

FRMA families,

Please take a moment to read these important messages:

Student Council Spirit Week

- **Monday, 12/15 - Wrong Occasion Day-** Students and staff may dress for the *wrong* occasion of their choice!
Examples include: Formal attire to "attend a wedding", Athletic wear as if heading to a soccer or basketball game, Camping gear as if going on an outdoor adventure, Beachwear (within dress code), Pajamas as if it's bedtime. Have fun and get creative!
- **Tuesday, 12/16 - Ugly Christmas Sweaters Day-** Students and staff are encouraged to wear their funniest, cutest, or ugliest Christmas sweaters to celebrate the season!
- **Wednesday, 12/17 - Color Wars Day-** Students wear Red. Staff wear Green.
- **Thursday, 12/18 - Santa's Workshop Day-** Staff dress as Santa. Students dress as elves.
- **Friday, 12/19 - Christmas PJ Day-** Students and staff may wear their coziest holiday-themed pajamas or lounge wear to celebrate the final day of Spirit Week!

We encourage everyone to participate while keeping outfits school appropriate and within dress code guidelines. Thank you for making this a joyful and spirited end of the year!

Girls Basketball Registration

Don't miss out! Girl's basketball registration will be open from **December 8 until December 19 at 2:45 p.m.** for any 6-8th grade girls that would like to participate. Please make sure your student has an active sports physical in the health office. If you have any questions about sports physicals, please contact Nurse Wonzey at: (630) 299-7187.

Please use this [sports registration link](#) to Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy's Snap Mobile website (formally known as 8to18). You must create an account if this is your first time using the website. If you need help registering your daughter for basketball, please contact our Parent Liaison, Ms. Hernandez at: (630) 299-7177.

Coffee with the Principal- January date UPDATED!

We are sharing with our families an [updated flyer for Coffee with the Principal](#), as we needed to push the January date a day to now Friday, January 16 from 10:00-11:00 A.M.

The December meeting will still remain the same (Thursday, December 18 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. in the LRC.) For this meeting, parents are welcome to bring a dish to share with each other as a celebration before winter break begins.

FRMA Winter Band Concert

We will be having our winter concert on December 18 in our gymnasium for 6-8th grade choir, jazz and band. Students need to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and the concert will be from 6:00 P.M. until approximately 7:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Holhut at: dholhut@d131.org or Ms. Huggins at: ahuggins@d131.org

Message from Mr. Thompson, School Counselor

8th Grade High School Course Selection: Counselors from EAHS will be coming to FRMA to meet with rising freshmen on Wednesday, January 21 during 1st period to discuss the course selection process, review high school graduation requirements, and present on all that EAHS has to offer. On Wednesday, January 28, students will meet with a high school counselor to submit their course requests for 9th grade. I will be available on both dates to answer questions and to assist students with their course choices.

To get a head start on reviewing available courses, please refer to the EAHS course catalog [here](#)

Upward Bound Program: There are two Upward Bound programs available to 8th grade students which will start the summer after their 8th grade year:

Waubonsee: Waubonsee's Upward Bound program provides support for college readiness and has an office at EAHS. More information will be provided as soon as I receive it.

Northern Illinois University: NIU's Upward Bound program is a college preparatory program that provides academic counseling, skill development, general preparation and placement for students who plan to continue their education after high school. Students are not required to attend NIU after high school to be part of the Upward Bound Program. Applications are currently available in my office- encourage your student to stop by and grab one from me. We will also have a representative from NIU Upward Bound come to speak with interested students- details coming soon! More information about NIU's Upward Bound program can be found [here](#).

2025-2026 Yearbook Orders

If you would like to order a yearbook, please use [this link to order online](#). Yearbooks are currently \$23 until January 31st and will then be \$25 from February 1 through March 1st. Our yearbook ID Code is: 14465426

Hesed House Holiday Donation Drive

FRMA National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is hosting a donation drive for the Aurora Hesed House. We are partnering with them to help our neighbors in need. The grade level that donates the most will get donuts! Please consider donating the items listed on the flyer by December 17. Donuts will be awarded on December 18th. See flyer [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

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