

Faribault Middle School 2017-2018 School Year Information *All Means All*

Welcome Back!

We have been working hard all summer in preparation for the new school year. FMS has many exciting changes that we'd like to share with you in this newsletter. We will provide more information during Open House on August 30th. Informational sessions will be held in the cafeteria at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. You can also visit our school website where more detailed information regarding all items in this newsletter can be found.

<http://fms.faribault.k12.mn.us/>

Please feel free to contact either administrator with any questions.

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Modified Block Schedule

Students will have a Main day schedule which is a 7-period day, an Odd Day Block Schedule, and an Even Day Block Schedule. The Odd block days are for periods 1,3,5,7 and Even block days are for 2,4,6 and an Academic Seminar period. Please look at the Faribault Middle School Weekly Bell Schedule enclosed.

Note New Start time: 7:50am.

With the new schedule students at FMS have true electives for the first time.

Students have more options for elective courses this year. We are very excited for our new course offerings and new additions to our FMS staff!



FMS will be implementing PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) this year. Look for school wide expectations at Open House.



LUNCH

We will have three lunches this year, one per grade level. Look at the daily schedule for times. Lunches start a little later too!



BREAKFAST

Second Chance breakfast will be served from 8:24-8:46 daily.

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ADVISORY

Each student will be assigned an Advisor for their time at FMS.

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ACADEMIC SEMINAR

Academic Seminar will provide enrichment opportunities and academic support for all students.

Conference Format Has Changed to Student-Led Conferences!

Faribault Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference format is changing to Student-Led Conferences (SLCs). During the conference, students will lead the conference from start to finish. Students will discuss their areas of strength, areas of growth and show their family samples of their work in a digital portfolio. Advisory teachers will host the scheduled conference and provide additional feedback. Families will have the opportunity to schedule their conference times at our open house night! Families will have an opportunity to visit briefly with other teachers during the drop-in times before or after the scheduled conference. See enclosed Save the Date sheet for conference dates.



What else is new?

We have a new look and set up to our offices. FMS now has two new areas for students. Check out the new Student Services area and Counseling Center at Open House. We are very fortunate to welcome Mrs. Dahlstrom, our Behavior Interventionist to our FMS staff. Another noteworthy change is the addition to every day courses with the exception of Phy. Ed. and Health that are paired together. We no longer have Green and White days.



Academic Seminar: Another exciting new piece of our middle school will be Academic Seminar. On our even-block days, students will have an 8th period reserved for two additional academic times that meets their needs. Students, working closely with their advisor and content teachers, will be able to choose to work in a class they may need more help in, explore deeper content in an enrichment course, or participate in a community service activity. Each of these options, and others, will allow students to explore other areas of learning or go back and master content that was missed.

ADVISORY

Advisory is a place to build community through: connecting with an adult, building relationships, communication, academic support, future planning, and citizenship.

Each student at Faribault Middle School will have an Advisor that they stay with for their entire time at FMS. The Advisor will be the contact between school and home. Students meet with their Advisors three times a week. Student lockers will be placed with the Advisories this year.

Components of Advisory are: PBIS, College and Career Readiness, Character Education, Academic Progress Monitoring, and Relationship building.

Students will also prepare for Student-Led Conferences during Advisory.

