

FM NEWS

SENIORS:

T-Shirt orders are due to Mr. McKibben by October 2nd. Please make sure to note shirt size when leaving money for him. Also make sure to sign the shirt and approve your diploma name by October 2nd.



FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS Attendance Law Update

OHIO'S NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW (2026)
Ohio's updated attendance requirements focus on the total time a student misses from school to help students stay on track and succeed. All absences, both excused and unexcused, count toward attendance thresholds. Here's a simple look at what families need to know.

UPDATED ATTENDANCE LAW	
	EVERY HOUR COUNTS Attendance is measured in hours, not days. Late arrivals, early dismissals, and full-day absences all add to a student's total hours missed.
	CHRONICALLY ABSENT This includes ALL absences, excused, unexcused, doctors notes, vacation forms, suspensions, leaving early or arriving late. When a student misses 10% or more of the school year they are considered chronically absent.
	HABITUALLY TRUANT This includes ALL unexcused absences.
	FILING A HABITUALLY TRUANT COMPLAINT WITH DARKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS
	30 consecutive hours > 42 hours in a month > 72 hours in a year
	WHAT TO EXPECT • Parents will receive written notification when their student's absences reach 5% and 10% of total hours. • After meeting the 10% threshold, an attendance action plan may be created if needed.
	HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP
	Make school a priority
	Keep contact information up to date
	Communicate absences early
	Get your child to school on time

Together We Soar
FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS



FRANKLIN MONROE Lady Jets Basketball
IS HOSTING A

YARD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: OCTOBER 30TH FROM 6-9 PM

WHERE: FLIGHTLINE CENTER

COST: \$20/PARTICIPANT (2 PER TEAM)

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

GRAB A PARTNER, DRESS IN YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE HOME THE PRIZE!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

October 2nd

- ✓ Class Color Day
- ✓ **SENIORS:** T-Shirt Signature & Orders Due & Diploma Name Checked
- ✓ D & D HS HR & Lunch
- ✓ Student Council mtg. HS HR
- ✓ Manufacturing Day—Sophomores 8:40-1:30

October 5th

- ✓ Spanish Club HS HR
- ✓ FFA mtg. 7 PM
- ✓ Swim Team mandatory mtg. 7 PM—Arcanum
- ✓ Academic Team 2:30 PM

October 6th

- ✓ Chess Club HS HR
- ✓ LifeWise 11:22-12:15
- ✓ Academic Team 2:30
- ✓ **Soccer Senior Night!**

October 7th

- ✓ Academic Team 2:30

October 8th

- ✓ IU East Visit 9:10

October 9th

- ✓ Hawaiian Day
- ✓ 2 Hour Early Dis.

Wednesday, September 30th

Academic Team 2:30
YouScience—Sophomores

LUNCH: Nachos, Corn, Black Beans, Fruit, and Milk

Thursday, October 1st

Book Club HS HR—Come and help pick out a book!

LUNCH: Boneless Wings, Potato Smiles, Dinner Roll, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk

BIRTHDAYS

Detentions:

Oct. 1 - Miss Roop
Oct. 6 - Mrs. Rowland
Oct. 8 - Mr. Thayer
Oct. 13 - Mr. Thieman

