



FISHERS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



School Information 2021

Greetings Parents,

Welcome Fishers Junior High School Chargers! We are so excited to begin the new school year at 100% in person! We have missed our students, and we cannot wait for them to return! The 2021 school year is only days away, and we hope you are as ready as we are! Masks are optional for students in the building. Also, we are undergoing a much-needed building renovation, and we are super thrilled for the transformation. Things will be uncomfortable for a short while, but the finished product will be amazing!

Student schedules go live on Monday, July 26 at 4:00 P.M. If you have scheduling issues, please contact our school counselors, Ms. Kitti Gal (8th grade) and Mr. Basel Maarouf (7th) at 317-594-4150. Students will be assigned lockers this year. **Our daily schedule is 9:15 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**, and we will be on a normal schedule meeting all seven periods each day. We will have BEST period on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

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 Back to School Forms section (on the left) 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). If you have any problems with Skyward, please contact Mrs. Broughton at 317-594-4150 ext. 5713.

For those that completed the iPad rental form prior to July 27, you will be eligible to pick up your device during your Preview Day on July 28.

RETURN TO INSTRUCTION:

Please review Hamilton Southeastern Schools Return to Instruction plan at <https://www.hseschools.org/happenings/return-to-in-person-instruction-plan>

PREVIEW DAY:

Preview Day will be on Wednesday, July 28 from 1:00 to 6:00. This day is for students and parents of students **currently enrolled** for the 2021/22 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 – Aux. gym.
- Order and pay for a yearbook
- 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 (if renting and only if you indicated you wanted to rent it on Skyward by 7/27)
- Introduction to the PTO, with information on how you can help this year.
- Introduction to Youth Mentoring Initiative of Hamilton County

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 \$12. 8th graders may use their uniform from 7th grade.

OPENING DAY:

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 4**. Classes will start promptly at 9:15 A.M. Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:45 A.M. and must report to the cafeteria. Using their schedules downloaded from Skyward, students should report to their period 1 class by 9:15. 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 4:00 P.M. If your child is unable to attend school on the first day, please call and notify the school.

DISTRICT SCHEDULE: A copy of HSE’s 2021-22 calendar is included in this Skylert.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

Bus schedules will be available on Skyward on Friday, July 30 at 4:00 PM in the Family Access section. **Students will be required to wear masks on the busses.**

BREAKFAST:

Breakfast will begin on Monday, August 9th. Students are to report to the cafeteria immediately upon being released from the bus. The doors to breakfast close at 9:15. Our breakfast is “grab and go.” Students will pick up their breakfast and go to first period. Breakfast is free to all students.

LUNCH:

Lunch will be served on the first day of school. Lunch is free to all students this year. 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. Correct payment amount is preferred for any “extra” items purchased by students. It is wise for students to memorize the ID number, which appears on the student schedule. Students should also use their identification badge for lunch check out. More information can be accessed here <https://www.hseschools.org/happenings/news/free-meals-at-school-program>

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:

All Hamilton Southeastern Schools 2021-22 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 and information on the dress code. 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 Registrar, Kim Broughton at kbroughton@hse.k12.in.us.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

School attendance is extremely important. The school attendance line is 317-594-4156 and is available 24 hours a day. Parents are requested to notify the school by telephone by 10:30 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. Due to Covid 19, the district has allowed for a policy exception this Fall season 2021 at all HSE junior highs. If your child had 2 or more Fs for any 2nd semester grade last year 2020-2021, they will still be allowed to tryout/practice on their team, but not participate in a game/match/event. They will be on probation until grades are established via weekly grade report. At that point, if the student athlete has established a report with 1 F or less, they will be permitted to participate fully with the team. Mr. Timmons, and coaches will be doing grade checks from 2nd semester 20-21 on the first practice of each sport this fall. More information on tryouts for fall sports is available online on the FJH athletics tab. Contact Mr. Timmons, athletic director, at 317-594-4150 ext. 5548.

FUNDRAISERS:

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

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

Meet the Teacher Night is **Wednesday, August 11**. Parents will follow an abbreviated student schedule, which allows them to meet all 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:

State testing will take place between April 18th and May 13th.

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](#) .

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](#)

Thank you for reading until the end. Keep this handy for future questions. I invite all of you to connect with our wonderful PTO led by our president, Mrs. Tabbatha Collier. Please email her at fjhchargerspto@gmail.com if you have any questions. This is a wonderful way for you to stay connected and be a voice for our school and our students! More information to come on how you can get involved. I look forward to meeting you at Meet the Teacher Night. We are ready to make this the best school year ever! Thank you for sending the most incredible students to FJH!

Proudly Serving as your Principal,

Dr. Crystal Thorpe

Indiana Middle School Principal of the Year 20-21

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