

## Please Note the Following Dates:

- **August 31**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and New Student Orientation from 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
Sixth grade and students new to FQMS are invited to attend orientation. Students will be able to receive their schedule, tour classrooms, meet staff, and receive locker information.  
Parents will report to the cafeteria for general school information.
- **August 31**
  - Open House from 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
All students and families are invited to stop by to receive their schedule, buy FQMS Spirit Wear, purchase PE uniforms, receive their locker, and meet staff. There will be no formal presentations, so feel free to stop by any time between 5:30 to 7:00 to get this information. If you are not able to attend Open House, students will receive their schedule on the first day of school.
- **First Day of School for Students**
  - September 5
- **Back to School Night**
  - Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 pm
- **Outdoor Education Parent Volunteer Night**
  - Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 pm
- **Outdoor Education for Sixth Grade**
  - October 11 through October 13
- **Thursday, September 21**
  - Schools and offices closed
- **Friday, September 22**
  - Schools closed for students

## Welcome New Staff!

We are happy to introduce our new staff members:

- Lori Willoughby, Assistant Principal
- Lauren Stoesser, Pupil Personnel Worker
- Leslie Schnebly, ESOL Teacher
- Eric Wall, Social Studies Teacher
- Caitlin VanOrsdel, Science Teacher
- Emily Kuykendall, Science Teacher
- Jake Zamostny, Paraeducator
- Karen Wright, Math Assistant

## Transportation

Bus schedules are available on the [HCPSS transportation web page](#). You may access your child's assigned bus and other information on this page. Keep in mind that it takes at least a week for bus arrival times to be fully accurate. We recommend arriving at the bus stop 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time.

## First Day Packets

Please be sure to check your child's backpack on the first day of school for the welcome folder. This folder contains very important information, and many items will need to be signed and sent back to school.

## Family File

Parents and guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging into [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab. Once logged in, the following information will be needed:

- Student information
- Parent/Guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival and dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may not be made through the Family File. If you have recently moved, please contact Laurie Smith at 410-313-1514 or [Laurie\\_Smith@hcpss.org](mailto:Laurie_Smith@hcpss.org).

For students who are bus riders, please note that bus numbers and routes shown in Family File are subject to change.

If you have forgotten your login credentials, click "Forgot Password" link on the main page.

## Immunization Requirements

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Effective on September 5, the first day of school, the following immunizations are required by the state of Maryland for all students entering grade 7:

**1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 does of Meningococcal (MCV4).** Many students have already received these immunizations, but the health room may not have the updated immunization record. Please check your child's doctor and send an updated copy of your child's immunization record to the health room.

## School Meals

Students may enter the building before school starts and purchase cereal, muffins, juice, and other breakfast items for \$2.00. The price for school lunch this year is \$3.25 and milk may be purchased separately for \$.50. The Food and Nutrition Services Department is pleased to announce it will continue to an Online Processing System for Free and Reduced Meal applications. This online system allows parents' privacy in completing the application and receiving notification about it. A new application must be completed each year. Paper applications are also available upon request. You may access more information and the application [here](#).