

FRMA families,

It is with great pleasure that I share that Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy has earned an exemplary rating by the Illinois State Board of Education for the 24-25 school year. This award means that our school is in the top 10% of middle schools in the entire state of Illinois! Congratulations to our students, staff and parent community for their hard work to make our school community a great place which has resulted in this recognition.

Please be aware of these important announcements:

First Quarter Report Cards

Grades for the first quarter have now been posted and are visible through ParentVUE. If you have any questions about your child's grade, please contact the teacher directly.

Calendar

- November 11- No School/District Closed- Veteran's Day
- November 26-28- No School/ District Closed- Thanksgiving Break

Parent University

Just a reminder if you haven't already registered for District 131's 6th annual Parent University which will happen on Saturday, November 8, at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Ln, Enter through door #8. This conference will cover topics for all parents/guardians with sessions from birth to college in English and Spanish and a raffle at the end of the day. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided as well as childcare for children ages 3-11 years old. To register, please use [this link](#). If you need help or have any questions, please contact our Parent Liaison, Leslie Hernandez at: (630) 299-7177 or Melissa Diaz at: mdiaz@d131.org

Resilience Education Center (REC) Catalog

There's a few opportunities for families and Pre-K to High School students to take a class throughout November and December at the REC if you are interested in Art Studio Classes, Culinary Kitchen Classes or Dance Studio Classes. To register for a class, please call the REC at: (630) 299-7915. See catalog [here](#).

Local Food Resources

The Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry is open each Saturday at East Aurora High School, door #33-Smith to Ziegler Ave (next to Aurora National Guard Recruiter). from 9:00 a.m-11:00 a.m. They ask that you please bring your own bags and/or boxes.

The Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, 1110 Jericho Road, Aurora, IL 60506 is open for food distribution on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry also has the option to do a quick drive-up to obtain food on Fridays between 11:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m. There is also the option to have a box of groceries delivered to your home weekly on Wednesdays, depending when you place an order through the pantry's website. To learn more about their Pantry2Go Program, click this [link](#).

For more local food pantries, please see this [link](#).

East Aurora Dads Group

The East Aurora Dads group is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, November 12 from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Resilience Education Center, 417 Fifth Street. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Diaz at: (630) 299-7207 or mdiaz@d131.org See flyer [here](#).

STEM Ignition

The afterschool STEM Ignition club will return to Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy to meet with 6-8th grade students on Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. starting on November 13, 2025. Students will be visited from the Aurora library, Friends of the Fox River and Elite Chess for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Robotics, Science experiments and more! Registration is required and class size is limited. If you have registration questions, contact mike@wongcenterforeducation.org See this [link for the flyer](#) and to scan the QR code to register or click on the following link: <https://www.wongcenterforeducation.org/d131-stem-ignition>

Choir

All 6-8th grade boys and girls are welcome to join choir after school from 2:30-4:30 p.m. with Ms. Huggins. The rehearsal dates are on Thursdays: November 13, November 20, December 4, December 11 and a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 18th. There is an activity bus available for students who receive transportation in the mornings and afternoons. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Huggins at: ahuggins@d131.org

Jazz Band

Last week, band students received a sheet to send home with information about the afterschool jazz band. Band students who join jazz band will meet after school at 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the band room, on scheduled Wednesdays to rehearse the music. The Jazz band will have an opportunity to perform for the December 18, 2025 Winter Concert, presented in the Magnet Academy gym. There may be other performance opportunities as well. Listed below is the schedule for all Wednesday rehearsals: October 29, November 12, November 19, December 3, December 10, and December 17. Extra credit points will be available to all who participate. If you have any questions, please contact our band director, Mr. Holhut at: dhohut@d131.org

Have a great weekend!

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