



Dear Falcon Creek Middle School Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year and my third year here at Falcon Creek! These last two years have easily been the fastest and most fun of my career. I am so grateful to this amazing school community for the support, involvement, and trust you have provided me and all of the staff here at Falcon Creek, it has been an absolute pleasure! I'm sure you are all enjoying a busy summer and we've been busy here too. The building is getting some much needed renovations and repairs and we can't wait for all of you to see the new FMS this fall! But, before then, we have quite a bit of information to share as we kick-off the school year. We have opted to include all of the "back-to-school" information here in this communication rather than send multiple messages throughout the summer. So, please keep this email handy as you may need to refer to it often.

See you soon!

Sincerely,

Lara Kibbee

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, August 7** student schedules will be available via Powerschool starting at 4:00 PM.
- **Thursday, August 8** is the 6th Grade Parent Academy from 6:00-8:00 PM (*additional information will be sent directly to 6th grade families*)
- **Monday, August 12** is the first day of school for 7th & 8th Grade students. (6th graders at home)
- **Tuesday, August 13** is the first day of school for 6th Grade students. (7th & 8th graders at home)
- **Wednesday, August 14** all students will attend.
- **Thursday, August 29** is Back-to-School Night for all grades from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Check-in Procedures

To complete the check-in process, all students must have updated Parent Forms. Parent Forms will be available Monday, July 8th and can be accessed by visiting my.cherrycreekschools.org and clicking the **PowerSchool / Parent Forms** tile. ALL new and returning students must have Parent Forms completed prior to the start of school. If you have more than one child in Cherry Creek Schools, please complete the process for each of your children. For questions regarding Parent Forms, please contact our Registrar, Mrs. Katy Turner, by email at kturner2@cherrycreekschools.org or call 720-886-7813.

6th Grade Student Orientation

Our 6th Grade Student Orientation will take place during the morning of **August 13**. This experience is designed to assist incoming 6th graders with their transition to middle school and will be a great opportunity for students to engage in some fun activities, meet new friends, and learn from 8th Grade Leadership students. Students should arrive by 8:40 AM and will be dismissed at 3:45 PM. School buses will be available for students who normally ride the bus during the school year. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle, writing utensil, and spiral notebook and to dress comfortably as the day will be active. For questions, please contact the Main Office at 720-886-7745.

Back-to-School Night

All students and their families are invited to our Back-to-School Night (BTSN) on **Thursday, August 29, 2024**. BTSN will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM. A reminder with the format for the evening and other details will arrive mid-August.

Transportation

If you need to find any information regarding bus transportation, including eligibility, **My Ride K-12** is the system used for Cherry Creek Schools. The system is used to determine bus stop locations, pick-up/drop-off times, and allows parents to see in real time when students have boarded and exited the bus on the way to or from school. Students are issued an ID card that must be scanned each time they get on the bus. If your student loses his/her ID card, visit the CCSD transportation webpage for replacement information. [Click here to access CCSD Transportation.](#)

Activity buses will start on **Thursday, August 15**, and will be available Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Activity buses depart Falcon Creek at 4:45 PM and are available *only* to students who are eligible for daily bus transportation and are staying after school to participate in clubs, athletics, or other enrichment activities.

School Supplies & Lockers

Students are encouraged to carry their computers and all other supplies in a backpack. As a result, we have reviewed the school supply list carefully and eliminated many items. Please click [here](#) to view the Falcon Creek Back to School webpage that includes an updated supply list and general back-to-school information. We do have some supplies for those who need assistance. Please contact Mrs. Irean Sanchez in the Dean's Office at isanchez@cherrycreekschools.org to access available supplies.

Lockers at Falcon Creek are available to students by parent request only. Lockers are to be used for the storage of coats, hats, boots, lunches, and other items that students do not require access to throughout the day. The form to request a locker will be available on the home page of our school website after the start of the school year.

Building Hours & Morning Entrance Locations

Our school building opens at 8:40 AM each morning. Breakfast is available starting at that time. School hours are from 8:50 AM – 3:45 PM each day. Students should gather at the following entrances as they prepare to enter the building each morning:

- 6th Grade: Main Doors in Upper Parking Lot on West Side of the Building
- 7th Grade: Doors on East Side of Building at Top of Stairs from Lower Parking Lot
- 8th Grade: Main Doors in Lower Parking Lot on the South Side of the Building

All students who arrive after 8:50 AM should enter the building through the main entrance and proceed to the Attendance Window for a tardy pass.

Breakfast & Lunch Information

Students may eat breakfast and/or lunch in the Falcon Creek Cafeteria daily. Following the passage of the Colorado ballot initiative, **Healthy School Meals for All**, in November of 2022, Falcon Creek students will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch. These meals do not include items from the snack bar which will continue to be available for purchase.

Students who meet the eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free & Reduced Meal plan are encouraged to still submit the application regardless of the new Colorado food program. Those families who qualify receive benefits beyond meal plans such as discounts on athletic and activity fees, graduation fees, and other school related expenses. Those eligible students will continue to receive benefits only after submitting the appropriate application paperwork. One completed application per household is required (all students in the household can be included on the application). **A new application must be completed each school year and can be accessed in one of the following ways:**

- 1) The District is busy working on their new on-line payment and application system. All account balances have been saved and will be transferred to your new account automatically. Please visit [Food & Nutrition](#) later in July for instructions on accessing our new system! If you have any

questions, please call the meal program manager at 720-886-7172 or visit in person at the Student Nutrition Center (14270 E. Briarwood Ave, Centennial, CO 80112). Additional program information is available [here](#).

- 2) Paper Application: Paper applications are available at every school or at the Student Nutrition Center. Paper applications are available in English and Spanish. This application may be mailed to the Student Nutrition Center (14270 E. Briarwood Ave, Centennial, CO 80112), returned to the Falcon Creek Middle School Main Office, or be brought directly to the Student Nutrition Center.

PTCO

Our PTCO Board and the other board members support the students and staff of Falcon Creek Middle School with various community events, restaurant nights, and other activities. This year, PTCO is hoping to add to their group and looking for volunteers. Whether you are interested in helping at a school event, taking on a role on the board, or donating to one of the many ways PTCO supports Falcon Creek students and staff, they would love to hear from you. Please email falconcreekptco@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering this upcoming school year.