

Finn Hill Middle School Matters

Nov. 6th, 2020
Tenth Edition



Dr. Joseph Smith
Principal, FHMS

New Information

Java with Joseph

Yesterday's Java with Joseph session, was well attended. Several parents joined the meeting and shared their perspectives on remote learning. Parents and guardians explained the challenges with engaging students throughout the day. Several themes emerged from the meeting:

- Students need to receive their feedback sooner
- Revisit Falcon Time as a time to engage students in multiple ways
- Parents/ Guardians can benefit from having a network to support one another
- Navigation between Skyward and Teams is confusing

They also offered helpful feedback which will be brought to the next FHMS Peer Engagement and Grading Policy Team meetings. If you cannot join the Java With Joseph meetings due to prior obligations, no problem! Email me with any questions or concerns that you would like me to address. Our next Java with Joseph is on Thursday, November 19th, I will host a meeting for parents and guardians. We will discuss selected topics on FHMS. We are open to your feedback. Please feel free to email me your questions and thoughts.

[Finn Hill Middle School
Schedule Link](#)

Content Library Links

You can visit each of these OneNote content libraries for grade level information and weekly overviews for core classes.

[6th Grade OneNote](#)

[7th Grade OneNote](#)

[8th Grade OneNote](#)

Upcoming Event:

Library News

"No-contact book check out is now available. Please follow the instructions Mr. Strong has posted on the library Teams page. All holds must be placed by Friday, pick-up can only occur on Mondays from 2 to 4 per district safety guidelines."

Announcements and Updates

October 2020 Counseling Newsletter:

<https://www.lwsd.org/fs/resource-manager/view/dd1f185c-0f34-4a90-9f1d-0cc2f5f33da4>

8th Grade AVID Donation Info:

<https://www.lwsd.org/fs/resource-manager/view/3e410e90-af04-4686-9a95-32f38e84d684>

- Mrs. Collett is starting an official Cooking and Baking Club for Finn Hill Students. Come meet with other foodies to discuss, learn, and have fun. While she is still figuring out all the details, please fill out this form if you are interested in joining.
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=P2fUH5bflUaGOKHYjEyF15ea2ziQ0hdBgTuqOrkgIEZURFhIUkM3VIY0SldHNkczOVRIWUHVWjgzWS4u>

Emergency Contacts

- We highly encourage every student to have information for at least **two** emergency contacts on file with the school. Currently there are many students who have zero or one emergency contact listed. Whenever school reopens it will be important to have someone readily available to pick up your student should they show symptoms of illness at school, as they will be sent home immediately.
- To check your emergency contacts or to add someone to the list, go to [Skyward Family Access](#) (click the green button on the district's "For Students & Families" page). You can also contact the registrar, Tara Eason, to add an emergency contact (email: teason@lwsd.org | phone: 425-936-2340).

Finn Hill Middle School Matters

Nov. 6th, 2020
Tenth Edition



Dr. Joseph Smith
Principal, FHMS

Where we are headed next!

Our next steps are to finalize spaces for students to engage with each other. This should be solidified in approximately one week. We will provide open space, where students decide on engagement activities. In addition to student selected spaces, we will have structured Affinity groups for targeted students, such as LGBTQ, Latino Boys, etc.

Also, beginning Nov 18th, I will host meetings with students. The goal is to create a space for students to express how we can improve student engagement. More information will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

November

11th- No-School Veterans Day

17th- PTSA Meeting

18th- Juice with Dr. Joseph Smith (students)

19th- Java with Dr. Joseph Smith (parents/guardians)

25th- Half Day

26th-27th – Thanksgiving Vacation

Shout-Outs-

Please forward any shout-out to me by Thursday of each week!

- **Shoutout to Lesley Crawford, Taylor Holland, Tanner Williams and Kerri McGibbon for welcoming a newcomer and short timer into their Health/PE class crew. They have been fun to collaborate with and have been extremely helpful sharing ideas, lessons and their time with me.**
- **Shout-Out to Anika K. Sakoda for closing on her house this week!**
- **Shout-Out to FHMS-PTSA for their tremendous support !**
- **Shout-Out to FHMS Staff for supporting students with your collaborative spirit and brilliant thinking!**

Helpful Links

- **TSA (Technology Student Association):**

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602257238/lwsdorg/siwehl29wqllefo2tcsq/TSAAnnouncement.pdf>

- **PTSA Reflections Art Contest**

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602786502/lwsdorg/wcokapyej8ydc8pcfzoh/PTSAReflectionsflyerinfo.pdf>

- **G.L.O.W. Club Flyer (Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever Club):**

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602005563/lwsdorg/pvqlza7m2zuozz8gohs0/GLOWPoster.pdf>

- **Yearbook Sale Ad**

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1602170273/lwsdorg/hdmzpkkyok6fzu0cnzwe/YearbookFlyer_FullAd.png

Once again, we thank each of you for helping to make remote learning successful. Have a great weekend!



Joseph Smith Ed.D. (He/him/his)
Proud Principal Finn Hill Middle School/ EAS
Phone (425) 936-2340
Web www.lwsd.org Email jsmith@lwsd.org