

FRMA families,

Please take a moment to read these messages:

A special thank you to all of our families, volunteers and Johnson Elementary families that came out to our family STEAM Night on March 12! We're so happy with the turnout!

### **Calendar**

March 18- Half Day for Students-School Improvement

March 20- Start of 4th Quarter

March 24-March 26 IAR Testing

March 30-April 6 - No School- Spring Break- Students Return April 7, 2026 for late start Tuesday.

### **2026-2027 Online Registrations**

We are still missing student registrations for the 2026-2027 school year. Please make sure to complete the registration on ParentVUE before the March 25th deadline! It is important that all students are registered even if you are unsure if your student will be attending a different school; records will transfer but their registration must be completed!

### **Spring Sports Registration**

Our registration for spring sports will remain open until Friday, March 20, 2026 at 2:45 P.M for any FRMA student who is interested in girls' soccer or co-ed track and field. Tryouts for soccer and practice for track and field will begin on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 but students MUST have a valid up to date sports physical on file in the health office before this day! Students without a sports physical will NOT be allowed to participate. To register, please use [this link to our Snap Mobile](#). If you need help with registering your student for soccer or track and field, please contact our Parent Liaison, Leslie Hernandez at: (630) 299-7177.

### **Notes from the Nurse's Office**

6th grade vision and dental exams are still being accepted for this year's state compliance.

Please reach out to the health office to discuss your student's file.

Nurse Wonzey, RN (630) 299-7187 Fax: (630)326-8616 Email: [wcarlson@d131.org](mailto:wcarlson@d131.org)

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

**8th Grade Families:** Northern Illinois University (NIU) Upward Bound presented information to all 8th grade students on Friday, March 13th during science. Students should see me in the main office if they would like an application. More information about NIU's Upward Bound program can be found [here](#).

NIU's Naperville Campus is hosting a FREE Summer Camp Fair this Sunday, March 15th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. You must register on their website [here](#) to attend. This event is open to students of all ages.

Registration is now open for Summer @ IMSA. These are STEM-based day camps for students entering grades 1-8. Interested families should register before March 31st for special pricing. There are scholarships available for students to attend, but you must apply early. More information is available [here](#).

Argonne National Laboratory: Summer camp registration is now open for rising 8th and 9th graders (these are current 7th and 8th grade students). **July 13-17 - Rising 8th and 9th Grade Argonne Science Discovery Camp** gives middle school students that have a high curiosity about science an opportunity to explore several STEM fields that Argonne specializes in, from computing to future energy innovations. This is a FREE opportunity for students, but you must register [here](#).

### **Attendance Reporting**

Just a reminder, if your student will be absent, please make sure to give our attendance line a call to leave a message at: (630) 299-7198 stating your name, student's name, grade and reason for being absent. You can also enter your student's absence through the ParentVUE app by clicking the "Report Absence" and complete the form (with reason for absence) and click "Save".

### **Resilience Education Center (REC) March Catalog**

Please take a look at this [link](#) for upcoming REC classes for March.

### **Brainfuse- Free Online Tutoring Resource**

If your student needs help with their assignments, there is a program called Brainfuse that can be found under ClassLink on their computers for 24/7 access at no cost, for all subject areas.

### **STEM Ignition- Save the date**

The STEM Ignition will be having their D131 Community Day on Friday, April 17, 2026 from 5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M at East Aurora High School's Field House, 500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora, IL 60505. Enter through door 15. Come explore the world of STEM Ignition for an exciting evening as our STEM Ignition students showcase projects they have worked on this year! [See flyer here](#).

### **Student Council Spirit Week**

Our Student Council has announced that our school will be dressing up each day starting next week. Each grade level will have one student win a prize for the most participation throughout the week.

- Monday, March 16- Meme Day
  - Dress up as your favorite internet meme.
- Tuesday, March 17- Wear Green for Saint Patrick's Day
  - Celebrate by wearing green!
- Wednesday, March 18- Bring your Stuffed Animal Day
  - Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school!
- Thursday, March 19- Grill Master & Game Day
  - Dress like you're ready for a backyard cookout or cheering on your favorite team!
- Friday, March 20- Throwback to 2016 Day

- Dress like it's 2016 again!

We can't wait to see everyone's creativity and school spirit throughout the week!

### **2025-2026 Yearbook Ordering**

There is still time to order a yearbook if you would like to purchase one for \$25 from now until March 31st. Our school code to order is: 14465426. To make an order, please click [here](#) for the link.

### **FRMA Online Spirit Wear Store**

If you are interested in purchasing Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy spirit wear, you can visit our online store by clicking [here](#).

Have a great weekend!

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