

“Fort Recovery Local Schools: Better Today Than You Were Yesterday.”

Fort Recovery Middle School News

August 2024

Ms. Holly Gann—Middle School Principal



Welcome Back!

Happy August! Wouldn't you know it, it's that time of the year again. The beginning of another new school year approaches rapidly. I can't wait to see all the smiling faces in the building.

We will be welcoming some new faces to the middle school besides mine! Hannah Siegel will be replacing Patty Lefeld in the 8th Grade ELA Classroom. We are excited for our new additions to the middle school staff!

Schedule pick-up for the students will begin on August 14th. The middle school office will be open from 8:00-3:00 each day beginning on this day. Open building for the middle school will be held on Monday, August 19th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. We will also have an optional parent meeting that same evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditoria for parent(s) of any middle school child. Please feel free to stop into this meeting with your child to hear important information about the upcoming school year. I promise to keep it short and sweet.

A reminder that once the school year begins the school building will remain locked until 8:00 a.m. No students will be permitted to enter the school until 8:00. At the end of the school day, walkers will not be released until all buses have departed the back parking lot. **NO** students are permitted to be picked up in the church parking lot as well. Please be courteous and respectful of the safety of all our students when dropping off and picking up your children.

Also, a reminder that all incoming 7th grade students will need to have their adult TDap and Meningitis vaccinations prior to starting the 7th grade. You will need to provide a copy of your vaccination form to the middle school office. If you have any questions, or have had trouble getting an appointment scheduled, please contact the Mercer County Health Department or the middle school office for additional information.

I look forward to another great school year at FRMS. If you don't already, please follow Fort Recovery Middle School on Facebook to see the work of our students highlighted throughout the school year. And as always, do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Have a great rest of your summer,
Holly Gann
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Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, August 14

- MS Student Schedule Pick-up in MS office (8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)

Monday, August 19

- Open Building/Meet the Teachers night (3:30—7 p.m.)
- Parent Meeting (optional) in the Auditoria (6:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 21

- First day of school!

Friday, August 23

- Tribe Day

August 30–September 25

- Washington DC soap sales fundraiser

Monday, September 2

- No School—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 10

- MS Picture Day

MS Staff Aug. Birthdays!

- Ms. Gann—6th
- Mr. Rogers—12th
- Mrs. J. Jutte—19th

Happy Birthday!



Book Fees

Please be sure to use the Book Fee Envelopes to send in your son/daughter's required amounts. Book fees for the 2024-225 school year are as follows:

6th grade—\$61.00

7th grade—\$61.00

8th grade—\$61.00



Lunch Money

Student lunches will return to being charged this upcoming school year. Students in grades 6-12 will be charged \$2.70 for a lunch. You can send money to the middle school office using the Lunch Money envelopes, or you can still pay your son/daughter's lunch balance via credit/debit card online. The district uses PaySchools Central, and you can access your account online via the school's website, click under the Parents & Students tab.



Attendance Policy

If a student is absent **thirty-eight (38)** or more hours in one (1) school month, or **sixty-five (65)** or more hours in a school year, that student is considered "excessively absent" from school. Anytime not in school will be documented and counted towards the student's attendance record. **Any and all tardies and/or early leave from school will be tracked and will be counted towards their attendance record.** Absences with a written medical excuse will not count towards a student's attendance record. It is strongly encouraged to obtain a medical note from your health care provider when appointments and medical needs take place during the school day.

CELL PHONES

Research shows that student use of cell phones in schools has negative effects on student performance and mental health. Cell phones distract students from classroom instruction, resulting in smaller learning gains and lower test scores. Increased cell phone use has led to higher levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders in children.

ProgressBook Grades

All parents are encouraged to have a ProgressBook account to check their child's grades. Once again, we will be distributing grade cards at the end of the nine weeks electronically instead of paper copies. If you do not already have a ProgressBook parent account, please reach out to the middle school office at hartingms@fortrecoveryschools.org.

Student Drop-off and Exit Procedures

The EMS building will continue to use the "S-shape" traffic pick-up/drop-off system. Please follow the appropriate signs located in the parking lot off Sharpsburg Road. The middle school day starts at 8:15 a.m. and students are not permitted to be in the school until after 8:00 a.m.



Fort Recovery Schools Website and Middle School Facebook Page

A great deal of information is available on our current website. Supply lists, staff contact information, upcoming events, newsletters, announcements, checking or adding money to lunch account balances, and lots of great pictures! Be sure to check out our site at www.fortrecoveryschools.org. Also, be sure to 'Like' Fort Recovery Middle School on Facebook to see the work of our students highlighted throughout the school year!