

MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EDITION

AUGUST 25TH, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for coming to Back-to-School Night last week! It was wonderful to see you on campus. We appreciate your support in prioritizing attendance, academics, balance, and social emotional learning.

Good news! Our attendance rate is currently at 95.8%, that is approximately 2% higher than last year at this time of the year.

Importance of Arriving to Class on Time

Students arriving late to class can be disruptive to the learning environment and miss crucial instructional time. Starting Tuesday, 8/27/24, we will be implementing a new system, Pure Data, to improve accuracy and communication of students late to class. Students late to any class will be required to come to the student store to obtain a late pass. When they come to the student store, we will scan their ID card. This will automatically log the time that the student arrived and send a communication to the parent/guardian. The system will also assign consequences after multiple lates to class. Please talk to your child about the importance of getting to all classes on time. Note: Students that arrive late due to bus transportation will receive a pass as they exit the bus to excuse their late arrival.

- Informational Resources:
 - [Pure Data Reference Document 2024-2025](#)
 - Students Advisory Presentation: [Pure Data](#)

School Site Council Meeting - Change of Date

The School Site Council is a team of teachers, staff, parents, and students who look at student data and information, and identifies needs and areas for improvement. The team reviews and revises the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Members are elected and we do have open positions. Join us on

Wednesday, September 4 at 5pm via Teams.

- Microsoft Teams :[Join the meeting](#)

Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

Daily attendance is the #1 indicator of emotional wellness and academic growth. Download the PowerSchool app to see real-time updates on your student's attendance, grades, and behavior. Our goal this year is to strive for under five absences this school year. Students that are present for twenty consecutive days will earn a Marauder water bottle, which they will get to add decals throughout the year.

Internet Access

If our Mitchell student is in need of internet to access the curriculum at home, please reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Lal to request a hotspot.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Mitchell students and families have a number of different academic support resources available. Our staff is making many efforts to create academic success here at Mitchell Middle School! If you are not sure who to contact, please reach out to Mrs. Hatcher, chatcher@fcusd.org, or if you have any questions about the opportunities listed below. Making success for the new school year starts now! Please do not wait until the end of the marking period is nearing to ask the questions and look for the opportunities that will build strong learning and skills now.

- Please contact teachers with specific details to make sure students get support when they need it.
- Know that counselors want to assist you in keeping your student in good academic and social circumstances for the semester. If you have concerns about more than one class for your student, please communicate with the appropriate counselor:
 - Last Names A-L: Mrs. Johnson can be reached at lmjohnson@fcusd.org
 - Last Names M-Z: Mrs. Zilles can be reached at mzilles@fcusd.org
- Tutoring and Math support will be available during lunch every Tuesday in the Project Room. Students do not need to prepare in advance to attend: they should come to the Project Room at the start of lunch to get a lunch line pass and then return to eat and learn.
- Flex Time during Advisory will begin after Labor Day. More details as the time approaches!
- Our Bilingual Instructional Assistants will hold tutoring sessions and offer assistance during Advisory Flex, during the school day, and after school. Times, days, subjects, and locations vary: Please email chatcher@fcusd.org for specific details for academic support in Spanish and Russian.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM

How to Report an Absence

- Voicemail or an Email to awashington@fcusd.org
- In- person, parent written note, but the quickest way is by utilizing our link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1chD3Q-jyQJsMveh6OirVLXhZuLDL_MT-P31hxrcNE6M/edit. Please save on your browser for easier access.
- Leave voicemail on the attendance line at 916-294-9050.
- For early dismissals, please leave a voicemail or email awashington@fcusd.org.
- ***Going on a trip?*** Contact the admin office at least 2 weeks prior to request info on short- term independent study for your student.
- The district does not accept medical notes with indefinite dates of absences.
- If you need to fax a document, please send it to 916-294-2477.

Attendance Update

- Parents are allowed to excuse 10 parent verified absences each school year (IPV). This includes appointments, mental health days and sick days.
- For each of your student's medical or dental appointments, please obtain a medical note and turn into the admin office ASAP. This excuses their absences and saves your IPV's.

- All parents/ guardians should download the PowerSchool and Parent Square App on their phone. This will grant you access to your student's grades, attendance and allow you to directly email your student's teachers.
- If your student feels their attendance was marked in error, please have them talk to their teacher. The teacher will bring in an attendance correction form to the admin office.

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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| ● Monday, August 26 | Week of Math Star Diagnostic |
| ● Tuesday, August 27 | Begin use of Pure Data |
| ● Tuesday, August 27 | Cross Country Parent Informational Meeting, 4pm, Library |
| ● Wednesday, August 28 | Girls Volleyball Parent Informational Meeting, 4:45pm, Library |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| ● Monday, September 2 | Labor Day - No Instruction |
| ● Wednesday, September 4 | School Site Council (Virtual) Meeting |
| ● Wednesday, September 11 | Sports Picture Day - during practice |
| ● Wednesday, September 11 | English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Parent Meeting |
| ● Monday, September 16 | Fall School Pictures |
| ● Wednesday, October 9 | Early Release Day, 1:35pm |
| ● Friday, October 11 | End of Quarter 1 - Minimum Day, 12:45pm |

In partnership,
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