

SEPTEMBER 2020

Florenceville Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are so glad to be back into the swing of things here at FMS after such a long time away from our school community. The summer days are coming to an end, and Fall weather is upon us! The staff of FMS are pleased to have the opportunity to make connections with your child and support them in their learning.

This school year has many changes that are in place to keep students and staff safe and healthy. We are here to support students through these changes and keep things as normal as possible. Together, we will have an awesome year!

Ms. Rioux, Ms. Pearson, and the FMS Staff

BE IN THE KNOW

How can you be in the know about events and activities happening at Florenceville Middle School?

- Watch for the **monthly newsletter** on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Visit our website (**FMS.nbed.nb.ca**).
- Read the emails or listen to the phone messages from **School Messenger**.
- Read and discuss the **FMS Student/Parent Handbook**.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Student Data Sheets were sent home (legal sized paper with pre-filled info). Please verify that all information is accurate and make any corrections that are necessary. Sign where indicated and return ASAP! If at any time changes are made to contact information, it is important that these changes be provided to the school.
- Student/Parent Handbook: This is in the front of student agendas. This is a document meant for you to review with your child so that you, and they, can get to know the expectations, routines and procedures at FMS! There are important pages for you to fill out and sign. Please send in ASAP!
- The Student Fee is \$60 which includes all school supplies as described in the Student/Parent Handbook. This fee can be paid online through the School Cash website – you can find the link on our school website! Otherwise you can send in a cash or cheque with your child.
- Custody Information: By law, schools are required to provide, on request from non-custodial parents, information about a student's education, except when a court order prohibiting access of a parent to a child exists. If there is a current, valid court order prohibiting access to this child, the responsibility rests with the custodial parent to provide the school with a copy of this document. Please send in a copy or contact Sally for other arrangements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2020

- 16th – Newsletter
- 24th – Grade 7 Vaccinations

October 2020

- 7th – Newsletter
- 27th – Picture Day

DAILY PACKING LIST

- Backpack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch and snacks
- At least 2 clean masks
- Indoor sneakers
- Student Agenda
- Screening (See next page)



Remember...

- Students are only allowed to have ONE drop off location this year – changes to busing must have 5 days notice and go through the transportation department.

-If your child is being picked up, please send a note in their agenda for the teacher. Buzz into the office or call 392-5115 when you arrive, and please wait in your vehicle.

- Students are unable to walk off campus unless they are walking home (live within walking distance).

- Please have an emergency plan in place for if your child is sick at school.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Many families are dropping students off and picking students up this year. Just a reminder about safe travels! Please make certain that when entering the property, you enter on the "McCain" side of the driveway and exit on the "bridge" side. At no time should visitors drive behind the school during the school day – when you enter, cross in front of the building. If you are picking students up, please pull all the way up to the end of the driveway and fill in behind. Due to the increased number of pickups, we need all the room we can get!

Also, if you are dropping off your child, please ensure that it is not before 8:00am. There are no teachers on duty before 8am! 😊

Thank you for helping to keep our Falcons safe!

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Public Health nurses will be holding an immunization clinic at our school on Thursday, September 24th. The purpose of the clinic is to administer a vaccine against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough), and HPV vaccines to all grade 7 students.

Grade 7 students brought home information pamphlets with consent forms today. Any questions can be directed to Public Health.

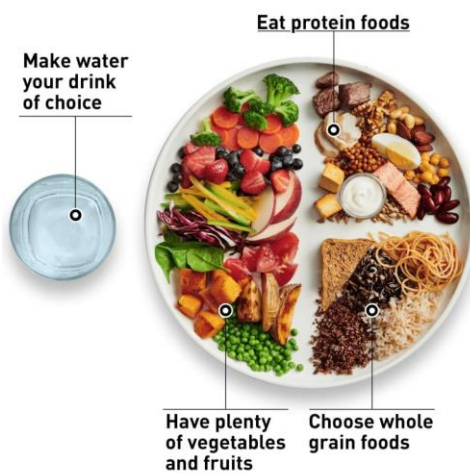
COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

If you have questions or concerns related to the classroom, please first contact the teacher. In most cases, this will lead to a resolution. If the issue is not resolved, contact the principal who, in most cases, will arrange a meeting of the parent/guardian, teacher and principal. In cases where resolution is still not met, contact can be made with the Director of Schools at the Woodstock Education Centre. Thank you in advance for adhering to this protocol.

Please remember that we are encouraging meetings to be virtual this year but can schedule in-person meetings, as necessary. These would need to be pre-booked to follow Covid-19 protocols.

FOOD SERVICES

Canada's food guide recommendations



Chartwells, our food service provider, will continue to offer lunches for students this year. Mary will work closely with the school to ensure that meals provided fit the new changes to the nutrition policy, while also making meals that are appealing to our students! The cafeteria does NOT offer credit. All orders will have to be paid for online using the Chartwells website (<https://cafzone.ca/>). Meals will be delivered to student homerooms. Students bringing their lunch need to bring along their own cutlery and condiments.

If students forget their lunches, they can fill out an "Oops, I forgot my lunch" ticket at the office before nutrition break or speak to their teacher before the lunch hour. We will ensure that they have something to eat!

We will continue to offer grab and go breakfast options to any student who wishes to have something to eat in the morning, before classes begin. Baskets will be delivered to homerooms.

At FMS, we encourage students to make healthy choices with their food options and to eat balanced meals, which also includes low-sugar drinks. Please support your child's brain and body to learn at their peak performance by packing nutritious food with reduced sugars!

School Safety Drills

Over the next few weeks we will be practicing various drills such as fire drills, secure the building drills, and evacuations to our alternate site (The Carleton Civic Centre). We occasionally walk from school to the CCC by way of the main street sidewalk or the NB Trail to practice these routines. We will practice physical distancing and ensure student safety during our drills.

PICTURE DAY

Get those smiles ready! Picture Day is on October 27th!

HOME SCREENING SYMPTOMS

As per provincial expectations, parents are asked to screen their child before sending them to school each morning. The screening questions are:

My child does not have purple markings on their fingers or toes.
My child does not have two of the following symptoms:

- Fever above 38°C or signs of a fever
- A new or worsening chronic cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- New onset of fatigue
- New onset of muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Difficulty breathing

If your child has purple markings or two of the above symptoms please keep them home and call 811 for direction.

SPORTS

Information about offering extracurricular activities is slowly being released. Students can participate in ONE extracurricular bubble, and sports will have a distinct end before another begins.

Cross country will be the first of the extracurricular activities offered, with adjustments for Covid-19 protocols. Please look for information regarding cross country, which will be shared soon!