

FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A HANDBOOK FOR NEW STUDENTS



Frontier Middle School
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716-926-1730

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Mr. Daniel Charland, Principal

Mr. Fred Carstens & Mr. John Raczynski, Assistant Principals

WELCOME TO FMS

Middle School is a major change from elementary school, but it is also a fun and exciting time. You will be involved in many different activities, which will require you to make a commitment to yourself. It is important that you do the best you can. Your teachers will have high expectations. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you during your time at Frontier Middle School.



Middle School Time Schedule



Our school day begins at 7:40AM. The regular school day ends at approximately 2:22 PM. The students spend 42 minutes in each class, with 30 minutes for lunch.

Supervision is available in the cafeteria daily after 7:20 am.

There are 4 minutes to pass from class to class.

The time schedule is as follows:

Early DROP-OFF

7:20-7:40AM

Periods 1-12

7:40-2:22pm

6th Grade Class Offerings

ELA	Physical Education (every other day)
Math	Home Skills (FACS)
Science	Technology (computers)
Social Studies	Band/Chorus/Orchestra (every other day)
Art	General Music
Lunch	Advisory (<i>if schedule allows</i>)

7th Grade Class Offerings

ELA	Physical Education (every other day)
Math	Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
Science	*General Music
Social Studies	Health
Lunch	Business
Art	Technology (Wood Shop)
Band/Chorus/Orchestra (every other day)	

8th Grade Class Offerings

ELA	Physical Education (every other day)
Math	Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
Science	*General Music
Social Studies	Health
Lunch	Technology (Wood Shop)
Art	Business
Band/Chorus/Orchestra (every other day)	

****7th & 8th graders do not have to take general music if they are in band, chorus or orchestra****

What Supplies Will Be Needed for Middle School?



PLEASE PURCHASE THE SUPPLIES THAT ARE BEING REQUESTED.
THIS WILL ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE FULLY PREPARED ON YOUR FIRST DAY AND READY TO BEGIN.

SUPPLY LISTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL WEB PAGE IN EARLY SUMMER.

MASTER LOCK - \$9 – MUST BE PURCHASED AT FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL
(PRICE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHIPMENT)

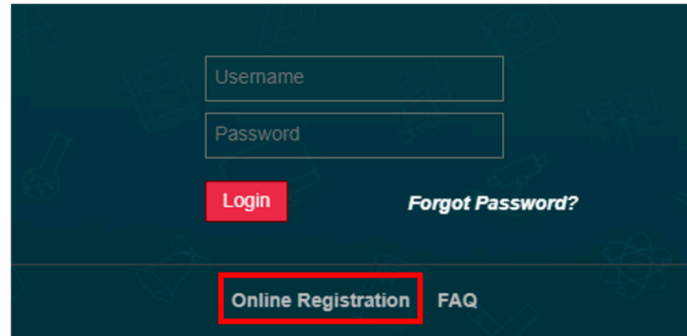
WE RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF A CANVAS LOCKER LADDER FOR \$25.
THEY ARE FOR SALE IN OUR SCHOOL BOOKSTORE, AS WELL AS ON AMAZON.
(PRICE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHIPMENT)



eSchool Parent Portal

FIRST TIME USE

1. Visit the district website: <http://www.frontiercsd.org>
2. At the top of the page, look for eSchool in Blue
See image from website: Click on “Online Registration” that is located under the red Login button, <https://parentportal-wnyric.eschooldata.com/FrontierCSD>
<https://www.frontiercsd.org/o/fcsd/page/eschool>



4. Follow the onscreen directions.
5. You will need your student(s) 9 digit student number
 - You will receive a mailer with your student(s) ID number
 - If you have not received the student ID number, please contact eschoolchanges@frontiercsd.org
6. Once you submit your information, you will need to wait for district personnel to review your request and approve it. *This will take 1-3 days.*
7. After approval, you will receive an email with an activation link.
8. Click on the link to activate your account. Agree to the terms and conditions of the site. Now you're ready to check your child's grades!

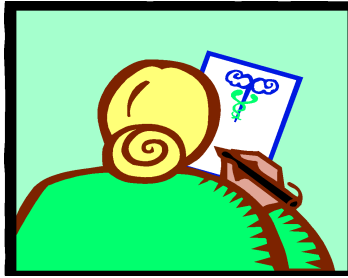
USING PARENT PORTAL AFTER REGISTRATION

1. Visit the district website: www.frontiercsd.org and click on the icon at the top for eSchool
2. Enter the email and password you used to create your account.
3. On the main page of your Parent Portal account, you will see links for each of your children enrolled in the district. Select the child you would like to check on.
4. The child's screen will contain multiple tabs with various information about your child. These tabs may vary based on the age of the child.
5. TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S CURRENT GRADES select **Gradebook tab**.
6. TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S MID-QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS select the **Progress report tab**.

(REPORT CARDS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE REPORT CARD TAB)

Medication During School Hours

***** Over-the-counter and prescription medications *****



If your child *needs* to take medications during the school day,
There are some rules that need to be followed.

1. Obtain a written order from a physician listing:

Name of student

Name of medication

Reason for administration

Dosage and time it is to be given

Physician's signature

2. A written request is needed from the parent to administer the medication

3. Leave the medication in its original container.

(Section #3345 of the Public Health Law makes it "an offense for Prescription drugs to be in anything other than the original container.")

4. All medication must be brought to the school nurse by an adult. Please **DO NOT** send medication to school with your child. **IT IS IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

The school nurse will instruct the students not adhering to the correct procedures regarding taking internal medication.

The nurse will also inform the parents if needed.

Frontier Middle School Health Office

<i>Mrs. Amy Carlin, RN</i> <i>acarlin@frontiercsd.org</i>	<i>Mrs. Amy Piniewski, RN</i> <i>apiniewski@frontiercsd.org</i>
<i>Phone: 716-926-1731</i>	<i>Fax: 716-926-1754</i>

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)**

Procedure upon returning from an absence:

- *Please provide a note including student's name, date of absence, reason for absence and parent/guardian signature*
- *Student should turn absence notes into STUDENT SERVICES*
- *Should any medical documentation need to be sent in after an illness or injury, please turn that into the school nurse.*



Locks for Your Locker



As a middle school student, a combination lock is used to lock lockers. All locks need to be purchased from Frontier Middle School, and you can use it throughout your education at Frontier.

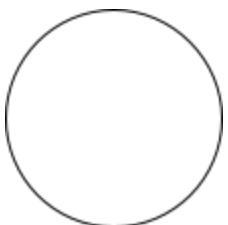
There are several times and places where you can purchase a lock for yourself. Locks are on sale at Frontier Middle School on an ongoing basis as well as at your elementary school. Locks will also be available to be purchased at the August student orientation and at the beginning of the school year.

*It is important to keep your locker locked at all times, and **do not give your combination to anyone.** Locks can be difficult to open at first.*

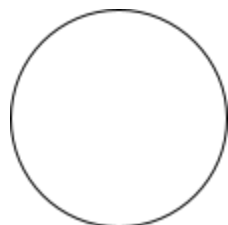
Below is a simple demonstration of how to unlock your lock.

Sample Lock Combination 16-32-8

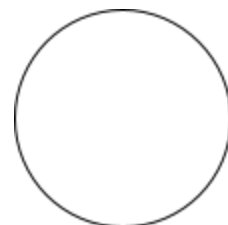
- Give the lock a good spin to the right
 - Turn right to 16
- Turn left to 32. Pass it, and then continue turning to the left to 32 again.
 - Turn right to 8
 - Pull down on the lock to open
 - Push up on the lock to close
- Give the lock a good spin again to lock it again



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Important Phone Numbers



Main Office **716-926-1730** **Fax: 716-646-2207**

Mrs. Dawn Dirienzo- Senior Clerk Typist x3410
Mrs. Valerie Lattin - Clerk Typist, Asst. Principal's Office x3411
Mr. Daniel Charland – Principal x3400
Mr. John Raczynski– Assistant Principal x3406
Mr. Fred Carstens – Assistant Principal x3405

Attendance **716-926-1732**

If your child is absent from school, Please contact your child's Teachers.
Most of them will have a google classroom in which the students
will be able to access missed work and assignments.

If you plan a family vacation outside of scheduled time off,
your student is still responsible for missed assignments upon their return.

Attendance Office **Mr. Nick Hein x3412** **nhein@frontiercsd.org**

❖ **Procedure when calling in an absence:**

- Call 716-926-1732
- Leave student's name (please spell the last name)
- Reason for absence
- Anticipated length of absence if known

❖ **Procedure upon returning from an absence:**

- Please provide a note including student's name, date of absence, reason for absence and parent/guardian signature
- Student should turn absence notes into STUDENT SERVICES

Health Office **716-926-1730 x3420** **Fax: 716-926-1754**

Mrs. Amy Piniewski – School Nurse *Mrs. Amy Carlin -School Nurse*

❖ ***Please do not call absences into the school nurse. Please call the attendance office.***

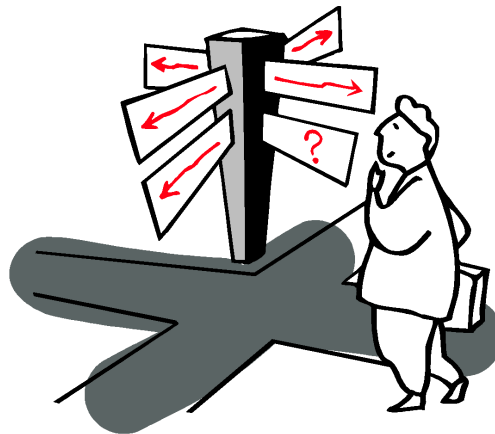
Student Services 716-926-1730 x3452 *Counselors are broken down by student last name*

Mrs. Kim Cleary (Student Services Admin Asst.) x3452	Mrs. Jen Cotroneo (Guidance Counselor) x3458 (A-D)
Mr. Jeremy Allen (Social Worker) x3451	Mrs. Kaleigh Matecki (Guidance Counselor) x3454 (E-K)
Ms. Amanda Allaire (Social Worker) x3456	Mrs. Karen O'Meara(Guidance Counselor) x3461 (L-R)
Mrs. Rachel Grillo (School Psychologist) x3450	Mrs. Maureen Glavey (Guidance Counselor) x3457 (S-Z)

What is a Day 1 – Day 2 Schedule?

The students and teachers at the Middle School use an alternating Day 1 – Day 2 schedule. Each day is either Day 1 or Day 2. If there is a school holiday or a snow day, the day you return to school will stay in sequence. We never skip a day. This allows us to fit in all the requirements. It also allows you to take more elective classes. The following classes will alternate days: physical education, music, study hall, band, chorus, and orchestra.

You will receive your schedule towards the end of August, They will be available online on the portal. Your schedule will tell you all the important information you need to know in order to learn your way around the Middle School on your first day. Take time to look at the period, the class, the teacher, and the room number.



School Social Workers

Jeremy Allen, LCSW, CSSW jallen@frontiercsd.org	Amanda Allaire, LCSW, CSSW aallaire@frontiercsd.org
716-926-1730 x 3451	716-926-1730 x 3456

- 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

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 <https://mhawny.org/>

Provides information and linkage to community mental health resources.

211 WNY : Resources in Western New York. Dial 211 or visit 211wny.org

GLYS Western New York, Inc: (716) 855-0221 <https://www.glyswny.org/>

Information, support & referrals for LGBTQ+ population

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988

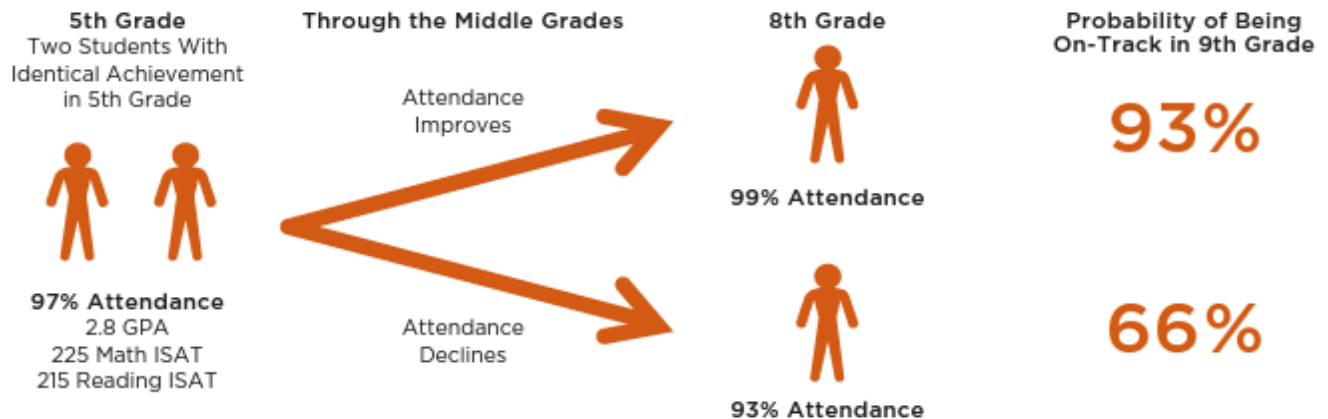
Crisis Services: 24 hour crisis support (716) 834-3131 Kids Helpline (716) 834- 1144

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!

Missing as few as 2 days per month has a significant impact on student performance and graduation percentages.

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/text message/email.

Communication Resources

- School/District website - www.frontiercsd.org
- Weekly newsletter to families ([Falcon Update](#))
- Academic - eSchool Parent Portal
 - Four marking periods, 10 weeks each
 - Report cards at 10/20/30/40 weeks (*available on Parent Portal*)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment as necessary - contact your child's teacher or counselor to arrange

To contact any teacher/counselor/social worker/admin, their email address is their first initial last name [@frontiercsd.org](#)

Example:

Mrs. Jane Doe

jdoue@frontiercsd.org



eSchool Parent Portal:

If you're locked out or need a password change, please email

eschoolchanges@frontiercsd.org

If your child's chromebook is malfunctioning:

Please email techteam@frontiercsd.org

Frontier Technology Office: 716-926-1700 ext. 2863

National Junior Honor Society

Frontier Middle School Chapter

The Frontier Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization of members who exemplify the pillars of **Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.**

In addition to academic excellence, membership is based on community service, recognition for awards, and leadership experience. Students eligible to apply must have a Middle School cumulative GPA of 95% or greater. Those accepted by the **NJHS**

Faculty Council will then be required to participate in the induction ceremony, maintain their GPA throughout the school year, attend monthly meetings, participate in organized activities and complete 20 hours of community service before June 1st.

6th grade students will have the opportunity to apply in their 7th grade year. Therefore, they are encouraged to gain leadership experiences, participate in community service activities, join clubs or groups both in and out of school, and maintain a high level of academic achievement this summer and upcoming year.

If you have any questions, please contact
Addie Sausner, NJHS advisor.

asausner@frontiercsd.org



Welcome to the Frontier Middle School and the Frontier Middle School PTA!

Our PTA supports many school activities and functions. Some of these are:

Roller skating

Ice Cream Social & Chicken BBQ

Frontier Merch Sale

Paint Night

Freeze Friday

Meat Raffle

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Parent Information Nights

We also run a Fundraiser each year and hold a Teacher / Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Our Building Level Team (BLT) committee keeps communication open all year long with the school.

Please consider remaining involved with your child's school, through the PTA. Meetings are listed on the District Calendar along with your officers (their names and phone numbers). Everyone is welcome at meetings.

Your involvement is important to both your child and the school. Becoming a member is easy and our Membership drive will kick off in September. Join us at our September meeting to meet your PTA board members, see what's going on at the Middle School and decide if you would like to become involved or just stay informed.

Thanks for your time!
Enjoy your summer and hope to see you in September at the Middle School.

THE PRINCIPALS, COUNSELORS, TEACHERS & STAFF AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT HAVING YOU JOIN US NEXT YEAR. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO ARE HERE TO HELP YOU. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR SUMMER VACATION. IF YOU KNOW THE INFORMATION IN THIS HANDBOOK, YOU ARE READY TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL AND A HAPPY STUDENT AT FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB AT WWW.FRONTIERCSD.ORG

6th Grade & New Student Orientation: Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

8:00am-9:00am	Last Names beginning A-H
9:00am-10:00am	Last Names beginning I-P
10:00am- 11:00am	Last Names beginning Q-Z



COUNSELORS (5/26)