

FRMA families,

Please take a moment to read the following messages:

**Calendar:**

February 1: 2026-2027 Online Registration Opens on ParentVUE

February 2-6: National School Counselor Week

February 16: No School-President's Day-District Closed

February 26: FRMA Coffee with the Principal in the LRC from 10 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

February 27: No School-Institute Day

**Robotics-STEM Ignition**

There is still space available for any 6-8th grade student who would like to join the afterschool STEM Ignition club each Thursday from 2:30-4:00 P.M. If interested, please contact Principal Valek at: [bvalek@d131.org](mailto:bvalek@d131.org) or Parent Liaison, Leslie Hernandez at: (630) 299-7177.

**Black History Month Celebration**

East Aurora School District 131 will be celebrating Black History Month at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane (enter through door 8) on Thursday, February 26 from 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. This will be an evening of reflection, inspiration and community. Live music as well as Leo High School's choir will perform at this event and there will also be a keynote speaker, Dr. Julian Wright and more. Dr. Julian Wright is a Chicagoland-based educator and thought leader whose work highlights the importance of Black history, cultural pride and community empowerment. This event is free. Please use this [link to RSVP](#) and get your free ticket.

**Mental Health and Wellness Symposium**

On March 7, 2026 all District 131 parents and students (middle and high schoolers) are invited to attend the free Mental Health Symposium at Metea Valley High School, 1801 N. Eola Road, Aurora, IL. This event includes childcare and a complimentary lunch for all that register and attend. Free transportation will be provided to registered East Aurora School District 131 families and staff from East Aurora High School. Use [this link to register](#) for this event! See [attached flyer](#) for additional details.

**Message from Mr. Thompson, School Counselor**

**6th Grade Families:** The time has come to start thinking about the 2026-27 school year! For planning purposes, current 6th grade students are asked to identify their encore course preferences for their 7th grade year. Please review the choices in the survey below and submit as soon as possible. While we will do our best to assign students their first choice for classes, we reserve the right to place students based on section availability.

Please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/BJPqEGezbiPDUGqFA>

**8th Grade Families:** If your student was absent on Wednesday, February 28th and did not meet with a high school counselor for 9th grade course selection, they should meet with me as soon as possible.

### **National School Counseling Week Feb. 2-6, 2026**

Presented by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), National School Counseling Week highlights the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Take a moment to thank your local school counselor(s). Follow #NSCW26 on social media.

### **Men Rising- A Support Group for Men**

Starting on February 10, 2026, (Tuesday nights bi-weekly) a welcoming space for connection, healing, and growth for adult men (18+) will be available for free at the Impact Center located at 36 W. Downer St., Aurora, IL 60506 from 7:00 P.M-8:30 P.M. Please RSVP if possible by calling or texting Danny Godinho, MSW Intern at: (630) 849-6734. See flyer [here](#).

### **Brainfuse Online Student Tutoring for Grades 6-12**

We are excited to share that every student in Grade 6-12 now has access to **FREE, On Demand tutoring** through **Brainfuse** anytime, anywhere. Whether students are working on math homework, reading comprehension, or preparing for a quiz, live tutors are just a click away.

- [Log in with Classlink](#) and click on the Brainfuse icon to get started!
- Check out the [Resource Hub](#) for links to informational flyers, How-To Guides, and video tutorials.

This product replaces our former tutoring tool - TutorMe (by Pear Deck).

Have a great weekend!

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