HAROLD FERGUSON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Creating alternative experiences because each learner deserves different, not less.

Information for FHS Families

JULY 27, 2020 ~ AUGUST 7, 2020

Students and Families, on behalf of the staff at Ferguson High School we look forward to the new school and the return to learning. This newsletter will be distributed every other week in order to keep you up to date with news, current events, and potential changes to our instructional model throughout the 20-21 academic year.

Important items that can be accessed at an external source (website, handbook, etc.) will be CAPITALIZED AND BOLD. Understanding these items is critical to being an informed student, parent, and/or guardian. A list of the links for these items will appear at the bottom of page 2.

Other important items that may not require an external source to access will be italicized and underlined.
Please read the Thompson School District RETURN TO LEARN plan. In this plan you can find details around the strict safety measures required for in-person learning. It also has up to date information on school hours, bell schedule, and more.

- Families, please remember to fill out the DISTRICT SURVEY to specify your preference for online or in-person learning for the 20-21 academic year. The survey results are due by Sunday, August 2nd.

- Ferguson High School will be tentatively hosting a virtual community forum on Wednesday, August 5th from 3-4p. This forum will serve as an additional opportunity for families to ask questions about our return to learning.

- Please access and review the updated 20-21 Ferguson High School CALENDAR on the FHS website. The first day of school for all FHS students is Monday, August 31st!

- Students who were issued a chromebook or iPad from Mary Blair Elementary School last Spring must return the device to Carol Hetzel by Tuesday, August 28th! Devices can be turned in at our new location starting August 12th. (1811 W. 15th. St., Loveland, CO 80538)

- There will be no transportation services for high school students during the 20-21 academic year.

- School will look and feel differently this year as a result of COVID-19. It is important that we work together to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff, and visitors to our school!

All health and safety guidelines for in-person learning below have been developed in coordination with the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE). As such, these guidelines could change upon direction from LCDPHE. While the list below is not an exhaustive list of all of the safety measures that will be implemented, we wanted to share with you a general list as we begin in-person learning.

- Students and staff should not enter schools or buses if showing symptoms of illness or if they had recent close contact with a person with COVID-19.

- We will be documenting student location in classrooms (assigned seating and days of attendance) for contact tracing purposes.

- Physical distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible in classrooms. Physical distancing should be maintained in corridors, gathering areas and any other portion of the building.

- Temperature and symptom checks required for employees and symptom checks for any person entering the building.

- Parents wait at the office or outside when picking up students during school day. Parents will be required to wear and masks and show photo ID prior to entering building.

- Masks will be required for all staff and students while on campus.

- Routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces including tables, door knobs/ handles, light switches, desks, phones, and keyboards in their work spaces will occur.

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**Ferguson is committed to empowering passionate global citizens who are devoted to lifelong learning, celebrating differences, and positively impacting their world.**

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**Helpful Links**

These important items can be accessed on the Thompson School District website: thompsonschools.org

- RETURN TO LEARN
- DISTRICT SURVEY

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These important items can be accessed on the Harold Ferguson High School website: thompsonschools.org/ferguson

- CALENDAR