

FISHERS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION 2019

Parents,

Welcome Fishers Junior High Chargers! We are ready for another great school year! The 2019 school year is only days away, and we hope you are as ready as we are! Please familiarize yourself with the information below that explains opening of school and Preview Day. Newsletters and school information will be sent electronically via Skylert. All newsletters, weekly calendars, and daily student announcements will be posted on the FJHS website at <https://fjh.hseschools.org/>.

As a reminder, you need to log into your Skyward Family Access account and click on the Online Forms section (on the right) to complete the back to school forms for this upcoming year. These forms include the annual student health card as well as the form to indicate whether your child will be renting or providing their own iPad (more information can be found in the rental form in Skyward).

For those that complete the form by July 29th and have elected to rent an iPad – you will be eligible to pick up your rental during your Preview Day on July 31st.

PREVIEW DAY

7th and 8th grade Preview Day will take place from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 31st.

This day is for students and parents of students **currently enrolled** for the 2019/20 school year. Be sure to:

- Get your school picture taken – LGI (across from Cafeteria) **Each student must have his/her school picture** taken at registration. This does not obligate you to purchase these pictures; however, it is required for school IDs and the yearbook.
- Set up your lunch account – Cafeteria
- Pay for and pick up PE uniforms – Cafeteria
- Order and pay for a yearbook – online sales only (student assistance available)
- Team names and general supply list – Main Entrance and Cafeteria
- School supplies – Bookstore
- Speak with the school nurse; drop off medicines
- Tour the building, find your classes, and check out your locker
- Pickup iPad in Library (if renting and only if you indicated you wanted to rent it on Skyward by 7/29)
- Introduction to the PTO, with information on how you can help this year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

All junior high students will take physical education unless otherwise noted by their counselor. Physical education students are to wear a Fishers Junior High PE uniform. Students may purchase the uniform on preview day for \$10. Eighth graders may use their uniform from 7th grade.

OPENING DAY

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 7**. Classes will start promptly at 7:35 A.M. Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:00 A.M. and must report to the cafeteria. Using their schedules downloaded from Skyward, students should report to their period 1 class by 7:35. Teachers will be in the hallways during passing periods helping students find classrooms. All classes will meet the first day. We will dismiss students at 2:45 P.M. If your child is unable to attend school on the first day, please call and notify the school.

EARLY RELEASE MONDAYS will begin on Monday, August 12 and continue every Monday with all students released at 2:25 for teachers to have time for professional development.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION will be available on Skyward (in the Family Access section).

BREAKFAST will begin on Wednesday, August 7th. Students are to report to the cafeteria immediately upon being released from the bus. The doors to breakfast close at 7:35. Our breakfast is “grab and go.” Students pick up their breakfast and go to first period. The cost is \$1.25. It is free for free lunch students and reduced for reduced lunch students. The menu can be found online [by clicking here](#).

LUNCH will be served on the first day of school. The cost of a standard hot lunch will be **\$2.85**. All serving lines will offer the same choices, which include the standard hot lunches, salads, and/or sandwiches and students may choose individually priced a la carte items provided in all serving lines. Students are encouraged to pre-pay into their lunch accounts. Cash payments may be given to cashiers in envelopes with student name, ID# and amount on the envelope as they exit the lines. All students must enter their six-digit student ID number on a touch pad at the point of payment. It is wise to memorize the ID number, which appears on the student schedule. Please communicate regularly with your children to see that they have money for lunch. In efforts to speed up the serving and payment process, **cashiers will not return change to students**. Overpayment will be built into your student’s balance. This process will provide less “line time” and more dining time for students. Student account balances and purchases may be checked via e~Funds on line. Go to the HSE website, Parents tab, Food Services. The menu can be found online [by clicking here](#).

MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORTS and semester grades will be available on Skyward. If you have any issues accessing Skyward, please contact Kim Broughton, guidance secretary at 594-4150 x5713.

STUDENT HANDBOOK/ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK: All Hamilton Southeastern Schools 2019-20 student handbooks (K-12) are available online for easier access. The FJH student handbook can be found online in our “Student Life” page or by [clicking this link](#). We encourage you to review it at your earliest convenience. It contains student rules, regulations, services, and procedures. Please review the handbook with your student and familiarize yourself with the rules, procedures, and expectations of FJHS. Should you have any questions, please contact our main office at 317-594-4150. Our staff is available to assist you.

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR USE OF STUDENT PHOTOS/PUBLICITY: If you seek any change in your student’s status regarding release of information, please notify the guidance office (Kim Broughton (kbroughton@hse.k12.in.us)).

STUDENT ABSENCES: School attendance is extremely important. The school attendance line is 594-4156 and is available 24 hours a day. Parents are requested to notify the school by telephone by 9:00 A.M. on the day of student absence. All work missed during a student’s absence should be made up. See the student handbook for the detailed attendance policy.

ATHLETICS/FALL SPORTS: All students must have a completed physical examination form on file before trying out for any team or beginning practice. More information on tryouts for fall sports is available online on the FJH athletics tab.

FUNDRAISERS: FJHS sponsors one school-wide fundraiser during the school year. **Please help our school by encouraging your student to participate.**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is **Wednesday, August 14**. Parents will follow an abbreviated student schedule, which allows them to meet all of their child's teachers. **At 6:00 P.M., there will be a meeting for all 7th grade parents to meet the principal, meet our PTO representatives, and learn about Camp Tecumseh. There will also be a meeting for our 8th grade parents at 6:00 in the library to discuss the Washington, D.C. field trip. At 6:30 parents will follow an abbreviated schedule based on your student's schedule.**

iLEARN TESTING will take place between April 28th and May 6th.

DANCES— Three school dances will be conducted this year, the first of which, the Athletic Dance, is Friday, August 23. All dances take place after school in the main gym and end at 4:30. 7th grade parents pick students up in the front of the school, and 8th grade parents pick students up in the back (bus parking lot) of the school.

HSE CLINIC HANDBOOK-- Services, responsibilities and practices involving the FJHS clinic is defined in the school district's "Clinic Handbook". This document can be found in its entirety at [Clinic Handbook](#) . All students must have their immunizations updated and returned to school to begin on August 7.

DEVICES – ALL FJHS students are expected to have an IPAD on the first day of school. Students also need earbuds. [Please click here for specific requirements as well as other HSE21 related resources](#)

THE STUDENT DRESS CODE appears in the student handbook. Please be familiar with it. Students in violation will be required to change their attire, often requiring that parents bring them a change of clothes, interfering with their child's education. Short and skirt lengths, bare midriffs, low cut tops and sagging pants are most common violations. We appreciate your students' compliance.

We have some exciting things happening at Fishers Junior High School. Our front parking lot was repaved this summer. Also, we have new lockers and freshly painted walls throughout our building. And, we cannot wait for our library renovation to be completed this fall.

Wow! I know this is a lot to take in, but knowledge is power! I invite all of you to join our awesome PTO. It is a nice way for you to stay connected and be a voice for our school! More information to come on how you can get involved. I look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night. Let's have an awesome school year!

Proudly Serving as your Principal,

Dr. Crystal Thorpe

2019/2020 BOOK RENTAL INFORMATION

In compliance with Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation policy, book rental needs to be collected at the beginning of each school year.

Email statements will be sent out no later than **September 6, 2019**. To view in family access:

- Click on Skyward Family Access (<https://sis.hse.k12.in.us/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsEApplus/seplog01.w>)
- Enter your User ID and Password
- Click on “Fee Management” under General Information
- Then click on the “Fee Activity” tab

Your student’s invoice amount will be listed under the “Fee Activity” tab

Ways to pay for your student's book rental this year:

Personal checks/ Money Orders/Cash

Personal checks should be made payable to FJH and can be mailed or sent with your student to school. Be sure to specify on your check /envelope that the payment is for book rental. Include student’s name, I.D # and grade in the memo line of check. Payment needs to be directed to the Bookstore/Treasurer.

- **Note: We will not accept Mastercard or Visa this year at FJH. If you choose to pay by credit card you MUST utilize eFunds.**
- **On-line payments with Mastercard, Visa, or Discover**

Payment may be made online via the District Links in Family Access (Skyward)

Payments will posted in Skyward within 10 business days.

*****PAYMENT DUE DATE*** October 4, 2019**

Prompt payment is expected and appreciated 😊

Should you have any questions or do not have internet access and need a copy of your fee statement, please contact me at 317-594-4150, extension 5715.

Thank You, Robin Passwater Treasurer
Fishers Junior High School

Skyward Family Access: Completing Online Free & Reduced Benefits Application

Free/reduced lunch/textbook information should be completed online.

- 1) Log into your Skyward Family Access Account.
- 2) Click on Food Service on the left hand side of the screen.
- 3) Click on the Applications tab located towards the top of the screen.
- 4) Next, Click Add an Application.
- 5) The system will take you through a series of steps including a parent letter, instructions, the Federal income chart, Privacy Act and Non-Discrimination Statements.
- 6) Next, you will complete the Application process in six parts.
 - a. Household Names
 - b. Benefits
 - c. Homeless/Migrant/Runaway
 - d. Gross Income
 - e. Signature
 - f. Ethnicity
 - g. Race
- 7) At the end of the application process, read through the Electronic Signature Agreement and click I Agree.
- 8) Finally you will review the information you have provided and click Submit to submit the application for review. The application will show Pending status until the application is reviewed by the Food Service Department.
- 9) At this point the application is sent electronically to the Food Service Department where it will be reviewed for approval or denial.
- 10) After the application is reviewed you will receive an email indicating if the application was approved or denied for benefits. You may also check the status through your Skyward Family Access account.

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