

# 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 30<sup>TH</sup> 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!

## Friday, October 2nd

Seniors: T-Shirt orders and signatures due as well as diploma name checked  
Class Color Day  
Manufacturing Day 8:40-1:30—Sophomores  
D & D HS HR & Lunch  
Student Council mtg. HS HR

**LUNCH:** French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Cheese Stick, Tater Tots, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk

## Monday, October 5th

Spanish Club mtg. HS HR  
Academic Team 2:30  
FFA mtg. 7 PM  
Swim Team Required mtg. 7 PM—Arcanum Community Room

**LUNCH:** Hot Dog (toppings), Green Beans, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk

## BIRTHDAYS

Ari Olivera  
Matthew Byram  
Bryten Keaser

## Detentions:

Oct. 6 - Mrs. Rowland  
Oct. 8 - Mr. Thayer  
Oct. 13 - Mr. Thieman  
Oct. 15 - Mrs. Thomas

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

### October 6th

- ✓ Chess Club HS HR
- ✓ LifeWise 11:22-12:15
- ✓ Academic Team Meet 4 PM @ Arcanum
- ✓ Soccer Senior Night!

### October 7th

- ✓ Academic Team 2:30

### October 8th

- ✓ IU East Visit 9:10
- ✓ Junior Class Officer mtg. 7 AM—Mrs. Stebbins's room
- ✓ Yearbook Club mtg. HS HR—Mrs. Stebbins's room

### October 9th

- ✓ Hawaiian Day
- ✓ 2 Hour Early Dis.

### October 12th

- ✓ Academic Team 2:30

### October 13th

- ✓ Jostens Required mtg. Seniors 7:00 AM
- ✓ Jostens mtg. 7:40 AM —Freshmen
- ✓ LifeWise 11:22-12:15
- ✓ Chess Club HS HR
- ✓ 8th Grade CTC F.T.
- ✓ Academic Team Meet @ FM 4 PM

