

# MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

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WEEKLY EDITION

November 17, 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mitchell Families,

The holidays are around the corner, and we all look forward to spending time with family. Our attendance team encourages you to schedule your vacations and time together during our school breaks. Daily attendance is the number one indicator of high school graduation and every day counts. We look forward to seeing all our students in school throughout the season. Thank you for your support and partnership.

### ***School Bus Loops - Reminder***

Our site has not encountered this issue; however, a couple of our FCUSD parents at other sites have received a ticket for using the bus loops during school drop off and pick up.

- This is just a reminder that it is illegal for any parent and/or educational organizations/daycare vehicles to use the bus loops during school drop off and pick up.

### ***Attention 8th Grade Families***

- Our 8th grade students will be viewing the below presentation next week in their Individuals and Societies class. Please see slide #6 for important upcoming dates.
  - [8th Grade Field Trip and More](#)
  - Permission slips for the CHS Tour will be distributed this week.
  - Permission slips for The Rink will be distributed in January.
- Coming soon! ParentSquare 8th Grade Group page to keep you posted and informed.
  - If you have not yet downloaded the ParentSquare app, it is not too late. ParentSquare is our new districtwide communication platform. It is a wonderful way to stay up to date, many of our teachers are utilizing the platform to communicate with families. For more information, please visit this site:  
<https://www.fcusd.org/departments/communication-and-community-engagement/parentsquare>.

### ***Academic Assistance***

Please encourage students who are in need of [academic support](#) to attend our after school homework help Monday and Wednesday 3:05-4:00 pm in the library, and/or Tuesday tutoring during lunch in the Project Room. Staff is ready to help, and this is an additional opportunity to receive academic support.

### ***Thanksgiving Break***

There will be no instruction the week of November 25 – November 29.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY TECH**

November is *National Native American Heritage Month*. Please encourage your student to stop by the library to check out the wide array of books we have on Native American culture. This includes Native American history, famous Native Americans, Native American recipes and much more. Also, want to learn more about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving? We have books on that topic as well. Keep them Reading!

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE**

Yearbook Packages are now being sold! Go to <https://yearbookforever.com/> and enter your information to find our pre-sale opportunities. This year, we have added the option to purchase a personal ad for families to celebrate scholar achievements! Buying a pre-sale is the only way to guarantee you will receive a yearbook at the end of the year!

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH**

- Rise and shine! Our school day begins in classrooms at 8:25 AM. Please help your child to make it to campus before then.
- Middle school students need supportive socio-emotional interaction all day long, including in their home-to-school connections. [These ten tips](#) can help them grow these skills.
- Families and students have access to all state test results in PowerSchool. If you have questions about any of your student's scores, please contact [chatcher@fcusd.org](mailto:chatcher@fcusd.org).
- *Every student at MtMS has a personalized math and reading tutoring experience* in Freckle. Students can use Freckle on campus and [at home](#).
- The first semester ends in four weeks on December 20. Please do not wait until the end of the marking period in December to ask the questions and look for the opportunities that will build

strong learning and skills now.

- This week's [Flexischedule offerings](#) are visible now on the MtMS school website. Flex gives students time to meet with teachers first thing in the morning [AT 8:25 AM!] on Wednesdays and Thursdays to get academic support. Students will all sign up on Tuesday this week during their Advisory for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Flex time. All students will be active in Flex on Wednesday through Friday AT 8:25 AM.

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM**

Please give the office at least 10-day notice if your family is going on a trip and would like to sign a Short-Term Independent Study. Otherwise, your student will be marked *unexcused*.

Parents are advised to utilize the school's attendance reporting form found on our [Mitchell website](#). This is the fastest way to report your student's absence. You do not need to call the office if you have reported it online. You can also email our attendance clerk directly at [awashington@fcusd.org](mailto:awashington@fcusd.org) or use the parent square app.

### **SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

- Monday, November 18: Academic Homework Help
- Wednesday, November 20: Physical Education Candy Cane Run, Academic Homework Help
- Thursday, November 21: Physical Education Candy Cane Run
- Friday, November 22: Spirit Wear (Marauder Wear/Colors)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break Non-Instructional Week
- Wednesday, December 11: ELAC Meeting, School Site Council Meeting
- Friday, December 13: 8th Grade CHS Field Trip Forms Due
- Wednesday, December 18: Early Release Day 1:35pm
- Friday, December 20: Minimum Day 12:45pm, End of Semester 1
- December 23 - January 3: Winter Break - No Instruction
- January 6: Students return to school (Happy New Year!)
- January 7: 8th Grade CHS Field Trip

In partnership,  
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