

FORSYTH R-III SCHOOLS

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"Home of the Panthers"

July 24, 2023

Dear Families,

On behalf of the staff at Forsyth Middle School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. We hope you are enjoying summer and anticipating the start of a new and exciting year. I feel both honored and privileged to be your principal and to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and all of the supportive parents and community members that make our school great. At FMS, we are committed to keeping student achievement and individual growth our highest priorities. With this, we are also committed to partnering with you, offering a well-rounded education, developing character, and providing engaging academic challenges for all FMS students. I encourage you to carefully read over this letter and feel free to contact us with any questions.

First, we are very pleased with the success of our technology initiative that provides all students in grades 5-12 access to a district laptop. Students may use this laptop for the entire school year once the technology agreement has been signed and the minimal laptop fee has been paid. Parents may stop by school August 8th from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm or any day August 7th to August 11th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm to sign the laptop agreement, pay the laptop fee, and pick up your child's laptop and back to school information.

In addition, we would like to share some beginning of year information that will be helpful for you and your child as they begin this school year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Laptop Pick-Up & Back to School Information -August 8 from 8:30 am-6:30 pm or any day August 7-11 from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm.**
- **August 17, 2023 – Open House Night from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
- **August 22, 2023 – First day of school for all students. Doors open at 7:40 am & classes begin at 8:05 a.m.**
- **October 23 & 26, 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences, you will call the office to schedule**

SCHOOL TO PARENT COMMUNICATION:

FMS is committed to maintaining effective communication and providing our student's families with the information they need to keep their students on track and growing. We encourage both students and guardians to keep current with upcoming events and activities by regularly checking our website at forsythpanthers.org. Also, take advantage of opportunities such as parent-teacher conferences on October 23rd and 26th, to touch base with your student's teachers. In addition, FMS has a common conference plan time for each grade level of teachers. Teachers are available to meet with parents in person or on the phone during this time. Sixth and eighth grade plan time is from 8:59-9:49 Tuesday-Friday and fifth and seventh grade level plan time is from 8:05-8:55 Tuesday-Friday. Another way to contact teachers is through email. Every staff member email can be found on our school website at forsythpanthers.org

Central Office
Ph: 417-546-6384
Fax: 417-546-2204

High School
Ph: 417-546-6383
Fax: 417-546-5987

Middle School
Ph: 417-546-6382
Fax: 417-546-6943

Elementary School
Ph: 417-546-6381
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Please be aware of the following options available to get quick student information:

Tyler SISK12 will no longer be our student information system as Infinite Campus purchased their company. Infinite Campus will be our student information system for 2023-2024. In July/August you will receive more information of how to get connected with Infinite Campus.

- Once connected, you will have access with our online grade book, Infinite Campus. This is a great way for you to stay up-to-date with attendance, discipline, lunch balance, missing assignments, and your child's academic progress.
- Regularly visit your child's Schoology courses.
- Regularly visit our school's website at forsythpanthers.org
- If your child is missing an assignment, you will receive an automated call from the school on Tuesday each week. Log into SIS, visit with your child, and review the Schoology calendar with them.
- Use the links on our website to email staff members.
- Call the MS office at (417) 546-6382.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

District-wide, all students will start the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, August 22nd. All students (5th through 8th grade) upon arrival to school will go to their homeroom class. Students may drop their items off in their homeroom and then they may go to the cafeteria for breakfast. After breakfast, students will need to return to their homeroom until the bell rings to head to first hour class. The tardy bell for first hour rings at 8:05 am. The first few days, teachers will be getting students familiar with this procedure as well as helping students with directions, lockers, bathrooms, getting to lunch, and finding their buses at the end of the day. If you bring or pick up your child, you will drop them off and pick them up in front of the middle school building. First period will begin at 8:05 am; students are not allowed into the building until 7:40 am. School ends at 3:25 pm. Students are expected to ride the bus, walk home, attend Boys and Girls Club or get picked up, unless they have a note from a parent or legal guardian changing their normal routine. If students are going to another student's house, we need a note from the guardian of each student before a bus pass will be issued.

The staff here at FMS is excited for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to notify the MS Office at 417- 546-6382, check our school website via forsythpanthers.org, or email me at sgoss@forsyth3.k12.mo.us.

Sincerely,

Sandra J. Goss

Dr. Sandra J. Goss

Principal

Forsyth Middle School