

Frontier Middle School Parent Welcome Night

May 11, 2026



Mr. Charland, Middle School Principal

- Welcome to the Class of 2033
- The Middle School Journey
- Your Child during grades 6-8



John Raczynski, Assistant Principal



Culture & Safety

Dances/Assemblies

- School Safety (S.H.E.SL.L.)
- Access to technology & etiquette
- Internet safety and use of technological devices and the role of social media (Creating, Posting, Distributing, Following, Sharing- Go Guardian & Gaggle)



Communication Resources

- School website - www.frontiercsd.org
- Weekly newsletter to families (Falcon Update)
- Blackboard Announcements (no reply)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment as necessary -
contact your child's teacher or counselor to arrange

Misc.



- Energy Drinks are not allowed in the Middle School
- Water bottles are allowed. Please use non-squirting/non-squeeze bottles
- Bookbags need to be kept in student lockers.
- If you are picking your child up early, please make arrangements ahead of time. Please note that the office is extremely busy around dismissal and we ask that parents do not come into the building after 2:00 P.M.
- Please make appointments to meet with administration or staff prior to arriving- we value your collaboration but meetings must be planned.

Mr. Carstens, Assistant Principal

- Academic Expectations
 - Academic-eSchool Parent Portal
 - Four marking periods, 10 weeks each
 - Report cards at 10/20/30/40 weeks
 - Grading, & Homework (50%,30%,20%)
 - Honor Roll, High Honors, Merit



Student Supports

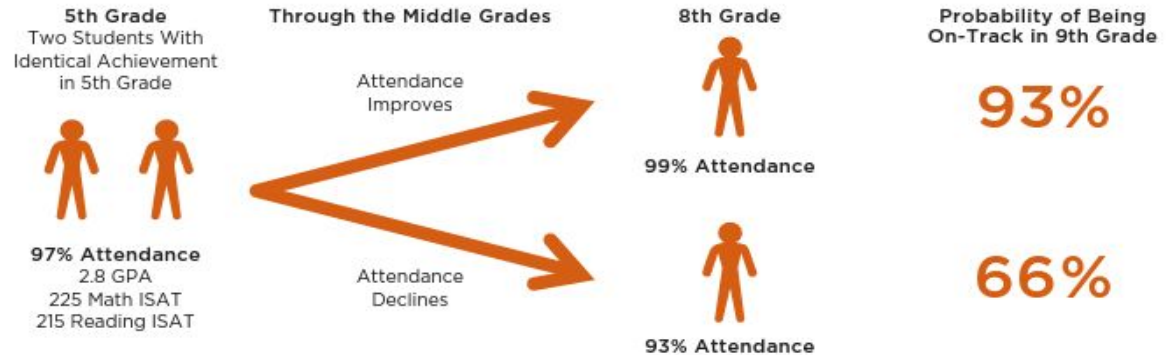
- Student Reports
- Mediations
- Extra Help-Interventions & Remediation (SAIS)
- 3:45 Bus

Attendance

FIGURE 3

Small Improvements in Attendance Are Associated With Large Improvements in Later Outcomes

Predicted Probability of Being On-Track in Ninth Grade For Students With the Most and Least Improvement in Middle Grade Attendance



Attendance is a key factor in student success!

Attendance Letters are sent home every 5 weeks for students of concern.

1st step - Letter → 2nd step - Call from student services → 3rd step - Success Plan meeting with Administration → 4th step - Home Visit → 5th step referral to outside agency

*Parents will be notified of each absence via robocall/message/email

Updated Electronics Policy



- Cell phones, i-Pads, Smart watches, AirPods, and all other electronic devices must be **off and in their lockers** during the school day. Please refrain from texting your child during the school day.

Student Arrival

- evolv Machine - Entry Procedure.
- Chromebooks, Metal Water Bottle,
- 3-Ring Binder, Eyeglass cases, scissors,
- Umbrellas, etc.





Officer A.J. Lahrs School Resource Officer



“One Community, Forward Together”

- SRO Program Overview
 - School Safety
 - Emergency Management
 - Crime Prevention & Reduction
 - Internet & Social Media Safety
 - Youth Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Violence Risk Diversion



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716-926-1730 Ext: 3434

Amanda Allaire & Jeremy Allen, Social Workers

- Confidential, individual and group counseling for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with an IEP or 504 plan
- Teacher/parent consultation
- Assist students and their families navigate through adolescence and challenging life situations
- Make necessary referrals and linkage to community resources

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Local Mental Health Resources

Spectrum CARES: (716) 882-4357

Erie County Child & Adolescent Crisis Mobile

Team available 24/7.

Best Self: (716) 884-0888

<https://www.bestselfwny.org/>

Counseling Services for Children, Adolescents & Adults.

Child and Family Services: (716) 842-2750

<https://cfsbny.org/>

Counseling services for children, adolescents, families & adults.

Food Pantry: <https://www.feedmorewny.org/>

Mental Health Advocates of WNY: (716) 886-1242

Provides information and linkage to community mental health resources. <https://mhawny.org/>

211 WNY

Resources in Western New York. Dial 211 or visit **[211wny.org](https://www.211wny.org/)**

GLYS Western New York, Inc: (716) 855-0221

Information, support & referrals for LGBTQ+ population

<https://www.glyswny.org/>

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988

Crisis Services:

24 hour crisis support (716) 834-3131

Kids Helpline (716) 834- 1144

Karen O'Meara, School Counselor

Teaming

-3 Teams: This year Blue/Black/White, Next year students will get to select their team name during the first week of school.

- Each school day starts with a short homeroom period**
- Team classrooms are located near each other in the hallway**
- Lockers are assigned near student's team classes**
- FMS operates on an alternating Day1/Day 2 schedule**

Time/Bell Schedule

- The current school day begins at 7:40am and Dismissal is at 2:22pm**
- Classes are appx 41 minutes long, Lunch is 30 minutes**
- 4 minutes between classes**

6th Grade Schedules

-6th Grade schedules include ELA, Social Studies, Math, Science and Lunch

-Specials include FACS (Home Skills), General Music, Art and Computer Tech to name a few. Even more electives are being developed. Each marking period you will have a new special.

-Phys Ed is offered every other day

-Students in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus can continue these involvements on an every other day basis

-Intervention Period - Includes Academic Support and a Grade Level Study Hall

Maureen Glavey, School Counselor

Your child is heading to
Middle School...

Student visits were held last week

Building Tour

Question & Answer session

Student Orientation

- Thursday, September 3, 2026
- Schedules will be available
- Locks will be for sale for \$9
- School store will be open to purchase supplies



Jennifer Cotroneo, School Counselor

First day of Middle School

- Organization - Agendas & Locker
- Bus assistance- we will be there to help! Buses are parked in the same numbered spots each day

Setting your child up for success

- Supply lists will be ready this summer on our website
- Locker ladders - \$25- Price will increase for Orientation & during the school year (School Store)
- School locks for sale for \$8 at Elementary Schools this spring, and go up to \$9 at August Orientation & during the year in the main office
- Attendance is key to academic and social success



Kaleigh Matecki, School Counselor

- What can your counselor help with?

Schedule, conflict resolution, coping skills

- Work with us to help support your child when they are struggling
- Keep in close communication with your child's teachers
- Encourage student involvement @ FMS
- Attend events and stay informed~listen to announcements, sign up for black board messages
- Please set up and utilize your eschool account

Frontier Middle School Health Office

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Tdap Vaccine is a NYS requirement for 6th grade and needs to be completed on or before age 11 or they will be excluded from school.

- Provide immediate care for minor injuries and illnesses, assess the severity and determine whether the student can remain in school or needs further medical attention.
- Medication administration and care for students with special health needs.
- Participate in 504 and IEP planning and implementation
- Ensuring compliance with State and Federal laws and regulations related to school health services.
- If you are calling your child in sick please call the attendance office. (716-926-1730 x3412)

Laura Errington, Parent Teacher Association



E-Mail: fmspta716@gmail.com

- Join us as we create opportunities for our students that compliment the education they are receiving and encourage them to become successful, contributing members of society.
- PTA Events - Freeze Friday, Spirit Days, Rockin Lockin, Chicken BBQ, BOGO Book Fair, Staff Appreciation, Meat Raffle
- PTA meetings - September, November, January, March, May- all meetings @6:30pm ** Tentative dates**
- Membership-\$8.00 individual membership - for the year!!
- Open July 1 - FB Page (FMS Parents 2026-27)
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Ask questions.....we are here to be a resource and be helpful!!!

Stop by our
table in the Hall
and Say HI!!!



Summer Reading Challenge 2026!

July 1 – September 1

Steps to Participate:

1. Join Google Classroom after 7/1.
2. Read, Read, Read!!
3. Submit **ONE** Google Form for **EVERY** 150 pages read.
4. The more books you read, the more tickets you will receive for the raffle drawing in October!!

Questions For Us?

