

Dear FRMA Families,

The staff at Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy (FRMA) are excited to return to school and have our students back in the building. We had a successful first day to kick off the 24-25 school year. If your family is new to our school, we welcome you and want to keep you informed of important information that pertains to students.

Each week, our Parent Liaison Leslie Hernandez and I will produce a newsletter, posted to the school website. Once the newsletter is ready we will send a text message through School Status with a link to the most recent edition. Current and past editions are available under the [Parent Information link](#) on our school website.

Please be aware of these important announcements this week:

Parent Liaison

Leslie Hernandez is our point of contact to help support families communicate with a teacher, get assistance with district information, and have their questions answered. She can be reached at 630-299-7177 and LHERNANDEZ@d131.org.

Attendance

Our school is a better place with as many students present as possible.

The goal of the attendance policies and procedures of the District will be to support and improve the regular attendance and performance of our students. These policies can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook located on the district website. Regular attendance, coupled with student effort, is a critical factor in learning and being successful in school.

If your student will be absent, please call the main office at 630-299-7175 to report the absence.

Attendance is considered an important part of each class grade. Excessive absences will negatively affect the grade or credit for that class. Absences are categorized as excused or unexcused. Valid causes of absenteeism (excused), as listed in the Illinois School Code, are:

- Illness
- Observance of a religious holiday (See Board Policy)
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergency

- Circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent or guardian for the safety or health of the student
- Other situations beyond the control of the student, as determined by the Board of Education.

All other absences will be considered unexcused, including vacations taken during school attendance days. Prearranged excused absences must be approved by the principal. We may require documentation explaining the reason for the student's absence. As always, please contact me if you have any questions about your student's attendance.

Curriculum Night

Mark your calendars for our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 12th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the school. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about upcoming learning activities. More information will be sent home prior to the event.

Athletics

Our sports programs will start on Tuesday, August 27th, after school. Sports offered this fall are boys soccer, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country. In addition, students wishing to play flag football can join the team at Waldo Middle School.

In order to participate, students must have an up to date sports physical turned into the office. The box for sports must be checked on the physical form. (The physical used for 6th grade enrollment meets the requirement).

To register, please use this link: <https://manage.snap.app/register/fredrogers>

For more information, please contact Mrs. Adams, FRMA athletic director, at madams02@d131.org.

Activity Bus

Starting Tuesday, August 27th, an activity bus will be available for students who qualify for bus transportation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The bus will pick up students from FRMA at 4:30 p.m. and drop off in select locations near students' regular stops.

Spirit Wear Sales

Puma Spirit Wear is for sale until Tuesday, September 17th. Families interested in ordering can visit this website 1STPLACE.SALE/33217 to view merchandise and place

an order. Spiritwear is 30% off from 08/13/24 - 09/17/2024. All proceeds from sales go to student rewards programs at our school.

Thanks for helping us have a great start to the school year.

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