



Greetings Ferndale Families!

We are super excited about Week #2 of SY21-22. Here are a few important updates and reminders.

### **Instruction**

The week of August 23, 2021 is a normal instructional week and the instructional day begins at 9:20 AM each day. Please do not drop your student off before 9:00 AM each day as we need to ensure there is appropriate supervision for our students at all times.

Students that arrive after 9:20 am will be marked tardy, receive a phone call home, and multiple tardies will result in an impact to their attendance record and student event participation.

### **Transportation**

If you are experiencing transportation issues at this time with an assignment you have already been provided, please contact our front office and we will be happy to assist you. If you have made a transportation request as recently as last week, it will take up to 10 days to fulfill this request. For further assistance with transportation see below:

[Who to contact](#) detailed contact list for Transportation Services.

[Here Comes the Bus](#) – Provides student bus assignment, GPS tracking of the bus arrival for pick up.

[School Bus Locator](#) – Provides parents access to view bus route information, student ID and birthdate are required to log in. Bus information will only exist if a request has been submitted.

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[Parent Portal](#) – PowerSchool Transportation tab contains student bus assignment information.

[School bus stop appeal](#) - allows parents to request a change to their student's bus stop.

### **Athletics**

On Friday, August 20, 2021, students were provided the opportunity to express their interest in participating in our Athletics program this year. Please note that there is an academic and behavioral requirement that students will be required to adhere to in order to participate. Further information regarding COVID-19 testing for students participating in our athletics program will be provided this week.

### **OneCard**

Our school will be transitioning to the use of One Card by the end of August. All students will be required to have their OneCard with them daily the beginning of the instructional day in order to enter the building and prior to that, to board their busses daily. We will alert parents of the first day of our One Card transition via a Connect Ed message and a flyer home.

### **Technology:**

All Grade 6 and 7 students have been provided a laptop or Chromebook to use for instructional purposes. Grade 8 students will devices this week.

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### **Cell Phones:**

A reminder that the use of cell phones for purposes other than an approved instructional activity are strictly prohibited. Parents, please remind students that they are to keep their cell phones in their backpacks during the school day unless instructed otherwise by a teacher or administrator that it can be used for instructional purposes. Non-adherence to this policy will result in a disciplinary action.

### **Front Office Hours:**

Our Front Office phones are answered between the hours of 8:45 AM and 4:45 PM. Our office number is 336-819-2855.

### **Nutrition:**

Breakfast will be served daily from 9:00 AM to 9:20 AM and is free for all students. Lunch will be served daily according to each grade level schedule. A la carte items will not be available the first week of school for student purchase.

### **Safety:**

All students are REQUIRED to wear masks at all times in class and common areas in the building.

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Students exhibiting any symptoms such as fever, cough, weakness, headache, etc. should NOT be sent to school.

### **Car Riders:**

To keep our car rider line moving in the morning, please ensure that students have their masks on, bookbags sealed, OneCards ready, and are prepared to exit the vehicle as quickly as possible. Please do not stop or park your vehicle in the car rider line. Parking is available in surrounding areas of the school lot.

### **Early Dismissal:**

Early dismissal will not occur before 2:30pm, and only then with prior notice to the front office. Early dismissal for students will be permitted for medical reasons and student or family emergencies, etc.

### **Immunizations:**

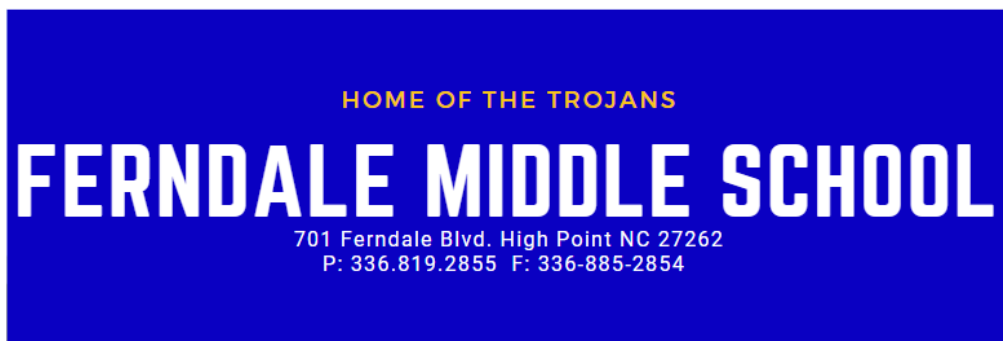
Parents of Grade 7 students are reminded that your student must have the TDAP booster and MCV Vaccine before the school year begins. If you see your pediatrician annually, this has likely already been administered. If you are contacted to ensure that your student has received the immunization, please ensure that you have the appropriate documentation to submit with your student this week.

Have a great week!

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**FOCUS** for the 2021-2022 school year – **Love, Joy, Learning!**

**FMS VISION STATEMENT**

Ferndale Middle is a global learning community that inspires innovative leaders.

**FMS MISSION STATEMENT**

Ferndale Middle creates an empowering culture that fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and achievement.

**FMS SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATION-** At Ferndale Middle, we show  
**“PRIDE”**:

- Positive Attitude
- Respect
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Excellence – in all we do.

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