

August 24, 2023

Welcome!

Before we begin, please sign
up for the PTA and
complete the Family File
[@hcpss.org/connect](https://hcpss.org/connect)

Please do both of these every year even if there
are no changes



KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ON THE 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL



6TH GRADE PARENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



What Is My Child Doing Right Now?

1. Your child has picked up their schedule and they are currently in their 4th period class with their 4th period teacher.
2. The students are receiving the same Folly Quarter information in every classroom.
3. They will go on a building tour.
4. They will locate their locker and practice several times to open the lock.
5. All staff (6th, 7th, 8th & Related Arts) are in the hallways cheering your children on as they crack the combo. code.

GROWING, LEARNING AND DISCOVERING

Birth

Pre
School

Elementary
School

Middle
School

High
School

Post High
School

WHOLE-CHILD

Folly Quarter is a safe and nurturing environment that focuses on student potential and academic success while emphasizing the importance of the social-emotional well-being

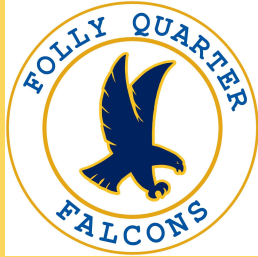
Folly Quarter Middle School

Mission:

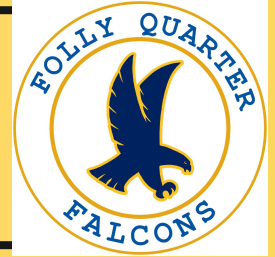
Working together as a community to ensure that ALL students actively engage in learning, meet success now, and fully prepare for a positive future.

Vision:

To create an exemplary middle school by continuously improving the quality of teaching and learning.



Folly Quarter Focus 2022-2025



*Engaged &
Inspired Learners*


**Academic
Excellence**

*Sense of
Belonging*

**Connected
& Safe**



Top 10 Parent Questions

- 1) What can I expect from Folly Quarter?**
 - 2) Am I required to provide a smartphone to my child?**
 - 3) What activities/clubs are available at FQMS?**
 - 4) How will my child figure out middle school?**
 - 5) Who do I contact if I have any questions about my child's schedule?**
 - 6) Who do I contact if I am unsure about something?**
 - 7) How do I find bus information? Bus number? Bus stop? Pick up time?**
 - 8) How will my child open their locker and find every class?**
 - 9) What if my child doesn't feel well?**
 - 10) What happened to my sweet, sweet elementary student?**
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Top 10 Student Questions

- 1) What is the schedule at FQMS?**
- 2) How long are classes? How much time is there in between classes?**
- 3) How many classes will we have in one day?**
- 4) Can we have/use our phones in school?**
- 5) What activities/clubs are available at FQMS?**
- 6) How long is lunch? Is there recess?**
- 7) Who do I contact if I have any questions about my classes?**
- 8) Where is the pool?**
- 9) How do I open my locker and find all of my classes?**
- 10) Are the teachers nice?**

Locker and Backpack Expectations

- Every student is assigned one hallway locker.
- Locker assignments & combinations are printed on student schedules & may not be shared with peers or siblings.
- Coats, lunch boxes, & extra school supplies should be placed in locker.
- Backpacks are not permitted in the cafeteria or at recess & must be stored in locker during lunch.
- Students must visit their locker during the following times:
 - Before lunch - backpack is stored in locker
 - After lunch - to retrieve backpack
 - BUT...they are ENCOURAGED to use it
 - Before school
 - After school
 - Between classes



Electronics and Personal Devices

Wearable Technology & Phones

- Devices and electronics should be stored in backpack/locker.
- Earbuds, AirPods, headphones, Beats need to be **“off and away”** upon entry to the building.
- Students will be allowed to have and utilize cell phones /smartwatches/electronic accessories during arrival and dismissal.
- *Smartwatches should be accessed for clock function only.*
- **Medical Exceptions:** Students who manage health conditions electronically may access their personal devices whenever needed. The school nurse will approve & communicate with staff students with medical exceptions.
- ***You can always call the office to speak with your child at any time.***

Dress Code

- Dress Code: Students are required to follow HCPSS dress code policy 9210. This policy indicates that ‘dress and appearance should not interfere with any aspect of the educational process’.



Chromebooks

- Students/families are responsible for complying with HCPSS technology policies.
- HCPSS issued chromebooks should be used during the school day.
- Personal computers should be left at home.
- Chromebooks should be charged and in lockers ready for academic tasks only.





What is Canvas?

- Canvas provides the platform for sharing class resources, detailed and hyperlinked assignments or unit plans, and online blended learning
- Teachers have homepages, put grades into Canvas, and
- can utilize tools like the Calendar, Announcements, and the
- Inbox to communicate with students and families.

Logging in to Canvas

HCPSS Connect: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect>

PARENT ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASSWORK



HCPSS Connect

HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely, relevant and easily accessible information relating to your student.



Logging in to Canvas

- Parents must use the email address and password set up in your Family File.
- Assignments or documents linked in Canvas are NOT viewable to anyone without an HCPSS email address. If you want to view such documents, you must have your child log in.

Suggestions:

- Set a time each week to do a Canvas walkthrough with your child. Have your child show you their grades, their assignments, and any other agreed-upon aspects in Canvas.
- Your child has access to more information than you do, so we advise conversations about grades and assignments always begin between parent and child.
- We encourage students to advocate for themselves and contact teachers using the inbox or via email.

Student Support Services

School Counselors

Allie Downey
(student last
names A - L)

Emy Coonts
(student last
names M - Z)

Peter Bell
(counseling
intern)

School Nurse

Laura Smith

Health Assistant

Adrian McNeil

School

Psychologist

Lindsey Knauss

Pupil Personnel Worker (PPW)

Tom Bowen

Cluster Social Worker

Ashley Fried

Special Education Team Leader

Kristie Kay

Folly Quarter Daily Bell Schedule

2023-2024

Daily Schedule

Times	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
8:00-8:54	Period 1 w/TV Announcements at 8:00		
8:57-9:47	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
9:50-10:40	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
Periods 4 & 5 and Lunch 10:43-12:59	6th Lunch 10:43-11:13	Period 4 10:43-11:33	Period 4 10:43-11:33
	Period 4 11:16-12:06	7th Lunch 11:36-12:06	Period 5 11:36-12:26
	Period 5 12:09-12:59	Period 5 12:09-12:59	8th Lunch 12:29-12:59
1:02-1:52	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
1:55-2:45	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7

Falcon Time (Homeroom) Schedule

Falcon Time Schedule Wednesdays 2023-2024

(43-minute periods, 30-minute lunch, 3-minute transitions)

Time	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
8:00 - 8:53	Period 1 (extended TV announcements)		
8:56 - 9:36	FALCON TIME (40 minutes) in Homerooms (By Period 4 class)		
9:39 - 10:22	Period 2		
10:25 - 11:08	Period 3		
Periods 4 & 5 and Lunch 11:11 - 1:13	6 th Lunch 11:11 - 11:41	Period 4 11:11 - 11:54	Period 4 11:11 - 11:54
	Period 4 11:44 - 12:27	7 th Lunch 11:57 - 12:27	Period 5 11:57 - 12:40
	Period 5 12:30 - 1:13	Period 5 12:30 - 1:13	8 th Lunch 12:43 - 1:13
1:16 - 1:59	Period 6		
2:02 - 2:45	Period 7		

Related Arts Overview

- Health, PE, Tech Ed. are required classes for all 6th grade students
 - PE meets every day for 2 quarters
 - Health & Tech Ed meet every day for 1 quarter
- Performing Arts: Band/Chorus/Orchestra meets every day all year
- Other courses your child may experience this year:
 - Boost the Brain/Readers & Writers Workshop
 - 21st Century Learning/Digital Citizenship
 - GT Research
 - General Music/FACS/Art/Theatre
 - Reading Seminar and/or Instructional Support

New For 2023-2024!

HCPSS no longer will use Nutrislice for school menus or MySchoolBucks* for meal payments and instead is offering a new parent site for all things food and nutrition. LINQ Connect is a secure, online portal that allows families to:

- View breakfast and lunch menus
- Make online payments to their child's meal account
- Monitor their child's accounts
- Schedule recurring payments and/or low balance alerts
- Submit an online application for the Free and Reduced Meals program

**While MySchoolBucks is no longer used for meal payments, HCPSS continues to utilize it for a variety of payment needs.*



Breakfast \$2.00

Students may purchase and eat breakfast in the cafeteria between 7:45-8:00 a.m. every day.

Lunch \$3.30

Students may bring or purchase lunch in the cafeteria.

Students will need account pin number (see HCPSS food-services).

Lunch-- Recess

Recess

- Weather permitting, ALL students are given the choice to go outside or remain in the cafeteria for recess.
- Students will have access to the media center through an electronic sign up system.

Food Deliveries & Sharing Food

- Students should eat their own food. Forgotten lunches can be dropped off in the front office.
- No DOORDASH!!!!

Water Bottles

Refillable (NON-glass) water bottles

water (no soda, coffee, tea, etc.)





I am a *falcon*,
THIS is my NEST,
WE are the *falcons*,
WE do our BEST!

FQMS

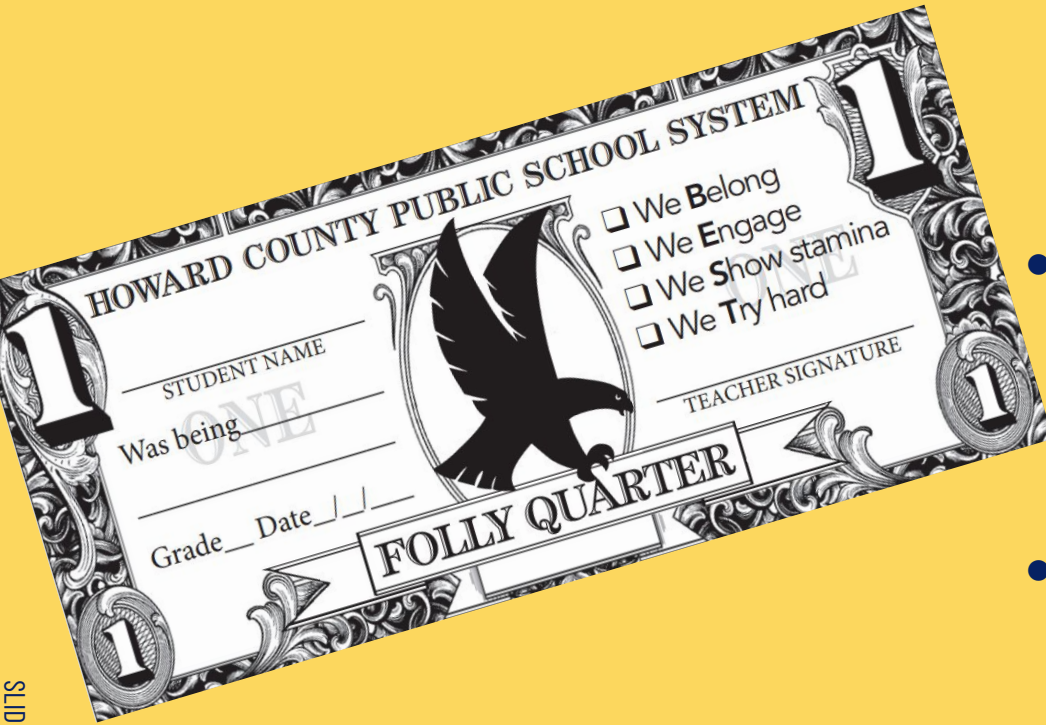
we Belong
we Engage
we Show stamina
we Try hard

FALCON PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

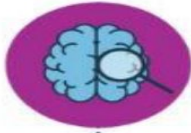
PBIS is a framework for creating safe, POSITIVE equitable schools, where every student can feel valued, and connected to the school community and supported by caring adults. When you implementing evidence based practices within a PBIS framework you are:

Falcon Bucks



- These are for moments when a student is doing their B.E.S.T. (making sure everyone belongs, engaging, showing stamina and/or trying their hardest).
- One way for students to utilize these “bucks” is to invest in rewards such as “extra recess” for the entire grade
- Students can also use their “bucks” in the school store for special Falcon items (cannot be purchased with cash).

Social & Emotional Learning Builds Life Skills



Self-awareness to develop a healthy sense of who you are, and better understand your thoughts and feelings



Self-management to manage your thoughts, feelings, and actions toward goals



Social awareness to better understand different views and have empathy for others



Relationship skills to communicate and connect, problem solve together, and stand up for others



Responsible decision-making to make constructive choices, analyze our actions, and find solutions

Navigating Relationships

Teasing

- Everyone is having fun
- No one is getting hurt
- Everyone is participating

Conflict

- No one is having fun
- There is a possible solution to the disagreement
- Equal balance of power

Mean Moment

- Someone is being hurt on purpose
 - Reaction to a strong feeling or emotion
- An isolated event (does not happen regularly)

Bullying

- Someone is being hurt on purpose
 - Repetitive (happens regularly)
 - Imbalance of power

SAFETY

EFFICIENCY

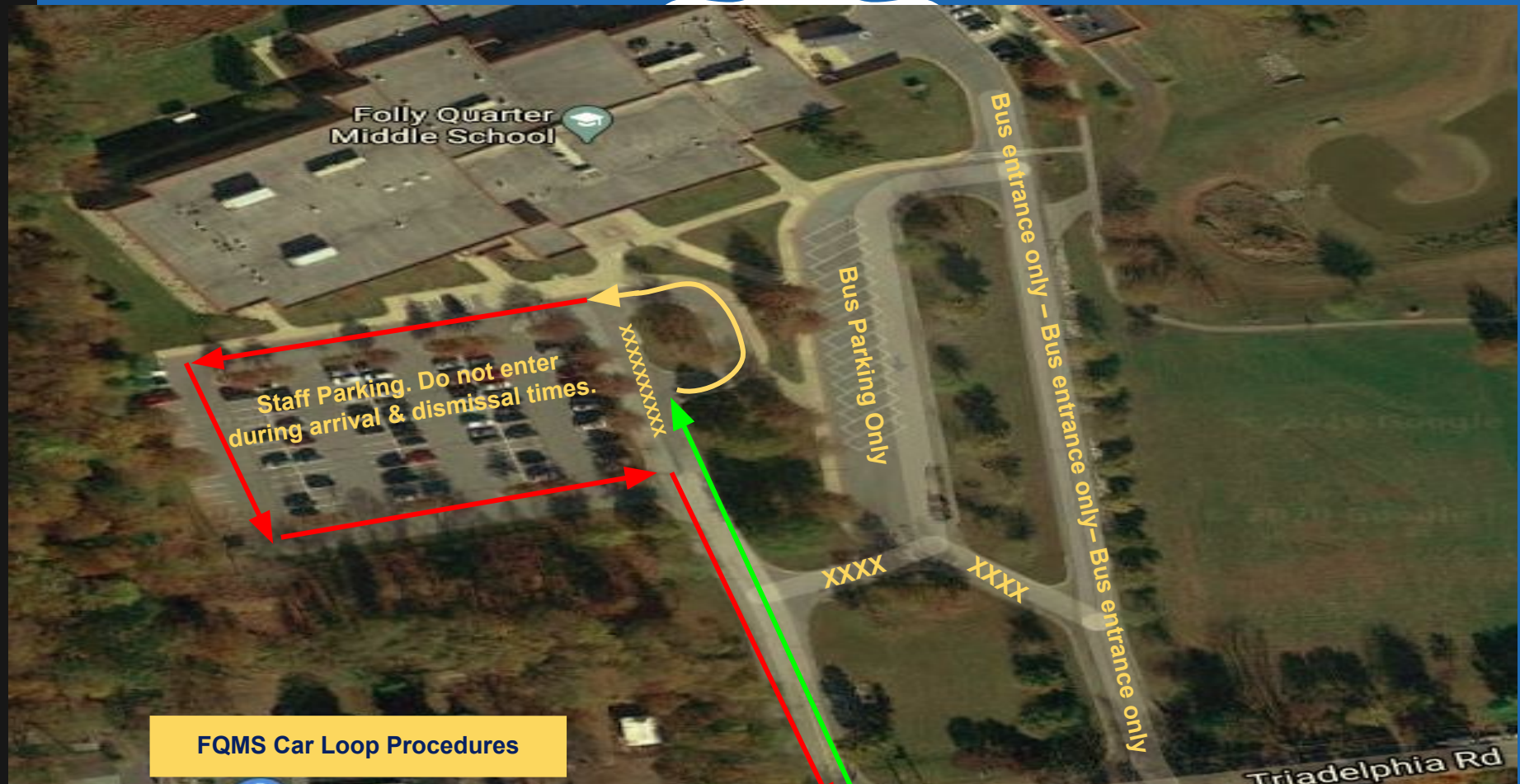
PATIENCE

7:45am

Bus & Car Arrival



The **green arrow** indicates vehicle entrance for arrival & dismissal. The **yellow area** indicates where students exit/enter vehicles. The **red arrows** show the route for vehicles to exit the property.



FQMS Car Loop Procedures

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Note the NEW school hours this year for FQMS: 8:00 am - 2:45 pm

Please follow these procedures to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience!

- Please enter the school property by the green arrows and exit by the red arrows (see map).
- The school opens for students at 7:50 am. Please do not drop off before 7:45 pm.
- Students must be in their period 1 class at 8:00 am to be considered on time for school.
- Students may be dropped off in the yellow zone only (see map). Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot.
- Students will be dismissed at 2:45 pm and may be picked up in the yellow zone - not in the parking lot.
- We encourage your children to ride the bus to school to avoid long car rider lines in the morning, which could cause them to be late to school. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions!

Bus Schedules

1. Bus schedules should be posted on the HCPSS Transportation webpage by mid-August, at www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation.
2. As you prepare for a great start to school, keep in mind that sometimes it takes a week or two for the arrival times to be completely accurate due to the variety of bus routes. For this reason, we recommend that students arrive 15 minutes prior to the published/scheduled pick-up time.

Attendance/Late Arrivals/Early Dismissal

Please send all attendance correspondence to
fgmsabsence@hcpss.org

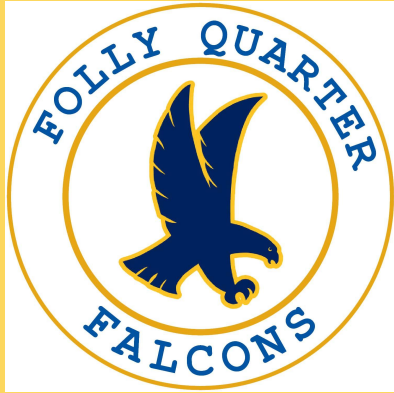
- **Absences**—Absence notes (handwritten or emailed) must be received from parent/guardian within 5 days of absence.
- **Late Arrivals**—Students should be in first period by 8:00am. Late students should be accompanied into the building by either an adult or note.
- **Early Dismissal**—Please email fgmsabsence@hcpss.org, send a note with your child to front office, or call in advance. A driver's license must be presented when collecting your child.

Communication with Staff

- Staff can be contacted via email or telephone.
- We are striving to create the best experience possible for all Falcon students.
- Please contact administration, teachers, school counselors directly.
- We are partners in supporting you and your child while they are students at Folly Quarter Middle School.

Folly Quarter PTSA

Your Membership Counts



Join!

Donate!!

Volunteer!!

www.follyquarterpta.org

Why join PTSA?

Membership provides you with a voice and a vote on future programs and activities at FQMS. PTSA members help bring an ENTIRE year of programs to our school assisting in the enrichment of lives and educational experiences of our children.

Upcoming Programs & Activities

- Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)
- 8th Grade Activities & End of Year Celebration
- After School Activities
- 8th Grade Volleyball Tournament
- 6th Grade Outdoor Experience
- Cultural Arts
- Honor Roll & Attendance Recognition
- Reflections
- Community Outreach Support (Coat Drive, Thanksgiving Baskets, Food Pantry)

Continued...

- Gaming Tournaments
- Staff Appreciation
- Student Social Events
- School Store
- Falcon Days
- Spirit Wear
- Book Fair
- Casey Cares Pajama Drive (April)
- Flu Clinic
- Paint Nite
- Talent Showcase
- School Supply Drive (June)
- and many more!

We need your help to update our sign

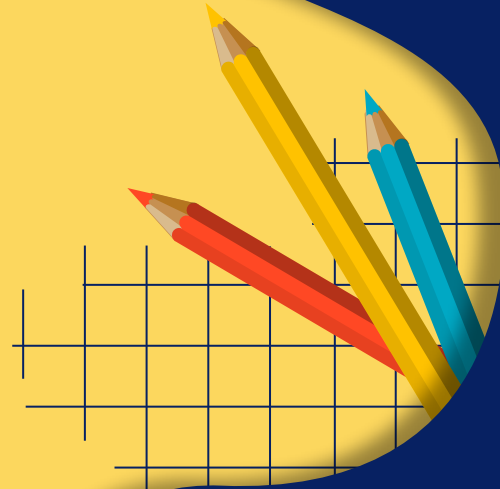
New Sign Fundraiser



New Electronic Sign Fundraiser

We are fundraising to replace the outdated and damaged sign at the main entrance to

\$0.00



PTSA Events

PTSA Student Events		
Date	Event	Time
Thursday, August 24	FQMS Open House & Snoball Truck	4:00-6:00pm
Thursday, September 21	Dance - All students	2:45-5:00pm
Tuesday, October 10	Paint Event	2:45-5:00pm
Thursday, October 19	Bingo Event	6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, October 26	Laser Tag (cafe + gym)	2:45-5:00pm
Friday, October 27	Pumpkin/Gourd Paint Contest	submit pictures by October 30
Friday, November 17	<i>Tentative</i> Turkey Trot	(tbd)
Thursday, January 18	Bingo Event	6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, January 25	Talent Showcase	6:00-8:00pm
Friday, February 2	Winter Dance	6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, February 22	Gaming Tournament (cafe)	2:45-5:00pm
Tuesday, March 5	Folly Cultural Festival	6:00-8:00pm
Friday, March 8	8th Grade Volleyball Tournament	(tbd)
April 2-- April 16	Casey Cares Pajama Drive starts	--
Tuesday, April 9	Paint Event	2:45-5:00pm
Thursday, April 25	Laser Tag (cafe + gym)	2:45-5:00pm
PTSA Sponsored School Events		
September 1- September 22	Winter Gear & Coat Drive (Community)	
October 2-6	Scholastic Book Fair (Students and Community)	During School and Wednesday 4:00-7:00pm
November 7 - All Week	Community Drop off for Thanksgiving Dinners	
November 17	Reflections Due	
Friday, November 17	<i>Tentative</i> Turkey Trot	
November 20	Chick-Fil-A Grab and Go (Staff)	
December 13	Cookie Bar (Staff)	
Monday, December 18	Holly Trolley (Staff)	
February 26-March 1	Scholastic Book Fair (Students and Community)	During School and Wednesday 4:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, March 5	Folly Cultural Festival	6:00-8:00pm
Friday, March 8	8th Grade Volleyball Tournament	(tbd)
Friday, April 19	Talent Showcase	6:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, April 25	PTSA Event (TBD)	(tbd)
May 6 - May 10	Teacher Appreciation Week	

2023-2024 Virtual Meeting Dates

September 11

October 16

November 13

January 8

February 12

March 11

April 8


May 13

Order FQMS Spirit Wear

FOLLY QUARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL


HOME WEEKLY AD NEW!! ADULT LADIES YOUTH T-SHIRTS SWEATSHIRTS ZIP-UPS POLOS PANTS SHORTS ACCESSORIES


VIEW OUR WEEKLY AD
NEW PROMOTIONS EVERY WEEK!



CHOOSE A CATEGORY

HOW IT WORKS

 **1. Choose Your Item**
Select a style from our

 **2. Select Your Design**
Add your favorite design to

Shop New Products

Shop T-Shirts

Shop Sweatshirts

<https://follyquarterspiritwear.com/>

SAVE THE DATE

- 9/07 Back to School Night- 6:00 PM
- 9/11 PTSA meeting - 7:00 PM
- 9/18 Picture Day
- 9/21 PTSA dance
- 10/25 Outdoor Education for 6th grade

Additional Suggestions...

navigating the middle school years

- Check your child's phone (messages, social media, etc). Have a conversation about appropriate use of technology and including chromebooks (games and youtube)
- Ask questions using "tell me" or "explain" phrases to hear about your child's day
- Ask them to teach you what they are learning or explain it to you
- When you have a question or concern about the class, please contact the teacher

Staying connected

- [FQMS.HCPSS.ORG](https://fqms.hcpss.org)
- School Messenger (Falcon Flyer)
- Canvas Announcements
- Instagram- [@PrincipalBabe](https://www.instagram.com/PrincipalBabe)
- Twitter- [@HCPSS_FQMS](https://twitter.com/HCPSS_FQMS)



1st Day Locker Notes

WELCOME to Folly Quarter Middle School!!!

What advice do you want to give to your child who is starting at Folly Quarter Middle School?

Student's First Name _____ Last Name _____

How do I reunite with my child?

1. All students are walking to the front of the building near the flagpole with their 4th period class and teacher.
2. Please make your way to the front of the building to reunite with your child.
3. The building re-opens from 4:00-6:00 pm for Open House. You and your child are welcome to return then to practice walking your child's schedule, open the locker, etc.
4. There are no formal presentations during Open House and it is a "self guided" time for students and parents.

Open House Tonight

4:00-6:00pm

Featuring:



We are ready to start school on Monday, August 28!!