



Keeping You Informed

FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Registration and Picture Day

Thursday, August 22, 2013

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Parent Newsletter

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Online Pre-Registration
District Website

<http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us>

Available August 2013



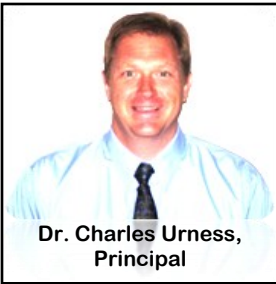
It's hard to believe that it's August and time to begin thinking about starting school. The August edition of Franklin's newsletter is filled with important information about things to do in preparation for the start of school, as well as significant dates and events during the first month of school. Please plan to attend the Student Registration on August 22, 2013. You may register your child any time from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and also from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The School District of Janesville will be using the online pre-registration process again this school year. Many of the forms required for registration will be available online at our district website: <http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us> Updated information on the registration process will be available on the school district website. Instructions will be posted on the website and in Family Access. Online registration will be available in August. If district processing and upgrades are finished, there is a possibility it could be available sooner. You may wish to check the district website for availability. You will not be able to complete all steps online. You will still be required to attend your school registration session on the date and time listed above; however, the majority of the information can be completed online prior to attending the building registration day. By pre-registering your child, you will save yourself time and duplication of effort. At the end of the online registration process, please be sure to print the **registration complete** report and bring it with you on Registration Day. If you do not have the ability to pre-register online, you can access computer resources at the public library or contact our guidance office (608-743-6025) for alternative methods of pre-registration. Computers will also be available at Franklin Middle School during Registration Day for any parents that need to complete the online registration. In addition, all students will have their school picture taken at this time.

Parents will be able to deposit money into student lunch accounts and receive other important school information, including athletic forms. At registration, students will receive his/her schedule for next year. Please call the school office at 608-743-6005, if you have additional questions.

School Fees: School fees will be \$37.00 for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. The yearbook fee will be \$13.00. Payment of fees is due at the student registration on August 22, 2013. Checks for fees and yearbooks should be made out to Franklin Middle School. You can also make one check for both school fees and a yearbook; you may also make one check for multiple students that you may be registering.

Transportation: If your child will be riding the city bus next school year and you have questions about routes and the service, a representative from JTS will be available during the Student Registration Day on August 22. School bus routes have been traditionally published in the *Janesville Gazette* prior to the start of school. You may wish to study them carefully to notice any changes. Questions concerning riding the yellow school bus can be forwarded to Mr. Bill Samborski, District Transportation Coordinator at 608-743-5016.



Dr. Charles Urness,
Principal

Welcome to the 2013-2014 School Year from Dr. Urness

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year students and parents! I hope that everyone is able to relax and enjoy what remains of the summer because the staff is ready to teach (and learn) at Franklin Middle School. To provide increased student educational opportunities, we will again conduct academic review during the month of September and October this year. That is, students will receive additional specific math and reading instruction to prepare for the state mandated Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE). Academic review is intended to prepare students to do their very best on the test, which is tied to grade level promotion.

Franklin will kick off the first day of school, September 3, 2013, with teacher-parent-student conferences known as **Ready, Set, Goal Conferences**. The purpose of Ready, Set, Goal Conferences is to review previous work contained in the student's portfolio, set goals for the upcoming school year, and answer any questions about Franklin's policies, procedures, and expectations. At the Ready, Set, Goal Conference, students and parents will meet with a Franklin staff member (almost always the student's advisor) to cover informational material. We feel that Ready, Set, Goal Conferences go a long way toward making the start of the school year a positive and successful experience for everyone. Parents and students will schedule a time for their Ready, Set, Goal Conference on **Registration Day, August 22, 2013**. Bring your family event calendar with you that day to assist in scheduling the conference, please. **Important Note: The only required attendance time September 3, 2013 for your student is during the 20 to 30 minute Ready, Set, Goal Conference.**

The staff and I look forward to seeing students and parents on Registration Day, August 22, 2013, and again on September 3, 2013, for Ready, Set, Goal Conferences. Please feel free to contact the office at 608-743-6005, if you have any questions before that date and throughout the school year. Franklin is a wonderful middle school. We strive to provide an excellent adolescent educational experience for students so that they are prepared for high school and beyond.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break so that we are ready to get to work right away on the first day of school. Here is to a fantastic school year at Franklin Middle School.

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Attendance Office608-743-6030
AP Office.....608-743-6007
Guidance Office608-743-6025
Athletic Info.608-743-6021
Fax.....608-743-6010

School District of Janesville

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Janesville, WI 53548
Phone: 608-743-5000
Fax: 608-743-7491
janesville.k12.wi.us/sdj



Welcome, from the Counseling Staff! Guidance Department 743-6025

The school counseling staff welcomes you to Franklin Middle School. Ms. Konstanz and Mr. Stengl will begin work full-time on Monday, August 26, 2013. We encourage you to contact us if you have any information we need to know to help make your child's year a success.

Once students begin school full time (September 3, 2013) we are very involved in scheduling concerns. We ask that you make an appointment, if you need to see us, so that we can reserve time for you. All schedule changes must be submitted in writing to the principal. Please feel free to call the guidance department at 608-743-6025 for an appointment or other questions.

See you on Registration Day, August 22, 2013!

Counseling Staff

Ms. Konstanz - 608-743-6027

Mr. Stengl - 608-743-6028

Mrs. Amundson, Secretary - 608-743-6026



**Parent-Teacher
Conferences
2013-2014**

Fall Conferences:

Wednesday, November 13, 2013
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14, 2013
8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

No School for Students

Thursday, November 14 &
Friday, November 15, 2013

Semester II Conferences:

Wednesday, March 5, 2014
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2014
8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

No School for Students

Thursday, March 6, 2014 &
Friday, March 7, 2014

Supply Lists

Be sure to check the homepage on the Franklin website for updated supply lists for the 2013-2014 school year.

CLC

**Community Learning
Center**

The CLC Program will include homework completion, Reading Assistant, Fast Math, and Community-based projects.

CLC will begin September 9, 2013. The program will run from 3:15-5:15 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Information will be available on Registration Day and at Ready, Set, Goal Conferences.

Ready, Set, Goal Conferences

For the last nine years, Franklin Middle School has kicked off the new school year with Ready, Set, Goal Conferences. These conferences give parents, students, and teachers an opportunity to discuss work done in a student's portfolio and goals for the upcoming school year.

Like previous years, this day is not a usual day of school for students. You and your student will schedule a time during registration day to come to Franklin on September 3, 2013. We have time slots from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **You and your student are only expected to be at school during the time you scheduled for this conference.** Student photos will be taken on this day, for those that did not get photos taken on registration day. If you have any questions about Ready, Set, Goal Conferences, you may call the main office at 608-743-6000.

Please remember, the only required attendance on the first day of school is during a student's scheduled Ready, Set, Goal Conference. Parents will schedule a conference time during registration.

Student Lunch Information

Here are a few guidelines indicating how the Janesville School District will handle the lunch accounts for the 2013-2014 School year. If you have additional questions about the lunch program and free or reduced lunches, please contact our staff in the cafeteria at 608-743-6008.

There will be a staff member readily available (in the cafeteria) on Registration Day (August 22, 2013) and during Ready, Set, Goal Conferences (September 3, 2013) to deposit money into student lunch accounts and answer any questions you may have about the lunch program. Also, at this time, parents may place spending limits on a la carte purchases from student lunch accounts. The 2013-2014 school lunch prices for middle school are \$2.35 (paid), \$.40 (reduced) and free. Students coming into 6th grade will be using a five digit pin number. Please stop by the cafeteria table, on either day, to find out this information. All other students will use the same pin number as this past school year. If a student has forgotten his/her number, please contact our cafeteria staff during Registration or Ready, Set, Goal Conferences and they will provide it for you.

Franklin will offer a breakfast program to students. Breakfast is free to ALL students. Students may enter the cafeteria at 7:40 a.m. to pick up a breakfast. Breakfast items may be eaten in the cafeteria or during morning advisory only. Students may not transport open food through the halls.

NEW GRADING SCALE

The standards are aligned with the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math, and the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards in all other subject areas. Student achievement is measured based on student ability to meet the standards put in place for specific content areas. Depending on the level at which a student is able to meet a standard, the student achievement will be evaluated on a 4,3,2,1 grading scale. These numbers do not correlate with letter grades. The grading scale is similar to the Janesville Elementary Schools and is detailed in the chart below. It is the objective of the District for students to obtain 3's, while offering them the chance to demonstrate higher level thinking, resulting in 4's. Teachers will determine if a standard is met through a variety of assessments. In addition, specific teacher comments regarding life skills such as responsibility and attitude will also be reported by subject area. Parents will be able to view ongoing progress on Family Access, and report cards will be sent home with students at the end of each quarter. The last report card of the year will be mailed to parents.

4.0	In addition to 3.0 performance, demonstrates in-depth understanding and application that goes beyond the learning goals.
3.0	Demonstrates mastery regarding the information and/or processes (simple or complex) of the learning goals.
2.0	Demonstrates mastery regarding the simpler details and processes, and demonstrates partial understanding regarding the more complex ideas and processes of the learning goals.
1.0	With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes of the learning goals.



FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE:

Release of Pupil Directory Data Information

Wisconsin Statutes provide that schools or school districts may legally release a pupil's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of member of athletic teams, dates of attendance, photographs (The School District of Janesville will consider videotapes the same as photographs), degrees and awards received, name of the school most recently previously attended by the pupil.

Such information **may be withheld** if the district is advised by the parent, legal guardian, or eligible student (18 years of age or older) to do so. If it is your wish to not allow such information to be released, and if you are the parent, legal guardian, or eligible student, you need to sign a "Request to Withhold Directory Data" form at the school office. If we have not received the request form to withhold information within 14 days of the publication of this newsletter (August 14, 2013) then we are to assume that directory data may be released if requested.

Child Find Notice

"The school district must locate, identify and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities." The school district has a special education program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the district and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request the school district will screen any resident child who has not graduated high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Barbara Kelly, Supervisor of Special Education Services for the School District of Janesville at 608-743-5061, or by writing her at 527 S. Franklin St. Janesville, WI 53548.

Annually the district conducts developmental screening of preschool children. Each child's motor, communication and social skills are observed at various play areas. Each child is weighed and measured, and the child's hearing and vision is checked. The information is used to provide the parent with a profile of their child's current development and to provide suggestions for follow up activities. Parents learn about community services available to them and speak with representatives of agencies serving families. The information from screening is also used to determine whether a child should be evaluated for a suspected disability. When school staff reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, they refer the child for evaluation by a school district Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. Developmental screening will be a part of the kindergarten screening this Spring. Watch for dates at your local school.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to report the child to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parents that the referral will be made. The referral must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. Others who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child to the school district in which the child resides. A referral of a child residing in the School District of Janesville may be sent to Barbara Kelley at the school district address above.



It's the Law in Wisconsin Kids Need Shots for School!

To attend school in Wisconsin, students must show they've had immunizations.



Age/Grade	DTP/Dtap	Tdap	Polio	Hepatitis B	MMR	Varicella
Grade 6-10	4	1	4	3	2	2

Immunization Requirements for the 2013-2014 School Year

The following table lists the minimum required immunizations for students in grades 6-9.

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE AT 608-743-6030

If your child needs immunizations they can receive them from their local doctor or the Rock County Health Department (608-757-5440). These immunization requirements can be waived by claiming a health, religious, or personal waiver. Contact the Franklin attendance office at 608-743-6030 to claim a waiver.



**Life Touch Photography
2013-2014
Prices and Packages
Jeff Cochard Area Manager
jcochard@lifetouch.com
1-800-244-4373**

**Please check the Franklin Middle School Web Site
<http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/fra>
For the link to pre-order packages online.**



**Registration Day
And
Picture Day**

August 22, 2013

**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Ready, Set, Goal
Conferences**

September 3, 2013

8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.



Fundraiser

September 11-24, 2013

**AGAIN THIS YEAR,
DRIVE-THRU ORDER
PICK UP**

October 10, 2013

**Stop, hit your trunk release,
and the order will be placed
inside your vehicle!**

**Check the Franklin website
for further details.**

<http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/fra>



On-Line Pre-Registration School District of Janesville Website <http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us>

Calendar Information

Registration Day (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	August 22, 2013
Picture Day (During Registration Day)	August 22, 2013
Teacher Work Days	August 26-29, 2013
Optional Teacher Work Day	August 30, 2013
Labor Day (No School)	September 2, 2013
Ready, Set, Goal Conferences	September 3, 2013
First Full Day of School	September 4, 2013
Fundraiser Kickoff	September 11, 2013
Fundraiser Turn In Date	September 24, 2013
Fundraiser Pick Up	October 10, 2013
Picture Re-take Day	October 17, 2013
End of First quarter	November 8, 2013
Parent Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:00 p.m.)	November 13, 2013
Parent Teacher Conferences (8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.)	November 14, 2013
No School for Students/Teachers	November 15, 2013
Thanksgiving Break (No School)	November 28 & 29, 2013
Winter Break Begins	December 23, 2013
School Resumes	January 2, 2014
End of 1st Semester (No School for Students/Teacher Work Day)	January 24, 2014
Spring Break	April 14, 2014
School Resumes	April 21, 2014

For all current dates and information check out our website homepage:
<http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/fra>

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