. for Session 2
- 09/15 Parent Club Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- 09/17 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 09/23 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/01 District Provided Early Release, 8:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 10/07 Count Day – The State of Michigan uses attendance records from this day to determine funding for our schools. Please plan on sending your students to school today.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

ONCE UPON A HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 12 – 17, 2015

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

BIG EVENTS

Powder Puff Football: 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 12, Fraser Stadium
Float Building: 5 – 9 p.m., October 13 – 15, FHS Homes
Evening Pep Assembly: 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, FHS Gym
Parade: 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, Garfield & Klein
Game: 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, Fraser Stadium
Dance: 7 – 10 p.m., Saturday, October 17, Richards Middle School

HOMECOMING T-SHIRT SALES

Cost: \$10 each
Orientation: All Dates
Fraser Family Tailgate: September 11, Fraser High School
School Store: September 8 – October 15
Class Theme and Color:
 2016 – Alice in Wonderland and Red
 2017 – Peter Pan and Purple
 2018 – The Wizard of Oz and Yellow
 2019 – Hansel & Gretel and Orange

HOMECOMING COURT

Nomination Forms: Available in Room 1813, September 8 – 14.
 Forms are due to Ms. Witt in Room 1813 by September 18 at 9:00 a.m.
Court Elections: Week of September 21
King/Queen Election: Week of September 28
 King and Queen will be announced at halftime of the football game.

SPIRIT WEEK: OCTOBER 12 – 16

Monday: Get Up & Go (PJs, sweats, comfy clothes)
Tuesday: Toddler Tuesday (dress like you did when you were a kid)
Wednesday: Wicked Wednesday (dress like your favorite villain)
Thursday: Fairytale Theme (dress like any fairytale character)
Friday: Class Color (2016 – Red, 2017 – Purple, 2018 – Yellow, 2019 – Orange)

HOMECOMING TICKETS

Cost: \$20 each
Orientations: All Dates
After School In Room 1813: October 5 – 8
 Tickets will not be sold at the dance.
Regulations: All fines and fees (including book deposit) must be paid in order to purchase a homecoming 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, October 17, at Richards Middle School, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Restrictions:
 • Limos or party buses are strongly discouraged. Please consider using other forms of transportation.
 • Enter RMS from the circle lot off Garfield.
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 adhere to the dress code as described in the Code of Conduct.

QUESTIONS?

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