

**FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**HAMILTON**  
STREET  
CAMPUS

2023-2024  
FMS Orientation

6th Grade  
& New Student  
Orientation



[Franklin Township Public Schools webpage](#)

# Presentation Overview



- ★ Staff Introductions
- ★ Instructional Models
- ★ Schedule
- ★ Technology
- ★ Spirit of the Warrior
- ★ Clubs/Extracurricular Activities
- ★ RTS
- ★ Q & A Principal
- ★ Building Tour

***Know What  
Drives You!***

## HSC Administrative Team



Mrs. Torrie Hurd

HSC Principal  
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@FMS\_FTPSchools



Mrs. Tania Kelly

Assistant Principal - Ext. 265  
Grade 6A & 8



@KellyVPFMS\_FTPS



Mr. Lou Solomon

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Grade 6B & 7



@SolomonVP\_HSC

## Deans of Students

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# School Counselors



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**HIB Specialist/C&CR**

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Grade 7: A - F



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Grade 6: H - N  
Grade 7: G-N  
Grade 8: H - Pa



**Ms. Cara Bonsma**  
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Grades 6/7: O - Z  
Grade 8: Pe - Z



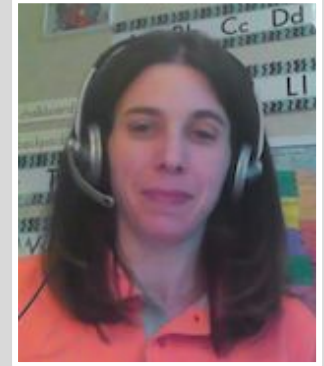
# Child Study Team (CST)

Marilyn Yaeger – Social Worker



Dr. Sahil Shah – Social Psychologist

Melanie Kaiserman - LDT-C



Omaida Ortiz – Social Worker

Joshua Duncan - SAC



# Administrative Office Staff

## Main Office

- Ms. Kim Stephenson  
*Principal's Secretary*
- Ms. Princetta Jarrett  
*Vice Principal's Secretary*
- Ms. Jaquetta Mendez  
*Vice Principal's Secretary*
- Ms. Gretchen Dietze-Johnson  
*Bursar*

## Guidance

- Ms. Brianna Hall

## Media Center Secretary

- Ms. Enchante Collins



# Instructional Staff

## Franklin Middle School Teachers:

- Teaming Model
- Fully Departmentalized
- Certified by Subject Area

## Our staff receives support:

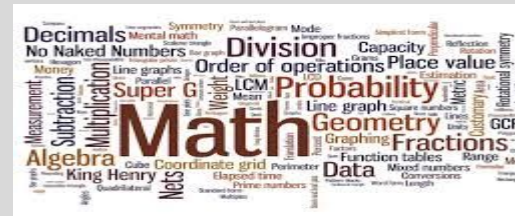
- Building Administration
- Department Supervisors
- Academic Coaches
- Professional Development/Consultants





## Academic Departments

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Special Education
- Fine, Visual, and Performing Arts
- World Language
- Health/Physical Education
- Technology



# 23-24 Master Schedule Changes

- **11 Period Day**
- **Semester Courses**
  - **Electives**
  - **Instructional Labs**
  - **World Language**
  - **Science / SS**
- **Full Year Electives**
  - **Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Dance**
  - **PE**
- **Passing Time**
  - **3 minutes**



# Sample Schedule

<b>AM Homeroom</b>	<b>7:20 - 7:29</b>	<b>9 mins</b>
<b>1 / 2</b>	<b>7:29 - 8:42</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>8:45 - 9:20</b>	<b>S1 WL / S2 Elective</b>
<b>4/5</b>	<b>9:23 - 10:36</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>10:39 - 11:14</b>	<b>PE/Health</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>11:17 - 11:52</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>11:55 - 12:30</b>	<b>Band (FY)</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>12:33 - 1:08</b>	<b>S1 Lab / S2 Elective</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>1:11 - 2:24</b>	<b>S1 Science / S2 SS</b>
<b>PM Homeroom</b>	<b>2:24 - 2:26</b>	<b>2 mins</b>

## Electives

Band (FY)  
 Chorus (FY)  
 Orchestra (FY)  
 Dance (FY)  
 Visual Art  
 Intro to TV Production  
 Rock/Pop Music  
 Music Songwriting  
 Theater Arts  
 Concepts of Fitness  
 Music Keyboard

## Academic Intervention Support

English Lab  
 Exploring Math  
 Math Connections  
 Read 180

## Required Courses

World Language  
 (Spanish / French / Latin)  
 Physical Education/Health

## Technology

Computer Literacy (6)  
 Computer Programming (7/8)  
 Multimedia Digital Apps (7/8)  
 STEM  
 Digital Careers  
 Robotics  
 Mutli Media and Research (7/8)

## Academic Electives

Leadership Mindset (6)  
 Social Emotional  
 Leadership (7)  
 Pathways to College &  
 Career Success (8)  
 Money Matters

# Google Classroom = GC



- GC is a platform teachers will utilize to assign and collect work
- Teachers will provide GC codes through student email for students to join
- Students will be invited to each GC by each teacher
- Students responsibility is to check in on their GC on a daily basis and view announcements & tasks

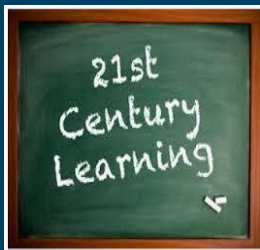
# College & Career Readiness Vision

The students of Franklin Middle School will be knowledgeable about their interests and talents, be well informed about postsecondary and career options, career planning, and career requirements.



***Monday*** - Dress for Success Day  
***Wednesday*** - College T-Shirt Day  
***Friday*** - School Spirit Day





# Franklin Middle School

## 1-1 Chromebook Program

**The mission of the 1:1 program in the Franklin Township Public Schools District is to provide equitable access to digital educational resources for all learners.**

[FTPS 1:1 Chromebook Program](#)



Complete the following:

Families are being ***strongly*** encouraged to submit both documents via electronically

<https://www.franklinboe.org/Page/14090>



# Electronic Device Expectations



- The school issued device (Chromebook) must be utilized appropriately.
- *Linewize Monitor* is used to monitor students activity on Chromebooks, in regards to safety.
- We encourage parents/guardians to monitor the usage of the electronic devices.





# Athletics



## Fall Sports

***HSC Campus***

Cross Country

Field Hockey

Football

Girls Soccer

Boys Soccer

## Winter Sports

***SGS Campus***

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Cheerleading

***HSC Campus***

Wrestling

## Spring Sports

***HSC Campus***

Baseball

Softball

Track and Field

# Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS)



## **SPIRIT OF THE WARRIOR**

Considerate  
Helpful  
Accountable  
Motivated  
Perseverance  
Self-respect

**Teach Expectations  
(behaviors we want to see)**

**Acknowledge with verbal  
praise statements**

**Recognize students with  
Warrior Bucks**

**Students earn privileges  
and incentive prizes!**

**\*\*WEAR YOUR STUDENT ID DAILY\*\***

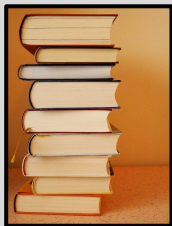
	 Acceptable	 Unacceptable
<b>Head:</b> No caps, visors, hoods, doo-rags, headbands, or any other headgear, except with Administrative permission.		
<b>Upper Garments:</b> No halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, or muscle shirts. No explicit graphics may show. All garments must cover shoulder to shoulder. No rips/tears or skintight items. All garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline or stay tucked.		
<b>Foot coverings:</b> No flip-flops, sandals, or open-toed shoes are permitted.		
<b>Lower Garments- Male:</b> Undergarments and the buttocks MUST remain entirely covered even while you are seated. Pants and shorts must be at the waist and without tears/rips.		
<b>Lower Garments- Female:</b> Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length. No yoga pants, leggings, rip/tears, or skintight items are permitted.		

# District Code of Conduct

Please review link above from our district website



**Dress Code**



# *HSC Reads! School-Wide Initiative*

***Join the HSC READS Google Classroom: [asrhle](#)***

## Reading Challenge Details

- ★ Each marking period, students can participate by reading as many titles as they can and focusing on themes about diversity and inclusion.
- ★ Students will have access to a completion log when you have finished reading a book.
- ★ Participates can win prizes, enter raffles, be featured on the school website and invited to the year end celebration.

## Title Milestones

**S1: Complete 6 books**

- Certificate
- Pizza Lunch
- Raffle Prize
- PBS Game Room

**S2: Complete an additional 6 books**

- Certificate
- Pizza Lunch
- Raffle Prize
- EOY Celebration Invite

# Teacher Office Hours

## After School Activities and Clubs

- 6/7/8 Class Advisory
- Art Club
- Intramurals
- Jazz Ensemble
- National Junior Honor Society
- Newspaper Club
- Yearbook Club
- Mural Academy

Teacher Office  
Hours  
2:40 - 3:25

***Club Rush***  
Virtual - Sept. 21  
(during Homeroom)  
In Person- Sept. 22  
(during PE/Dance classes)

\*Late Buses\*  
T, W, TH

- LEO Club
- Diversity Club
- Anime & Manga Club
- PBSIS Jr. Council
- Student Council
- Wind Ensemble
- Dance Troupe
- Competition Choir
- Warriors All In
- Unified eSports

# Title 1 Experiences

- Music/Video Production
- TREP\$
- Mi Casa es Su Casa
- Math that Counts

After School/  
Saturday  
Programs

## *Club Rush*

Virtual - Sept. 21  
(during Homeroom)  
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\*Late Buses\*  
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- NJSLA Math Prep
- NJSLA ELA Prep
- STEAM
- Leadership Academy
- Girls Talk
- Mural Academy

## School Counseling Department

Intervention and Referral  
Services

504 Committee

Individual Counseling

Group Counseling

Community-Based Referrals

Parent Involvement

SEL

Mi Casa Es Su Casa

## Child Study Team

Behaviorist

Learning Consultant

Psychologist

# Services



## Mentoring Program

Girls Talk

Leadership Academy

HSC Peer Mentors

Aspire High

Middle Earth

## Office Hours (T, W, TH)

## Police Department

L.E.A.D.

School Resource Officer

Community Relations Bureau

## Resources

Rutgers Behavioral Health  
ESS

# FMS @ HSC Executive PTSO Board Members

**Zenah Saadeh**

**Ilesha Howard**

**Jeff Dowd**

**Sykeema Bell**

**Kiana Jones**

**Lisa Budenheim**

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*President*

*Vice President*

*Co-VP Fundraising*

*VP Communications*

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Liaison  
**Corey  
Cohen**

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**Colleen  
Begley**



# How Can You Join the FMS PTSO?

Membership process can be 100% digital this year!

- 1) Scan the 1<sup>st</sup> QR code below or click link above
- 2) Fill out the form
- 3) Pay your \$10 (per family) via Venmo (@FMS-PTSO and last 4 digits 7155) or PayPal (FMS-PTSO)



Google Forms



Even easier...join the PTSO Facebook group to access the membership info!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FranklinMiddleSchoolPTSO>





# FMS PTSO

Join us via the  
link below

## PTSO



**Parent  
University**

**Parent  
Involvement**

**Fundraisers**

**Event  
Planning**



# Genesis Parent Portal

Parents [will need](#) to have an account with Genesis to access:

- Important/required school forms
- Student schedule
- Student grades, interim report, report card

*Student schedules will be accessible [ONLY AFTER](#) the Back to School Forms are completed in Genesis Parent Portal.*

PDF format: [Genesis Parent Portal](#)

English: [Parent Portal Registration Form](#)

Spanish: [Portal para padres Génesis](#)



Q & A session with  
Mrs. Hurd



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Cafeteria

Gym

# LET'S TOUR HSC

1. STAY WITH YOUR GROUP
2. ASK QUESTIONS
3. PICK UP YOUR CHROMEBOOK OR SWAP WHEN YOUR TOUR STOPS IN THE GYM

Media  
Center/  
Library

Science  
200  
Hall


300 Hall

Guidance Suite



## *RTS Administration and Support Staff*



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# *Road to Success Alternative Program*

*(732) 249 - 6410 Ext. 228*

*The mission of the Franklin Township Alternative Program is to prepare enrolled students to graduate high school and be college and or career ready, by providing individualized course studies, social and emotional learning, counseling services, and a supportive school atmosphere.*

- We service students in **grades 7-12 from in/out of district.**
- The RTS school day is **12:30 PM-6:00 PM.**
- Lunch is provided to all students.
- This year, RTS students will report to **Franklin Youth Center** from **12:30pm to 2:30pm** and then be bussed to **FMS HSC** from **2:40pm to 6:00pm** for classes.

- At RTS, all students are encouraged to improve themselves academically, behaviorally, and attendance wise. **Restorative Justice Practices** will be used by RTS staff to support student achievement.
- Students take core subjects, as well as **Media Arts & World Language** courses at the Middle School level.
- Students take core subjects, as well as varied electives offered at the High School level (**Drone Technology, Ceramics, Sports & Fashion Management, Pathways to Success** etc.).
- Class sizes are limited to **10 students maximum for middle schoolers** (12 max for HS).
- RTS middle and high school students are **separated** for all academic and elective classes.
- Partnership with the **Franklin Youth Center** this year, RTS students will be able to take courses in **Drone Technology, TV Production, & Culinary Arts.**
- **Transportation** is provided for all RTS students to and from school.
- Partnership with **Raritan Valley Community College & Middlesex Community College** this year for *concurrent enrollment* career pathways courses and other career driven programs.
- RTS students will attend college tours, be exposed to local businesses and career opportunities.