



2023-2024 School Year Family Orientation

This Zoom Meeting
will start at 6:30.

Welcome!

Introductions

- Michelle Vruwink, Executive Director
- Peter Tromba, High School Principal
- Tony Freeman, Middle School Principal
- Paula Dowd, EC Director
- Deeana Bennett, Director of Operations
- Erinn Otten, Director of Student Services
- Micah Usher, Community Engagement
- Matt Mikulski, Technology Director
- Sagan Pizzingrilli, Dean of Students

Important Dates

- Thurs, Aug 17, 3- 5 pm: Meet the Teachers
- Tuesday, Aug 22: First Day of School
- Wednesday, Aug 23: Full Day

Grounded in our Mission & Vision

The Franklin School of Innovation is preparing the next generation of leaders, capable of solving problems and participating effectively and ethically as local and global citizens.

Through challenging academics, real-world learning, and community engagement, our students discover their potential, develop persistence, and recognize the value of others. **Our graduates are ready for the future they will create.**

**Partnering with parents
and families to help
students become ethical
people, leaders, and
problem-solvers**

We believe:

- Every student can achieve at high levels
- Every student belongs
- Hate, racism, and bigotry have no place in our community
- Students have the right to accurate and truthful education
- An inclusive and diverse community benefits everyone

On Track for Success

*Our graduates are ready
for the future they create*

Our goal is for every student to be on track for success for any future path. We are launching a new “On Track” system

- Academics: Are students earning grades and credits needed for their future path?
- Attendance: Are students participating in school regularly?
- Behavior: Are students consistently demonstrating our Habits of Scholarship

Academic Success

Expectations: Be Visible & Valuable

- Attendance
Come to school every day you are able. Come to class on time ready to work and learn.
- Presence
Be intellectually present and contribute to discussions and activities in class.
- Be CREW in class.
Exhibit Habits of Scholarship. Don't be afraid to try.

Outcomes

- Attendance > 90%
- Good behavior, exhibit habits of scholarship, 1 or fewer major referrals
- Course completion
- Grades

Attendance

Did you know...

- Missing just 2 days/month = chronic absenteeism
- Students who miss 2- 4 days during the 1st month of school are at high risk for chronic absenteeism
- Chronic absenteeism in middle school is a leading indicator of drop out risk
- Improving attendance is one of the most effective ways to improve student achievement.

Contact: attendance@thefsi.us

Good Attendance = School Success

- Students are required to attend school every day unless they have an excused absence
- Email attendance notes within 48 hours of absence:
attendance@thefsi.us
- Doctor's note is required for absences of 5 or more days
- HS Attendance Makeup Sessions will be scheduled quarterly for students who miss 5 or more days
- Students with 20 or more absences will be considered for retention
- We will partner with you to overcome attendance issues!

Behavior Expectations for Students

FSI Habits of Scholarship

- Inquiry
- Ethics
- Leadership
- Persistence
- Action
- Collaboration

Specific Expectations

- Be on time and present for all classes
- Cell phones are silenced & out of sight during all classes
- Fighting, racial slurs/hate speech, profanity directed at others, possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons will result in suspension
- Parents/guardians are required to attend re-entry conference following suspension

School Safety

**Our new building
improves school safety!**

- Relationships - we will know your child
- Comprehensive school safety plan in place
- School counselors & behavior support staff
- All visitors, late arrivals, early pick-ups must report to main office
- Online content filtering and monitoring
- External doors locked at all times; doors outfitted with prop alarms
- Safety training and drills for staff & students

24/7 Anonymous Report

Line: 1-844-5-SayNow

G101
Gym

Kim Anne
Burke Gillis

Community room
& Gym

Stairs
to High School

Elevator

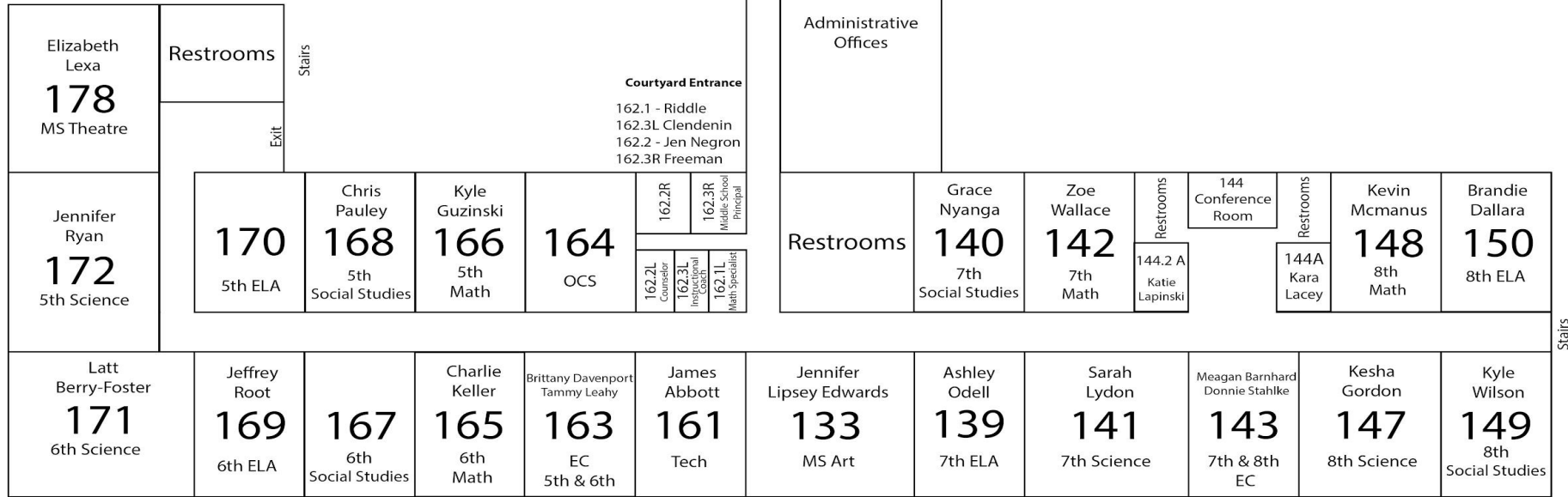
Sandi Wilson
106
Music

School Entrance

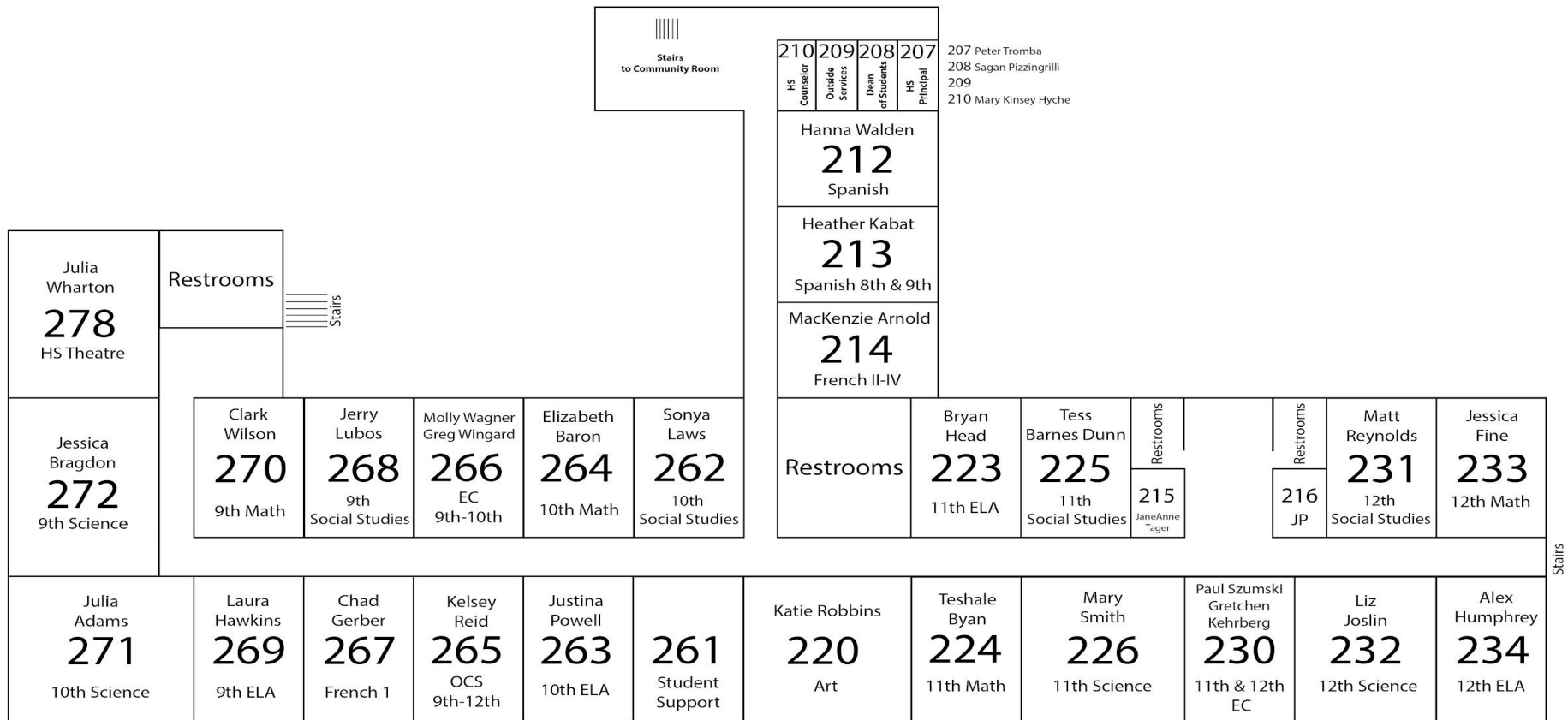
Front Desk

Administrative
Offices

Navigating Our New Spaces!



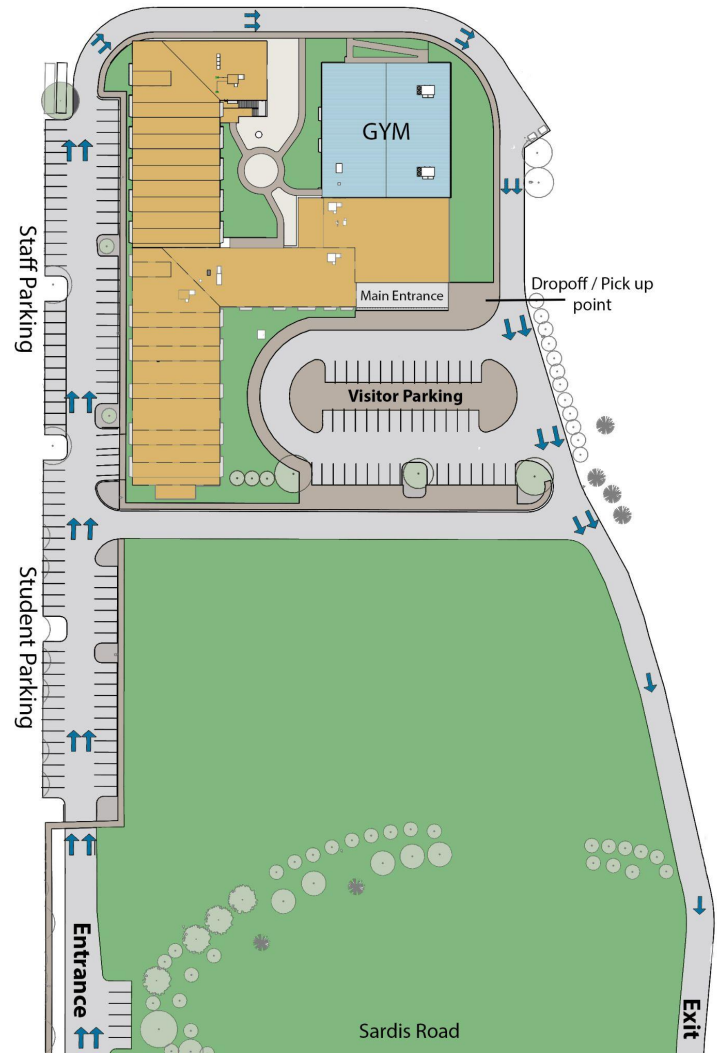
Lower Floor: Middle School



Upper Floor - High School

Traffic Flow

- All traffic is one-way
- Form 2 lines at entrance
- Turn right at exit
- Middle road is bus use only



For safety purposes, students must remain on campus after arriving

- High School students use upper classrooms
- Middle School students use lower level classrooms
- Students may not leave campus for any reason unless they are signed out by a parent

Drop-Off Procedures

Middle School

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

5th & 6th Grade: 8:15 - 3:10

7th & 8th Grade: 8:15 - 3:20

Wednesday

Middle School: 8:15 - 12:45, all grades

Drop Off:

- 7:15 - 7:45 am: BtB - -Community Room-fee
- 7:45- 8 am: Community Room
- 8:00 - 8:15: Report to classroom

Students who arrive late or leave early must report to the main office

Drop-Off Procedures

High School

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:25- 3:35

Wednesday: 8:25 - 1:00 pm

Drop Off:

- 7:15 - 7:45 am: BtB - daily fee
-Community Room
- 7:45- 8:10 am: Community Room
- 8:10 - 8:25 (high) am: Report to
1st period class

Students who arrive late or leave
early must report to the main
office

Pick-Up Procedures M/T/Th/F

**Cars must display
Name/Grade Cards**

- **5th & 6th Grades: 3:10 pm**
Arrive between 2:50 and 3:10 pm
- **7th & 8th Grades 3:20 pm**
Arrive between 3:10 and 3:25
- **High School: 3:35 pm**
Arrive between 3:30 and 3:45

***If you arrive early, please pull to side
of entrance road***

**Students must be picked up by 3:45
pm**

Pick-Up Procedures Wednesdays

**Cars must display
Name/Grade Cards**

- **Middle School: 12:45**
Arrive between noon and 12:45
- **High School: 1:00 pm**
Arrive between 12:50 and 1:10

***If you arrive early, please pull to side
of entrance road***

Students must be picked up by 1:15

Bus Transportation

FSI is committed to equitable access for all students. Our extensive bus transportation program is a reflection of this value

- Low-wealth & underrepresented students receive priority for spots
- All bus riders must be registered & have completed Bus Rider Contracts
- Students must ride assigned bus
- No guests - only registered bus riders

Director of Operations Deeana Bennett:

dbennett@thefsi.us

Middle School Schedule

All classes except Crew meet on
shortened Wednesday schedule.

Mon-Tu-Th-Fri	Wednesday
1st Period 8:15-9:15 am	1st Period 8:15-8:55
2nd Period 9:20 - 10:20 am (8th Electives)	2nd Period 9:00-9:40
3rd Period 10:25-11:25 am (5th Electives)	3rd Period 9:45-10:25
Lunch/Recess/Crew 11:30-1:00 5th Grade: Lunch/Recess, Crew 6th Grade: Lunch/Recess, Crew 7th Grade: Crew/Lunch/Recess 8th Grade: Recess/Lunch/Crew	4th Period 10:30-11:10
4th Period 1:05-2:05 (7th Electives)	11:15-11:55 5th/6th - Lunch/Recess 7th/8th - Recess/Lunch
5th Period 2:10-3:10 - 5th & 6th (6th Electives) 2:10- 3:20 - 7th & 8th	5th Period 12:00-12:45

A Weeks						B Weeks				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1 8:25-9:20	Class 1 8:25-9:20	Class 2A 8:25-9:50	Class 1 8:25-9:20	Class 1 8:25-9:20		Class 1 8:25-9:20	Class 1 8:25-9:20	Class 2B 8:25-9:50	Class 1 8:25-9:20	Class 1 8:25-9:20
Class 2A 9:25-10:55	Class 2B 9:25-10:55		Brunch 9:50-10:20	Class 2B 9:25-10:55	Class 2A 9:25-10:55		Class 2B 9:25-10:55		Class 2A 9:25-10:55	Brunch 9:50-10:20
Class 3A 11:00-12:25	Class 3B 11:00-12:25	Crew + Smart 10:25 - 11:25	Class 3B 11:00-12:25	Class 3A 11:00-12:25		Class 3B 11:00-12:25	Class 3A 11:00-12:25	Crew + Smart 10:25 - 11:25	Class 3A 11:00-12:25	Class 3B 11:00-12:25
Lunch 12:25-12:55	Lunch 12:25-12:55	Class 3A 11:30-12:55	Lunch 12:25-12:55	Lunch 12:25-12:55		Lunch 12:25-12:55	Lunch 12:25-12:55		Class 3B 11:30-12:55	Lunch 12:25-12:55
Crew 12:55-1:35	Crew 12:55-1:35	Teacher Lunch/PD 1:00-4:00	Crew 12:55-1:35	Crew 12:55-1:35		Crew 12:55-1:35	Crew 12:55-1:35	Teacher Lunch/PD 1:00-4:00	Crew 12:55-1:35	Crew 12:55-1:35
Class 5 1:40-2:35	Class 5 1:40-2:35		Class 5 1:40-2:35	Class 5 1:40-2:35		Class 5 1:40-2:35	Class 5 1:40-2:35		Class 5 1:40-2:35	Class 5 1:40-2:35
Class 6 2:40-3:35	Class 6 2:40-3:35		Class 6 2:40-3:35	Class 6 2:40-3:35		Class 6 2:40-3:35	Class 6 2:40-3:35		Class 6 2:40-3:35	Class 6 2:40-3:35

High School Schedules: A/B Rotation

Lunches & Nutrition Program

- Breakfast & Lunch available daily
 - A la carte menu
 - No cost for students eligible for free/reduced lunch
 - Purchase in advance using MySchoolBucks
- Pizza Sales on Friday beginning after Labor Day (Sept 6)

For school safety purposes we will not accept DoorDash or other lunch deliveries

Dress Code

Yes

- Shirts
- Bottoms
- Shoes

Opaque clothing - cover most of torso & bottom

No

- Hate speech
- Profanity
- Substances



Necessary Forms, Paperwork, School Supplies

- Student Health Form is required for all students
- If your student has a Medical Action Plan (e.g. diabetes, asthma, medications required at school) - please visit the Form and Resources page and submit these prior to or on the 1st day of school
- Forms can be found on our [website](#)

Forms can be submitted in paper form or email to Erinn Otten
(eotten@thefsi.us)

School Supply Lists

Consumable fee: \$15.

Chromebooks, Hot Spots, and Canvas

Chromebooks are available in classrooms for use at teacher discretion

- Need a hotspot or a chromebook for access to homework and lessons at home? Contact tech director Matt Mikulski. We will work to meet all needs to the extent possible
- Students will receive an FSI email account and Canvas log in information when school starts. We will help them log in and find their way
- Canvas Log In Instructions: On our website - [click here!](#)

Parent Rights in a Title I School

Franklin receives federal funding for several programs, including Title I, Title II, and Title IV.

Title I & Title IV funds support any student not yet at grade level

Title II funds support teacher learning and professional development

As a parent, you have the right to:

- Request teacher professional qualifications of your student's teachers
- Request information about state and local testing requirements
- [Parent Engagement Policy](#)

Learn more! [Title I at FSI](#)

All the Extras!



Beyond the Bell – Before & After School

Director of Afterschool Services: Ronald Scott,
rscott@thefsi.us

Afterschool Coordinator: James Love,
jlove@thefsi.us

- Registration fee: \$35/student, \$50 family
- Mornings: \$1
- Afternoons: \$15
- Wednesday/early release: \$25
- Late Pickup (after 6 pm) \$1/minute
- Late Payment: \$5 after 10 days

Registration & payment will be managed through
MySchoolBucks

Daily schedule will include:

- Outside/break
- Quiet homework time
- Enrichment activities
(arts/crafts, games, outdoors)
- Clubs coming soon!

Bolts Athletics

Fall Sports

- Cross Country - middle & high (Boys & Girls)
- Flag Football- middle (Co-Ed)
- Volleyball (Girls)- middle & high
- HS Soccer (Boys)
- 5th Graders can participate in middle school sports!

Required Forms

- Medical Waiver
- Physical - Must be completed by doctor
- Concussion Form

Forms must be completed prior to 1st practice or workout

Kim Burke, Athletic Director: kburke@thefsi.us

Upcoming Calendar Events

[Community Calendar](#)

[Yearlong Calendar](#)

Thurs, Aug 17, 3 - 5 pm: Meet the Teacher

Tues, Aug 22: 1st Day of School

Mon, Sept 4: Labor Day - no school

Wed, Sept 20: Fall Student Led Conferences

Sun, Sept 24: Mud Run!

Fri, Sept 29: Teacher Work Day - no school

Help! We're here for you

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Middle School - Principal - Tony Freeman: tfreeman@thefsi.us

High School Principal - Peter Tromba: ptromba@thefsi.us

EC Director - Dr. Paula Dowd: pdowd@thefsi.us

Operations - Deeana Bennett: dbennett@thefsi.us

Student Services - Erinn Otten: eotten@thefsi.us

Technology - Matt Mikulski: mmikulski@thefsi.us

MS Counselor - Jennifer Negron: jnegron@thefsi.us

HS Counselor - Mary Kinsey Hyche: mhyche@thefsi.us

College & Career - JaneAnne Tager: jtager@thefsi.us

Dean of Students - Sagan Pizzingrilli: spizzingrilli@thefsi.us

Questions?

