



## Start of the School Year Newsletter - Fall 2023

### PARENT COUNCIL

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting of the 2023 – 2024 school year will take place on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be both on-site at the school and virtual, and a link will be sent to all parents closer to the actual meeting date.

We will also hold elections for the following positions: chair, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer. For these positions to be filled, we will require a minimum of 7 parents to attend the meeting to meet quorum. We hope that many parents can attend this meeting as we would love to have a vibrant parent council to support our wonderful FMT students!

### KEY SEPTEMBER 2023 DATES

#### September 5.....**Grade 8 Only (8:40-10:40)**

- Students will enter the school to be welcomed by their teachers and to see the class lists posted on a bulletin board.
- Grade 8 students will meet with their homeroom teachers, collect their textbooks, and be assigned lockers and locks.
- Registration and Photos
- ETS Bus School Specials will only be running in the morning, so kindly plan for your child when he/she is dismissed at 10:40.

#### September 5.....**Grade 9 Only (11:00-1:00)**

- Students will enter the school to be welcomed by their teachers and to see the class lists posted on a bulletin board.
- Grade 9 students will meet with their homeroom teachers, collect their textbooks, and be assigned lockers and locks.
- Registration and Photos
- ETS Bus School Specials will only be running in the morning, so kindly plan for your child when he/she is dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

September 6.....**First day for Grade 7 – Grade 7 Only (8:40-1:00)**

- Students will enter the school to be welcomed by their teachers and to see the class lists posted on a bulletin board.
- Students will collect their textbooks, meet with their homeroom teacher, be assigned their locks and lockers, go through their schedule / timetable, and generally become familiar with the lay of the land. Before going home, the grade 7 students will receive a free lunch!
- Registration and Photos
- ETS Bus School Specials will only be running in the morning, so kindly plan for your child when he/she is dismissed.

September 7.....First day of school for ALL students – Day 1a

September 11 – 15.....Teacher - Parent Contact Week

- Look forward to an email from your child’s teachers. 😊

September 15..... Fee Payments available on PowerSchool

September 13.....Gr. 7, 8 and 9 Retreat Day

- Permission forms will be given to your child(ren) on the first day of class; please ask for them for it.

September 14.....Opening Mass at Corpus Christi

September 14.....Meet the Teacher Evening

- A special invitation will be sent to the parents with the details closer to date.

September 19.....First Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the FMT Library

- It will be a hybrid meeting (in-person and online)

September 25 – 29..... Truth & Reconciliation week at FMT

October 2..... Truth and Reconciliation Day for ECSD – no school

## **LOCKS & LOCKERS**

All students will be assigned individual locks and lockers. Students must keep their combinations confidential to avoid theft of individual property. Students are advised not to leave money and/or valuables in the lockers. Students are responsible for all their personal items including bicycles and electronic devices.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

School Fees can be paid on PowerSchool, and will be available on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached Fee Payment document for additional information on how to pay fees on PowerSchool.

## **BUS PASSES**

The new ARC Bus passes will be available for pick-up at registration starting on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Payment can only be made on PowerSchool, and will be available to parents on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the attached ARC ETS Transportation Information document for more information.

## **LUNCHTIME**

In the interest of student safety, FMT is a closed campus. All students must remain on school grounds for the duration of the school day and no deliveries from delivery companies/restaurants will be allowed. Parents who want their child to go home for lunch must submit a permission letter informing the school of their wishes. Before leaving the lunch areas, students must pick up their garbage and recyclables and dispose of them properly and leave the lunch area clean.

Lunch break will be divided into two 20-minute parts:

Students will spend the first 20 minutes outdoors. Please ensure students are dressed for the weather as this will be our daily routine.

In the second 20 minutes, all students will come in to eat lunch indoors. Students will not be allowed to be outdoors during this time.

Students are not to ride bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. during lunch.

## **CAMPUS WEAR**

FMT no longer has a mandatory navy and white campus wear policy. Students wear our school colours proudly, but this wear is optional. All students follow the Standard of Dress Policy outlined in the student handbook posted on the school website.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST/SCHOOL START**

Unfortunately, due to a devastating fire that occurred at the School Start storage facility, they are suspending all **new** supply kit orders. Their focus is to ensure all orders set for delivery the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> are fulfilled first. They would like to pass on their sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

You are still, however, able to access the Father Michael Troy recommended school supply list from their website with the following link to acquire items from another supplier:

<https://schoolstart.ca/build/kit/17707>

## SCHOOL TIMES FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

<b>Monday - Friday Except Thursday</b>	
	Times:
Doors open to the school	8:15 AM
Warning Bell	8:25 AM
Homeroom	8:30 AM – 8:35 AM
Block 1	8:35 AM - 9:25 AM
Block 2	9:28 AM - 10:18 AM
Block 3	10:22 AM - 11:12 AM
Block 4	11:15 AM - 11:47 AM
Lunch Break	11:47 – 12:07 – Outdoors Time 12:07 – 12:27 – Lunch Indoors
Block 5	12:31 PM - 1:21 PM
Block 6	1:24 PM - 2:14 PM
Block 7	2:17 PM - 3:07 PM

<b>Early Thursday Only</b>	
	Times:
Doors open to the school	8:15 AM
Warning Bell	8:25 AM
Homeroom	8:30 AM - 8:37 AM
Block 1	8:37 AM - 9:23 AM
Block 2	9:26 AM - 10:12 AM
Block 3	10:15 AM - 11:01 AM
Block 4	11:04 AM - 11:50 AM

## 6-DAY SCHEDULE

For the 2023 – 2024 school year we will be following a Six-day Schedule. The purpose of this schedule is to maximize student time devoted to learning and to minimize interruptions. At the heart of this schedule is more consistency and predictability, particularly with supplemental services and special subjects. Instead of defining a week as Monday through Friday, staff and students will follow a six-day rotation where each day is labeled as Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, Day 5, and Day 6 (NOTE: This does not mean there are six days of school each week.) It is important to know the number day for each calendar date, so students are properly prepared for their special subject. The schedule consists of seven daily blocks consisting of 50 minutes each, with a 32-minute Religion or Health block just before lunch.

You will soon become familiar and comfortable keeping track of the cycle, but this information can be found in a variety of places:

- in this newsletter below
- on the website calendar
- on the calendar sent home with this email and one in September

