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 Pizzigrilli, 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
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
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 dropout 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
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

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
- 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

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**
8:25 - 3:35

**Wednesday:** 8:25 - 1:00 pm

Drop Off:
- 7:15 - 7:45 am: BtB - daily fee
- 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

- 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

Cars must display Name/Grade Cards
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
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.

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**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!
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

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

Registration & payment will be managed through MySchoolBucks
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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Questions?