

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community



Welcome Back from Dr. McCaudy

Dear Fremont Community,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! This year the district will continue its focus on improving student achievement, providing a safe and positive learning environment for our students and strengthening our relationship with the Fremont community.

If you share our desire for quality schools, I encourage you to join me in a continued effort to increase collaboration and build faith and trust within the community. I have listed a number of committees that are comprised of Fremont's stakeholders and are currently operating within the district. If you are interested in engaging in problem-identifying and problem-solving activities and you would like to join a committee, please communicate that fact to me in writing. Please be certain to include your name, address and phone number so that I may contact you promptly. The committees are Operations, Communications/Public Relations, Curriculum Quality Control Council, Finance/Audit and Policy.

Lastly, I have included information that you may find helpful for the upcoming school year. Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your children this school year.

Sincerely,

Traci McCaudy, Superintendent

First Day of School

- The first day of school in grades 1-12 is August 31, 2010.
- Parents of PK and Kindergarten students will receive opening school day information via postal mail. The first full day for kindergarten is September 2, 2010. The first full day for PK is September 7, 2010.

School Building Times: All building offices will be open beginning August 17, 2010.

Elementary Schools: Student Day – 9:15 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

*Students may be dropped off at 8:40 a.m.

*Breakfast begins at 8:40 a.m.

*Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fremont Middle School: Student Day - 7:45 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

*Students may be dropped off at 7:15 a.m.

*Breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m.

*Office hours 7:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Ross High School: Student Day–7:50a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

*Breakfast begins at 7:20 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.

*Office Hours 7:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Open House/Orientation/Student Schedules

Elementary Schools: August 30th at 6:00-7:00 p.m. for all schools except Stamm and Washington which will be at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fremont Middle School: August 17th
3:45-5:00 p.m. 7-1, 8-1
5:15-6:30 p.m. 7-2, 8-2
6:45-8:00 p.m. 7-3, 8-3

Ross High School: August 23rd Freshmen Orientation 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
August 23rd New Student Orientation 10:00 a.m.
September 9th Fall Open House 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Transportation

The bus routes and information related to busing may be viewed on the Transportation page of the FCS website. Please contact the Transportation Office at 419.332.7351 if you have any questions.

Food Service

Full priced lunches for the 2010-2011 school year are: Ross H.S. \$2.50 FMS \$2.25 Elementary \$2.00
Parents can view student meal accounts and prepay online at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Parents can apply online for free/reduced lunches at www.lunchapp.com in order to receive free/reduced lunches during the 2010-2011 school year.

New Students

Welcome! Any families new to the district may contact 419.334.5436 to schedule a registration appointment.

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UT Scholarly Savings Program



Congratulations to last year's 144 eighth grade students who earned \$2,000 to date in order to attend The University of Toledo upon high school graduation. These students along with the new eighth graders will have the opportunity to earn \$2,000 each year (up to \$10,000) for tuition at The University of Toledo. Parents and students will receive additional information about this program in September.

Welcome New Staff to FCS

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Fremont City Schools

Atkinson	Nicole Quaintance Jessica Michel	Grade 2 Grade 3
Hayes	Christina McBride	Kindergarten
Otis	Jennifer Morris Rob Stotz	Grade 2 Grade 3
Lutz	Erin Lawrence Alexandra Williams	Intervention Specialist Grade 6
Stamm	Christine Oravets Kim Bemis Barbara Carvalho Jamie Dickman Korie Lather Jonathan Torrence Jay White	Principal Intervention Specialist Speech Language Pathologist Grade 4 Grade 1 Music Custodian
Washington	Bryan Ferris	Physical Education
FMS	Susan King Brittany Hussar	Assistant Principal Intervention Specialist
Ross	Stephanie Lenkey Lyndsey Robinson	English Intervention Specialist

Welcome New Principals

Mrs. Susan King (left) will join the Middle School staff this school year as the new assistant principal. Susan has worked in Fremont Schools for thirteen years as a teacher prior to her new principalship. Mrs. Christine Oravets (right) is the new Stamm principal, she worked as the assistant principal at Fremont Middle School this past year. Please welcome these two new principals at Stamm and the Middle School.



New Course at FMS

This year, the Fremont Middle School will be introducing a new course named Financial Literacy with College and Career Readiness. Throughout this course, 8th grade students will be given the opportunity to explore potential careers based on vocational interest and aptitude. The 12-week course will also teach our students a sense of financial responsibility through positive work habits, saving, budgeting, and goal setting.

Notes from Student Services

Child Find: Early Intervention and Collaboration

Every child in this country is entitled to a free, public education. The law applies to handicapped children as well, regardless of their handicap, or the severity of the handicap. Please call us if you suspect your child has a handicap. We can help – but we must first find the child. Fremont City Schools provides services to students with disabilities. We also work collaboratively with the Help Me Grow program which assists families with early identification and services for children under the age of three, and we have a collaborative agreement with the Sandusky County DD early childhood and school-age programs provided through the School of Hope. Together, we will work to find the right services for each child. For more information please call the Director of Student Services at 419-334-5464.

Building the Dream Together: FCS K-12 College Awareness and Preparation Plan

The dream of going to college or planning for additional training past high school is available to every student that walks through our doors. That is the focus of the plan that FCS will implement during the 2010-2011 school year. Parents registering their children for Kindergarten will receive a college prep checklist, parents of 4th, 5th and 6th grade students will be invited to individual conferences during the year to look at student interests, discuss information from Ohio colleges and future funding options to pursue. FMS students will complete a career interest template, research specific colleges of interest, visit the Tech Center, Vanguard, BGSU and UT, participate in a Financial Literacy/Career Readiness class and start “banking” money if they are eligible for the UT Scholarship program. Students at Ross will receive detailed information and coaching on how to fill out paperwork required to access grants, scholarships and college assessments earlier in their high school career. They will visit Terra CC and Heidelberg and review their career interests, options and choices each year with a final review before graduation.

There are many other pieces to this process and it works best when parents, students and school staff share the work. Together, we can achieve the dream. For more information, please contact the school counselor at your child's school.

Curriculum Corner

We live in a digital world. EnVision Math is an innovative math program designed for today's 21st Century learners and teachers. With this math program, students have online access to their textbooks from any computer with internet capability. Teacher materials are available online as well. There are many resources available to teachers including SMARTBoard activities ready to use. Each topic is introduced with an interactive video to get students excited about what they are going to learn.

EnVision Math provides visual concept development with every lesson. Each lesson contains a visual learning bridge which shows step-by-step pictures with explanations of the lesson concept. Research has shown that students benefit from seeing math ideas portrayed visually. These step-by-step visuals aid in student understanding.

Envision Math offers a strong home-school connection supplying suggestions and activities for practice at home. Online accessibility from home for additional practice or the ability to review how the lesson was taught also provides a new dimension in the relationship between work in class and reviewing at home.

Teacher Quotes and Thoughts:

“EnVision Math has colorful and engaging materials to catch students' attention.”

“The enVision Math book has “kid – friendly” wording.”

“Center activities are fun and engaging.”

Games are included that the students can take home and play with their parents for additional practice.

New League for Little Giants

The Fremont City Schools Board of Education approved the Little Giants entrance to the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC) during the board meeting Monday, August 2nd. Our Ross principal, Jose Hernandez, will serve a two-year term as President of this new league. New members of this conference include: Findlay, Fremont Ross, Lima Senior, Oregon Clay, Toledo Central Catholic, Toledo Notre Dame, Toledo St. Francis, Toledo St. Johns, Toledo St. Ursula, and Toledo Whitmer. Due the situation resulting in schedule reductions with Toledo Public Schools, current Toledo City League (TCL) members decided to join other schools from Northwest Ohio to form a new 10-school conference. "It was a difficult decision for current Toledo City League members," said Hernandez. "However, the difficult financial situation that has forced Toledo Public Schools to make the cutbacks in athletics has altered the stability and quality of TCL. It is the intent our conference to leave the door open for further relationships with all TPS programs in the future."

The new TRAC conference schedule will begin with the fall sports of 2011. The name for the conference was selected due to its connection to all schools via Blanchard, Maumee and Sandusky rivers. A logo for the conference will be subject to each school submitting artwork and then a final decision will be made by the principals of the new conference.

The New FMS is Looking Great!

Plans are moving along at the new middle school site. The district has a great team of contractors working together to make our new middle school one of the best in the country! The FMS Prime Contractors include:

General Trades: Telamon Construction, Sandusky, Ohio
Electric: Lake Erie Electric, Bowling Green, Ohio
HVAC: Warner Mechanical, Fremont, Ohio
Plumbing: Warner Mechanical, Fremont, Ohio
Roofing: C.R.M., Inc., Clyde, Ohio
Fire Suppression: Central Fire Protection, Inc., Springfield, Ohio
Food Service: Louis R. Polster Company, Columbus, Ohio

All Fremont Middle School project workers must pass FBI/BCI background checks and participate in the Drug-Free Workplace Program in order to work on the FMS site. Because they are working on district property, workers must also abide by our smoke-free policies as well.

The building is scheduled to open during the 2011-2012 school year and will house students in grades 6-8.



At left: Jessica Swain of Matt Excavating helps with the FMS project.

At right: The district is proud to have Mike Huddleston, Project Manager, and Steve Meyer, Project Superintendent, working on the job. Meyer is a 1986 Ross graduate and current resident of Fremont. Both work for Telamon Construction.



The Facilities are Ready to Go!

The Department of Facilities & Operations has been very busy preparing the buildings for the 2010-2011 school year.

At Ross the natatorium lobby received a fresh coat of paint. Plastering and painting was done to repair the hallway leading to the art wing. Science rooms were updated for the return of chemistry and physics from the Tech Center to Ross High.

The Otis School parking lot has been sealed.

At Hayes the front steps and stoop were completely torn out and replaced. The flagpole in the front of Hayes was moved to accommodate a growing tree.

Steam traps were replaced at both Ross and Stamm. This process enables a more efficient steam heating system.

At Washington an elderly tree was removed from the property and crumbling plaster inside classrooms was repaired.

At Croghan tuck pointing around the chimney and windows was completed. The fence along Pennsylvania Avenue was replaced. Asphalt repair was completed in the Croghan parking lot and in the area where portables were removed. Topsoil and seed has been placed in the bare area once inhabited by portables/classroom units.

At Stamm, Washington, Lutz, Otis, Hayes and Atkinson the security pads have been upgraded. All buildings with the exception of the old middle school will have a complete security assessment conducted in order to develop a district upgrade plan.

Security cameras have been installed at the Hayes Elementary office and the district plan calls for cameras to be installed in all elementary offices by the first day of school.

Permanent improvement dollars have been used to complete these projects.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant project has also been progressing. This grant, attained through the Fremont Area Foundation, has provided sidewalks leading from the newly asphalted baseball/softball parking lot back to the concession stand. In addition, a tennis storage building has been built and sidewalk laid from the tennis parking lot leading to the tennis building.

Artists at Lutz



Lutz Elementary fifth grade art students were introduced to a few artists who created three-dimensional chalk drawings. Students worked in small groups to create their very own chalk drawings. Miss Richards taught them how to use shadows and highlights to transform their chalk drawings into three-dimensional works of art. The young artists created some fantastic drawings just outside the art room.

Flag Day



Hunter Jaramillo, 8th grade FMS student, reads her winning essay titled "What the Flag Means to Me" at the Flag Day ceremony sponsored by The Fremont Elks.

**For more information, check out
www.fremontschools.net.**

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Information from Dr. McCaudy continued

Immunizations

All children entering kindergarten must have:

- Hepatitis B vaccine series of three
- A fifth dose of DTAP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) if the fourth dose was given prior to the fourth birthday
- A fourth dose of polio vaccine if the third was administered prior to the fourth birthday
- Two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Two doses of varicella (chickenpox)

All children entering 7th grade must have:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) OR
Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster

Please contact your child's school nurse or Tim Cullen at 419.334.3871 if you have any questions.

Student Dress Code

The Student Dress Code Policy is available on the district website at www.fremontschools.net or you may contact the district office at 419.332.6454.

School Supply Lists

Elementary and FMS school supply lists are available on the district website at www.fremontschools.net or you may contact the district office at 419.332.6454.

Student Identification Badges

FMS and Ross students must wear their identification badges to all extra-curricular activities. Students in grade 12 must wear their identification badges during the school day. Students will receive their badges the first day of school.

High school and middle school students new to FCS may get their ID photos taken at their buildings on the following dates:

Ross High School	August 23rd	10:00 a.m.
Fremont Middle School	August 23rd	1:00 p.m.



Otis Continues Work with Bethesda

Otis Elementary will once again work closely with the staff and residents of Bethesda Care Center during the 2010-2011 school year. This relationship brings great benefits to both Otis students and staff and the residents and staff of Bethesda. During the 2009-2010 school year, we embarked on a variety of events. Some of these events included our 9/11 ceremony, a healthy bake sale with proceeds benefiting Heartbeat, our annual Veteran's Day program, and a Valentine's program complete with a King and Queen! Fifth grade students began relationships with residents by interviewing them with thoughtful questions and then wrote narratives to share the highlights of their grandfriends' lives. The relationships grew throughout the school year as students and residents visited monthly and ended the school year planting flowers and enjoying a picnic. One of our final events of the school year was our Peace Rally which encourages all of us to remember those who have served our country. Otis Elementary is a richer school experience for our children with the involvement of Bethesda staff and residents!

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Question:

Why did the elementary school times change this year?

Answer:

The elementary buses were having difficulty dropping off elementary students to the buildings on time in the morning and picking up the elementary children at school at the end of the day. The fifteen minutes will allow the drivers more time to drop off and pick up students on schedule.

Question:

What time can I drop off my elementary children at school in the morning?

Answer:

Elementary students may be dropped off at buildings at 8:40 a.m. Breakfast begins at 8:40 a.m.

Question:

Will the FCS Board of Education review busing services again this year?

Answer:

Yes. The FCS Board of Education will review K-12 busing services, potential costs and its current budget this year in preparation for the 2011-2012 school year. We will keep everyone apprised of any busing changes. Last year a survey was distributed to parents of high school students for the purpose of projecting high school busing needs and costs. The survey results were extremely helpful and the information will be utilized during our study again this year.

School Supply and Safety

St. John's Lutheran Church, 212 North Clover Street, Fremont, will be holding another School Supply and Safety Day on Saturday, August 21 from 10:00 to 1:00. Free school supplies will be given to each elementary child attending besides some safety information pamphlets. There will be members of the Fremont Police Department and other law enforcement people there to talk about safety. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will also be furnished to everyone. Please come anytime from 10-2 to St. John's Parish House, third floor, to receive all these free items.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.

District Goals:

- ***Increase Student Achievement**
- ***Close Socio-Economic, Ethnic and Disability Gaps in Student Achievement**

The Fremont City School District will not discriminate nor tolerate harassment in its educational programs or activities for any reason, including on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, military status, sexual orientation or ancestry. Additionally, it will not discriminate in its employment policies nor practices.