

MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EDITION

December 1, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mitchell Families,

Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break! Prior to our break, our students had the opportunity to complete Gratitude Cards during Advisory and lunch to express their gratitude towards staff. Indeed, we serve an amazing group of students' and we look forward to their return.

It is hard to believe that we are only three weeks away from the end of the semester. It is very important that our students maintain a focus on their academics. We will continue to have opportunities for support during Flex on Wednesday and Thursday. After School Academic Homework Help on Mondays and Wednesday, and lunch tutoring on Tuesdays.

The week before Winter Break, we have several early release days – please mark your calendars and remember, students need to depart campus within 15 minutes of dismissal unless they are in an extracurricular activity.

- Wednesday 12/18 - 1:35pm
- Thursday 12/19 - 1:35pm
- Friday 12/20 - 12:45pm

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.

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

The first semester ends in three weeks on December 20. Please do not wait to ask the questions and look for the opportunities that will build strong learning and skills now.

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. [These tips](#) about the family-to-school connection can help them build strong relationships in their lives.

Families and students have access to all state test results in PowerSchool. If you have questions about any of your student's scores or how to view them, please contact 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](#). This is available during breaks and weekends!

[Flexischedule offerings](#) are visible now on the MtMS school website. Students will all sign up on Monday during Advisory. 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.

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*.

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

- Monday, December 2: After School Homework Help
- Wednesday, December 4: After School Homework Help

- Thursday, December 5: Community Service Field Trip
- Friday, December 6: Spirit Friday - Decades Day

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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
- Monday, December 23 - January 3: Winter Break - No Instruction
- Monday, January 6: Students return to school (Happy New Year!)
- Tuesday, January 7: CHS Counselors visit 8th Grade Science Classes
- Friday, January 10: The Rink Permission Slips Due
- Tuesday, January 14: 8th Grade CHS Field Trip
- Thursday, January 16: Orchestra Winter Concert
- Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Instruction
- Tuesday, January 21: Band Winter Concert
- Wednesday, January 22: CHS Freshman Parent Night
- Monday, January 27: CHS Counselors return to register 8th grade students
- Tuesday, February 4: 8th Grade Field Trip to The Rink

In partnership,

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