



## Back-to-School Bulletin –Welcome to the 22-23 School Year!

### Brave Welcome

There's lots to check out during our Brave Welcome days, August 24 & 25.

Students and parents can take care of all steps during their class's allotted times during our Brave Welcome. Lockers, schedules, class fees, activity participation fees, spirit packs, lunch accounts, PE uniforms, FHS clothing from our student store, and parking permits can all be finalized during this time.

Freshmen and new students should allow an hour to complete all the steps. We will have copies of schedules for freshmen; all other students should access their schedule and locker assignment online through PowerSchool. Power School opens on August 22.

<b>Grade 9</b>	Commons	Wednesday, August 24	Last Names A-G:	10-11:30
			Last Names H-O:	12-1:30
			Last Names P-Z:	1:30-3:00

<b>Grade 10</b>	Main Office	Thursday, August 25	1:00-4:00 PM
<b>Grade 11</b>	Main Office	Thursday, August 25	9:00-12:00
<b>Grade 12</b>	Main Office	Thursday, August 25	7:00-9:00 AM

Any student unable to make these dates and times is welcome to select a different time.

### Senior Locker Selection

A senior tradition at FHS, 12<sup>th</sup> graders can pick their own lockers in Senior Hall on August 25. Line up outside the east Commons doors. 5:00 AM is the earliest students may congregate on campus. We open the doors at 7:00 AM on August 25. Instructions are given at that time on how to select your locker.

### Payments

We can process cash, check, and credit card payments.

Class fees – Art, AG Ed, Vocational	\$15-40
Culinary Pro Start – additional certification fee	\$30
PE Uniforms-All freshmen are required to purchase one. Older students can reuse ones from previous years. Two semesters of PE are required for graduation.	\$18
Activity Participation Fee; fee to participate in each FHS sport (Paid via PowerSchool Parent Portal)	\$35
Activity Pass; required by students participating in Activities (Paid via GoFan: <a href="https://gofan.co/app/events/645334?schoolId=MT19789">https://gofan.co/app/events/645334?schoolId=MT19789</a> )	\$30
Activity ticket (students not participating in Activities)	\$30
Spirit pack	\$30 & up
Lunch account –Any dollar amount can be deposited, allowing students to use their ID number to pay for meals each day.	
Flathead gear will be available for purchase (optional)	
Yearbook (optional)	\$60

## Additional Back-to-School Information

### Communication to Families

Informational and emergency communication occurs via Constant Contact, Sendit, and our Bright Arrow phone and email system. We send emails, texts, and voice messages throughout the year. Be sure to check your promotions, junk mail, and spam folders if you are not receiving emails.

### Freshman Day

The first day of school for 9<sup>th</sup> graders is Wednesday, August 31, a day for **Freshmen only**. This day is designed to help ease the transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is full of activities to help Freshmen become acquainted with FHS. All buses run on the regular time schedule. This is a regular school day and attendance will be taken. Classes that would regularly meet off campus or at the Ag Center meet in the Commons.

### Student ID

All students are provided a student identification card at no charge. Students may use last year's ID until they are issued a new student ID after picture day. Students who do not have an ID card can use their student ID number found on their schedule until they receive an ID. IDs come from the school pictures, taken on September 12 & 13.

### Athletics

Sign up for fall athletics by going to the FHS Activities Tab on the school website:

<https://flathead.sd5.k12.mt.us/athletics/fhs-activities-home-page>). Practices start on August 10 (golf, football); August 11 (cheer); August 12 (volleyball, soccer, cross country) and August 22 (flag football).

### FHS Booster Club

If your child is involved in school activities or athletics, he/she benefits from the Flathead Booster Club. This fundraising group provides meals and supports uniform purchases for our various groups. Membership is easy, and you can participate as little or as much as you'd like in our fundraising events. Check us out at [flatheadboosterclub.com](http://flatheadboosterclub.com).

### Lunch Account

Students can deposit money into their account at the cafeteria and then purchase food by accessing their account. Free and reduced lunch forms are available at the cafeteria or in the main office, and all information is kept confidential.

### Pay Fees Online

Please visit your PowerSchool Parent Portal to make most school-related fee payments online via credit card. Available August 20.

### School Pictures

School pictures for grades 9, 10, and 11 are on September 12 & 13 in the high school auditorium foyer. If a student does not plan on purchasing a class picture, they still need to have their photo taken in order to receive a student ID and be included in the yearbook. Dress code applies; ask at the main office if you have questions. Senior portraits for the yearbook are due November 22, 2022. Information can be found in the Student Handbook.

### Parking Permits

All students parking on school property during school hours are required to display a parking permit. Permits are issued free of charge (first permit ONLY) at the FHS office at the beginning of the school year. Students must bring a current vehicle registration in order to secure a parking permit. If you obtained a permit last year, it is valid for the current year. Permits are non-transferable between vehicles. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for lost or additional permits. **Flathead parking permits are not valid in the residential parking district.** Residential parking permits are available at City of Kalispell offices.

### Flathead Parent Group

Interested in getting involved at FHS? The Flathead Parent Group meets a few times each year, with their first meeting Wednesday, September 7, at 12:00 noon in the FHS conference room. The Parent Group is a volunteer organization whose mission is to encourage and support the student body, staff, and families of FHS. In addition to providing staff appreciation, student birthday candy bars, and other supports, this group hosts parent education events on topics relevant to raising teens.

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## **Open House – Flathead Family Night**

We will be hosting our open house on Wednesday, September 7, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The evening will kick off with a free dinner in the commons. Please mark your calendars – more information to follow!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. Our main office line is 751-3500, or stop by the main office.