



# Franklin News Flash

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## Coordinator's Message

Greetings FSO Parents/Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we prepare for the arrival of the fall season. We would like to provide you with important information to ensure you are updated with district updates, as well as, FSO information that will keep you informed throughout the school year. FSO will be sending Monthly newsletters for your convenience so that we can answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please take the time to email me with questions or concerns, that I can share with other FSO parents/guardians, and I will take the time to answer in the next edition of the monthly **Franklin News Flash**.

Just a few things to keep in mind as we move into the first quarter...

- 1. Attendance:** Please remind students that FSO starts at 9:00am. Students need to be on time and in class at 9:00am. Tardiness does count against student's attendance according to the state attendance policy.
- 2. Parent-Teacher Communication:** Open Communication between parents and teachers is important for your child's success. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, or the school office, if you have any questions or concerns.
- 3. Fall Activities:** Look forward to exciting fall activities and events, such as sports events, homecoming, and other events that will be posted on our FSO website and main hallway board. We are excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to a strong partnership with you and your child. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me, our school counselor Mr. Maruk, or our school secretary, Mrs. Atfield.

Have a wonderful and enjoyable fall season!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Terrilynn Bornino-Elwell, B.S.Ed., M.Ed.  
Coordinator of Alternative Education  
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

### PSAT EXAM

Wednesday 10/11 8:45am

Grades 8, 9, 10, & 11

This includes online & offsite students.

7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders DO NOT report on 10/11.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday 10/5 4:00-7:00

Wednesday 10/11 3:00-6:00



# Building Expectations

1. Respect peers and staff.  
*(Positive interactions)*
2. Come prepared to each class.  
*(Chromebook)*
3. Make progress each day.  
*(Plato & classwork)*
4. Be on-time  
*(9:00)*
5. Behave appropriately.  
*(No swearing, No touching, etc.)*



## PLEASE REMEMBER...

...**Backpacks are not permitted** at FSO. Students who wish to carry their supplies were issued a clear backpack. West Shore students and athletes who require a backpack should leave it in the office upon arrival each day.

...**Students are not permitted to use their cell phones in the classroom**, unless the teacher gives permission.

...Currently, **all middle school students** are to turn their phones into the office before class for the duration of the school day, and **all high school students** must turn their phones in at the beginning of each class unless otherwise stated by the teacher.

...**Please have your student bring an empty reusable water bottle to school each day for water.** We do not supply water bottles or cups. Drinking fountains and water dispensers are now currently working for student use.

# Class of 2024

*Hey Seniors...*

Please see Mr. Maruk's Google Classroom for the **SENIOR CALENDAR!**



**PANORAMIC SENIOR PHOTO**  
will be taken on Thursday 10/12 @ LHS!

**INDIVIDUAL SENIOR PICTURES**  
will be taken on Monday 10/30 @ LHS  
in the Civic Auditorium!

## JOKE OF THE DAY!

**Q: What did one leaf say to the other leaf?**

**A: I'm falling for you!**



# REMINDERS "online learning" INFORMATION

## PLATO

**\*All ONLINE/ON-SITE students** should be working on electives and/or credit recovery during Mr. Chiaravalle's period and during maker space at the end of the day. This **should not** be viewed as "study hall" time.

**\*These courses will need to be completed in order to earn credits towards graduation.**



## PLATO

**\*All ONLINE/OFF-SITE students** are required to work **25 hours per week** and making progress in PLATO.

**\*Online Career-Tech students have different requirements.**

\*Online students are also required to **check-in once a week!**

This is in accordance with Ohio State Attendance Laws for online students.

Students who continue to miss hours and/or check-ins will be required to attend FSO in person. Students will be marked ABSENT if they do not attend.

Continued missed hours will result in an attendance plan and court filing.

## **HIGH SCHOOL INFO!!!**

*From the desk of Mr. Maruk...*

All FSO high school students received an updated copy of their graduation checklist/credit check in June with their report card or in August at orientation. Over the next few weeks I will be making my way around to the classrooms to provide additional copies and discuss with each student.



## PBIS = Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

FSO will again be utilizing the "Golden Ticket" program this year. Students can earn tickets (Purple for MS, Gold for HS) for exhibiting positive behavior. These tickets go towards earning a gift card and can also be used to purchase various prizes from our new PBIS store. Please reach out to Ms. DePauw with any questions.



## Mr. Chiaravalle & Ms. Tovtin

Hello Students, Parents & Guardians,

Happy September!

\*Chromebooks - All FSO students have been issued a Chromebook. We strongly recommend that on-site students leave their Chromebook each day to charge overnight. This will ensure that Chromebooks are not left at home or damaged outside of school.

We would like to "THANK YOU" for meeting with us online this week. Everyone's doing a great job to begin the school year and we look forward to working with you all. Just a reminder, students **are required to check in weekly** with Mr. Chiaravalle and/or Ms. Tovtin. If you have any other questions or concerns about the hours and online learning State Requirements, please contact FSO at (216) 529-4037.

### **Now on to some housekeeping:**

- 1. By now you should be logged in, if not, please get moving... you have some ground work to make up.***
- 2. If you complete a course, you need to inform Mr. Maruk and include Mr. Chiaravalle or Ms. Tovtin in that email. This will ensure that he can look at your credits and requirements and see if we can get you into another course ASAP.***

If you have any questions, please reach out to us via email.

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For anyone who has been following the journey of Coach Prime...Deion Sanders, who played football when I did, we have the same mentality and approach toward life and our calling to help kids.

You are all amazing and we will show you how to create "**OPTIONS**" for your life!

*We **BELIEVE** in you and you need to **BELIEVE** in yourself!*





Please take time to go over the dress code that was revised last year. Thank you.

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# DRESS CODE

## PreK-12

### A. SAFETY

Safety and security require that, at the middle school and high school levels, IDs are part of the student dress code. At these levels IDs must be worn and visible at all times. Students may not conceal their identity. Violations will be dealt with in a serious manner.

Masking under board policy 8450.01 is not applicable to this section.

### B. ACCEPTABILITY

Final decision as to acceptability of attire rests with the school administration. We acknowledge there are specialized programs within the district and those programs may require attire outside of the designated dress code. All exceptions must be approved by school administration.

### C. PHILOSOPHY

Student dress codes need to support equitable educational access and not reinforce gender stereotypes. Student dress codes and administrative enforcement should not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, household income, gender identity or cultural observance. Our LCS Dress Code is designed to address recent controversy and conversation both across the nation and locally about overreaching and detrimental dress codes for some PreK-12 school students.

### D. VALUES & BELIEFS

Our values and beliefs are:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff must understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self-expression.
- Teachers should be able to focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.
- Students should not face unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent discipline must be minimized whenever possible.
- Staff should refer all disciplinary concerns to the building administration and should not approach students directly regarding concerns/violations

### E. GOALS OF OUR STUDENT DRESS CODE

Our student dress code aims to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body) or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses the gender with which they identify
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.

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- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style.

## F. DRESS CODE BASICS

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parents/guardians. The district and each school within are responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student. Students should be given the most choice possible in how they dress for school. Restrictions are necessary to support the overall educational goals of the district.

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, and nipples are covered with opaque material.

### 2. Students Must Wear:

- Shirt
- Bottom: pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/dress/leggings
- Shoes: activity-specific shoe requirements are permitted (for example for sports)

High-school courses with curricular attire (professionalism, public speaking, job readiness) may include assignment-specific dress, but should not focus on covering of the body or promoting culturally-specific attire.

### 3. Students May Not Wear:

- Violent language or images. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of the same.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Language or images that create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- Visible underwear. Visible waistbands or straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.
- Sunglasses inside of the building
- Crop Tops, Halter Tops, Spaghetti straps or bathing suits (except for aquatics)
- Hats/Headwear that conceal the student's identity
- Hoods inside of the building

With thanks to *Oregon NOW Model Dress Code, 2016*



Snacks are now available for purchase for students during lunch. Cafeteria staff does not accept cash so please be sure to add money to student lunch accounts online through PaySchools (see website below). Cash payments can be made through the FSO office **BEFORE** lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.



LUNCH MENUS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE ONLINE!

<https://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/departments/nutrition-services>