

Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Welcome Back from Dr. McCaudy

Dear Fremont Community,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. You will note that our first edition of the District Newsletter contains information about the new school year. Additional information may be found on the FCS web site (www.fremontschools.net) and/or you may call my office at 419-334-5432 if you have any questions/concerns.

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. In order to meet these goals the District will implement the strategies and action steps outlined in year two of the FCS Strategic Plan 2015-2018, which is located on the District's web site. We plan to present quarterly status reports to the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meetings, and these status reports and all presentations made to the Board of Education will be posted on the web site. Fremont City Schools will continue its commitment to excellence through the 2016-2017 academic year and we sincerely appreciate the Fremont Community's support of that commitment.



Sincerely,

Dr. Traci McCaudy
Superintendent

FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join us at a September Board of Education Meeting:

September 6, 2016 Fremont Middle School
5:30 p.m.

September 19, 2016 Fremont Middle School
5:30 p.m.

Please visit the FCS web site for a complete list of meetings, meeting minutes and other pertinent information.



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CITY SCHOOLS

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2016-2017 School Year Information

School Calendar:

- Please check the District web site, www.fremontschools.net, for the 2016-2017 school calendar.
- The first day of school for The Vanguard Tech Center students is August 24th.
- The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is August 30th.
- Parents of preschool and kindergarten students will receive opening school day information via postal mail.
 - o The first full day of kindergarten is September 1st.
 - o The first full day for preschool is September 6th.

School Day Times:

Elementary Schools	9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Fremont Middle School	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Ross High School	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

School Supply Lists:

Elementary and FMS school supply lists are available on the District web site, at fremontschools.net, the District Office and in the school buildings.

Student Dress Code:

There are no changes to the Student Dress Code Policy for the upcoming school year. The policy is available at the District Office and in the school buildings.

Transportation:

Bus routes will be submitted to The News-Messenger during the first ten days of August and will be published within two weeks of submission date. Please contact the Transportation Office at 419-332-7351 or visit the District's web site for bus route information.

Food Service:

Full Priced Lunches:

- Elementary (grades preschool through fifth): We are pleased to inform you that FCS will once again be implementing the Community Eligibility Program for the 2016-2017 school year. This grant allows all children enrolled in Fremont's elementary schools to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no cost each school day. Students who bring packed lunches to school may receive milk at no cost.
- Fremont Middle School: \$2.35
- Ross High School: \$2.60
- View student meal accounts and pre-pay on-line at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Parents can apply on-line for free/reduced lunches at www.lunchapp.com for the 2016-2017 school year.

Immunizations:

The 2016-2017 immunization information can be found on our web site by selecting the "Parent Information" tab on the left side of the home page and then selecting one of the "2016/2017 Immunization" tabs.

Student Identification Badges:

Students in grades 9-12 must show their student identification badges in order to attend home football games and school dances. Additionally, students eligible for drug testing must have their identification badges prior to testing. Students will receive their ID badges during their summer building orientations. High school students new to FCS may get their ID photos taken at Ross High School during their individual appointment with their counselor.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS -

PLEASE READ!!!

Please plan to attend a brief parent meeting with your child's principal during Elementary Open House on Monday, August 29th in your school's cafeteria/gymnasium.

Open House/Orientation/ Student Schedules:

Elementary Schools Open House
August 29th 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fremont Middle School Orientations
Grade 6:
August 16th 5:00 p.m./6:00 p.m.*

Grades 7 & 8:
August 17th 5:00 p.m.

****Parents of students in Grade 6 will receive orientation time information via postal mail.****

Ross High School Schedule Pick-up:

Grades 11 & 12
August 19th 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Grade 10
August 22nd 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Grade 9
August 23rd 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ross High School Open House and
Freshman Orientation
August 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

Counselors at Ross High School will be available daily beginning on August 15th.

2016-17 School Supplies List

Kindergarten

4 boxes 24 count crayons
1 pair scissors (blunt tips/rounded)
2 big pink erasers
24 No. 2 yellow pencils (no mechanical)
4 bottles white glue
1 pack of glue sticks
1 box fat markers - washable
1 container wet wipes
1 container disinfecting wipes
2 boxes tissues
1 plastic supply box
1 box dry erase markers
1 book bag

Grade 3

1 box 24 count crayons
1 pair 5" scissors
2 big pink erasers
24 No. 2 yellow pencils (no mechanical)
6 Glue sticks
1 box quart size resealable bags (boys)
1 box gallon size resealable bags (girls)
1 package wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
1 box of colored pencils
1 pad of post-it notes
2 boxes of tissues
4 pocket folders
4 Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
6 individual dry erase markers
1 pencil pouch (no box)
1 pair of earbuds
1 book bag

Grade 6

4 pkgs notebook paper
24 No. 2 pencils
1 pkg blue or black pens
1 red pen
24 package colored pencils
1 spiral notebook
1-3 subject spiral notebook
4 two pocket folders w/ prongs
Texas Instrument TI-30XIIS Calculator
2 boxes tissues

Grade 1

4 boxes 24 count crayons
1 pair 5" scissors
2 big pink erasers
48 No. 2 yellow pencils (no mechanical)
1 box fat markers - washable
3 bottles white glue (no glue sticks)
2 boxes of tissues
1 plastic supply box
1 container wet wipes (girls)
1 container disinfecting wipes (boys)
1 box quart size resealable bags (boys)
1 box gallon size resealable bags (girls)
1 box of black dry erase markers
1 pair of earbuds
1 book bag

Grade 4

1 box 24 count crayons
1 pair 5" scissors
2 big pink erasers
48 No. 2 yellow pencils (no mechanical)
1 box fat classic markers - washable
4 Glue sticks
1 pad of post-it notes
1 box sandwich or gallon resealable bags
2 red pens
1 package wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
5 pocket folders - various colors
1 box of colored pencils
2 Spiral notebooks
1 container of disinfecting wipes
2 boxes of tissues
1 yellow highlighter
4 pack of black dry erase markers
1 pencil pouch (no boxes)
1 pair of earbuds
1 book bag

Grade 7

4 pkgs notebook paper
24 No. 2 pencils
1 pkg blue or black pens
1 pkg colored pencils
5 spiral notebook
2-2 pocket folders with prongs
1- 1.5" binder w/ pockets
3- 1" binders w/ pockets
1 pkg 5 tab dividers
Box sandwich bags
Texas Instrument TI-30XIIS Calculator
2 boxes tissues

Grade 2

4 boxes 24 count crayons
1 pair 5" scissors
2 big pink erasers
24 No. 2 yellow pencils (no mechanical)
1 box fat markers - washable
2 bottles white glue
2 Glue sticks
2 Spiral notebooks
1 box quart size resealable bags (boys)
1 box gallon size resealable bags (girls)
1 container wet wipes (girls)
1 container disinfecting wipes (boys)
3 boxes of tissues
1 box of colored pencils
1 plastic supply box
4 individual dry erase markers
1 pair of earbuds

Grade 5

1 box 24 count crayons
1 pair 5" scissors
48 No. 2 yellow pencils (no mechanical)
1 box fat classic markers - washable
1 bottle of glue
1 box sandwich bags (boys)
1 box gallon resealable bags (girls)
2 blue or black pens, 1 red pen
2 packages notebook paper
1 box of colored pencils
5 pocket folders with holes
- various colors
4 Spiral notebooks
1 container of disinfecting wipes
100 package of index cards
3 boxes of tissues
2 highlighters
1 pair of earbuds
1 book bag
1 pencil pouch

Grade 8

4 pkgs notebook paper
24 No. 2 pencils
1 pkg blue or black pens
1 pkg colored pencils
1 highlighter
2 spiral notebook
2- 1" binders w/ pockets
4-2 pocket folders with prongs
3 stretchy large book covers
Box sandwich bags
2 gigabyte thumb drive
Texas Instrument TI-30XIIS Calculator
2 boxes tissues

Giant Pride

Gold Medal Banquet



One hundred forty-one students from Fremont Ross High School were honored at the 31st annual Gold Medal Banquet on Thursday, June 16th held at the Fremont Country Club. The banquet, sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank in conjunction with The Learning and Liberty Foundation of Fremont City Schools, recognized students for their academic achievement of earning a 4.0 Grade Point Average over two semesters during the past school year. The above picture is the 2016 Freshmen Class Gold Medal winners.

Scholarships



The class of 2016 was awarded \$1,865,409.00 in scholarship money.

- * 23 Ross seniors received the 2016 President's Award for Educational Excellence
- * 23 graduates received an Honor's Diploma plus an additional 6 earned the Career/ Technical Honors Diploma
- * 2 graduating seniors have earned an Associates of Science Degree
- * 185 graduates are headed to a 2 or 4 year college
- * 19 graduates are going into the military
- * 39 graduates are going into a career
- * 13 graduates are undecided



Lyndsey Robinson Receives Nomination



Lyndsey Robinson was nominated for the Ohio Department of Education Teacher of the Year. It is the most prestigious honor that a teacher can receive. Lyndsey was nominated for her relentless commitment to student learning and exceptional collaborative leadership in helping students aspire to great things; for going above and beyond to assist students emotionally and academically; by demonstrating genuine concern, warmth and sincerity; for actively assisting colleagues with alternative teaching techniques and interventions designed to reach multiple learning styles; and for all of the other ways she actively demonstrates a commitment to excellence and to the children of Fremont. Congratulations to Lyndsey on her nomination!

Bonnie Weaver



"Honoring Our Past, Shaping the Future" (Honorando nuestro pasado, Cultivando el futuro) was the theme of the 48th National Migrant Education Conference held in San Diego, California last month. Teacher on Special Assignment Bonnie Weaver not only participated with 1,500 other educators from across the U.S. but also presented with the Ohio Migrant Education Center. As one of the 175 proposals accepted, the team of four shared the importance of an "Elevator Pitch", and demonstrated how to effectively represent a program or district whose goal is to strengthen and improve services to migrant children. Bonnie said she was inspired by the passion of other educators and was moved by the accomplishments of the migrant students that accepted scholarships during the conference. She said, "Sometimes we (educators) lose ourselves in the daily grind and lose sight that we have the opportunity in making a difference in a child's life. Listening to the adversity that those students not only faced but conquered because they had a teacher who cared for them reminded me that what we are doing matters."

In Excellence

Congratulations



Congratulations to FMS ELA teacher Jennifer Abdo and new Principal Marjoe Cooper for being recognized during the 2016 Asset Builder's Appreciation Luncheon. They were given awards for encouraging assets in their students. The event was sponsored by the Sandusky County Health Department, Prevention Partnership of Sandusky County, ProMedica Memorial Hospital and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot counties.

Special Award for Safety

Twenty Sandusky County employers were recognized by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) for their strong workplace safety records. Fremont City Schools received one of the Special Awards for Safety because we had over 720,795 hours worked and six months without an injury resulting in a day or more away from work.

Class of 2016 Top 10

The top 10 Graduates of the class of 2016:

1. Johanna Alexander
2. Micaela Eberhard
3. Allison Miller
4. Meghan Moses
5. Huy (Henry) Nguyen
6. Dominique Darr
7. Emily Ou
8. Alexandria Rellinger
9. Morgan Waggoner
10. Tyler Schell

Ross Debaters



Caleb Calvillo and Nick Dorobek represented Fremont Ross High School in Sacramento, California at the NCFL Grand National Tournament in the public forum debate. Out of 205 debate teams, they were able to achieve a 3-2 record and missed breaking by one win. They also placed in the top half of the nation.

Art Projects



The Avenues in Art Awards began in May of 2003. It showcases the artwork and talent of Fremont City Schools students. Only three pieces of art are chosen from the District; one from an elementary student, one from a middle school student and one from a high school student. The winner at each level is awarded a medal along with a custom framed piece of art paid for by the Fremont Educators Association. The three pieces that were chosen to hang in the District Office this year are pictured above. The artwork from left to right is by Amber Otermat, Andres Jimenez and Morgan Shetzer.



The Ross High School Art Club was the winner of the Ohio Department of Transportation Toledo District 2 Snow Plow Contest. This is the second win for Fremont Ross Art Teacher Bradley Sherzer and the Ross Art Club.

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Athletic Passes:

Ticket prices for high school athletic contests are determined by the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC). Beginning this season the ticket prices will increase slightly to \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. In order to help combat the rising cost of admission prices, the Fremont Ross Athletic Department will begin to offer athletic passes for students, adults and families.

The Fremont Ross Athletic Department will begin to offer an All-Sport pass this academic year. The All-Sports pass will allow the purchaser to attend all Fremont Middle School and Ross High School home contests. The All-Sports pass will grant the purchaser access to all the sporting events listed below:

- Varsity Football – General Admission Seating
- Sub-Varsity Football – FMS and Ross
- Wrestling – FMS and Ross
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Volleyball – FMS and Ross
- Swimming/Diving – FMS and Ross
- Boys Basketball – FMS and Ross
- Girls Basketball – FMS and Ross

Student Pass (Grade 1-12) – \$60.00

Good for student general admission to all regular season home events at either Fremont Middle School and/or Ross High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Adult Pass - \$120.00

Good for adult general admission to all regular season home events at either Fremont Middle School and/or Ross High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Family Pass - \$235.00

Includes two general admission adult passes and a student pass for each child in grades 1-12 for all regular season home events at either Fremont Middle School and/or Ross High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Athletic passes will not be accepted by any OHSAA or NWDAB tournaments events, even if they are hosted at Fremont Ross High School. Any pass used by someone other than the assigned pass holder will be confiscated and will not be reissued.

Senior Pass:

Fremont Board of Education policy allows all residents of the Fremont City School District who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older a complimentary pass to school plays, musicals performances and athletic events, including general admission seating at home football games. This is our way of expressing appreciation for your past and present support of Fremont City Schools. In order to obtain your Senior Pass you will need to complete the required forms and provide proof of residency. Forms are available in either the Ross Athletic Office or the District Office located at 500 W. State Street.

Tyler's Pass

Fremont City Schools is proud to introduce Tyler's Travel Pass to eligible residents of Fremont City School District. Tyler's Travel Pass will grant free admission to athletic events and performances to community members who are developmentally disabled and live within the Fremont City School District. Fremont City Schools is honored to lead Sandusky County in partnering with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities to present these passes to eligible residents. Tyler's Travel Pass is named in honor of Mr. Tyler Wiley, a proud graduate of Rogers High School in Toledo Public Schools. Living on a fixed income, Tyler had a strong desire to remain active in his local school events. Tyler presented this desire to the TPS Board of Education and the first pass, named Tyler's Travel Pass, was granted to him on January 22, 2015. The Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities will issue passes and certify that individuals meet the criteria. Tyler's Travel Passes will be available after August 1, 2015. Please call Lisa Celek at the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 419-332-9296, for further information or visit her at 1001 Castalia Street in Fremont to obtain your pass.

Please visit www.littlegiantathletics.com for full list of fall sporting events

Mission Statement, District Goals, Belief Statements

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

1. Increase student achievement
2. Close socio-economic, ethnic and disability gaps in student achievement
3. Build hope, trust and respect with our community

Belief Statements

- We believe in the personal worth of every child and assure that each student will develop a meaningful relationship with his/her school.
- We believe in the special worth of a diverse, multi-cultural community of learners and make a full commitment to institutionalizing an action plan to eliminate any achievement gap that may exist between/among groups of learners.
- We believe in the importance of parent in both the school lives of their children and in the role they must play in the achievement of our vision.
- We believe that Fremont City Schools must provide and that students will respond to clear, consistent and reasonable expectations for academic performance and personal behavior.
- We believe that a comprehensive student-support structure must be accessible to students who need individualized interventions and who will benefit from student-centered counseling, guidance and advisement.
- We believe in and promote the importance of physical, mental and emotional wellness as essential components of successful learning and achievement.
- We believe in compelling, inspiring, instructional delivery that will actively engage students in a multi-faceted learning process and instill in them an appreciation in the value of continuously seeking knowledge.
- We believe in a quality learning/achievement process that deeply aligns the written, taught and tested curriculum and is predicated upon the belief that all children can learn/achieve to required standards.
- We believe in assuring that each child's learning needs are informed by analysis of performance data and addressed by designing and delivering a rich array of instructional strategies.
- We believe in the value of progressive, continuous, capacity building through a comprehensive professional development action plan for all staff members in the district.
- We believe in the importance of a relationship between our schools and the varied community groups that inform our mission, goals and vision for the future.
- We believe in efficiency and effectiveness in the operation of our district and its budgetary process; as a result Fremont City Schools guarantees consistency in application of policies, clarity of communications and coordination of services.
- We believe in providing clean, safe and well-equipped facilities that reflect our district's commitment to excellence.

SAVE THE DATE!

Dignity & Respect Event

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Downtown Fremont

Food, Entertainment, Youth Activities and more!

Call 419-333-4012 or 419-332-8696 for participation information



Crystal Apple Winners



Three District teachers were recognized at the Gold Medal Banquet as Crystal Apple recipients for their enthusiasm, love of teaching, caring for children, cooperation with fellow staff members, and doing the “little extras” to provide quality educational experiences for students: Stephen Powell, Ross High School Tonya Cook, Croghan Elementary School, and Todd Plaunt, Fremont Middle School.

Register Now!

Students K-12

Extended Hours on
August 23rd and 25th

8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Call 419-334-5436

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