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The Newsletter of Fitzgerald Public Schools

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# District News

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Fitzgerald family,



Welcome back for another exciting year at Fitzgerald Public Schools. This issue of the Fitz-Herald is packed with information your family will need for the upcoming year. Please take a moment to read through to get this year off to a smooth start.

I can't wait for the new school year to begin so our students and families can experience the great things happening in our district. This year:

- We will celebrate the re-opening of Schofield Early Childhood Center as enrollment in our district grows. The building will house all preschool and kindergarten classes.
- We are launching a new elementary grade alignment that will allow us to boost achievement by taking an age-specific approach at each of our three elementary buildings.
- Several teachers have been promoted to administrative positions. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow into leadership roles, and our families will appreciate the exciting things they have planned for their buildings.
- We are beginning our first year of full one-to-one technology access as a Google for Education District. Thanks to the commitment by our Board and staff, every student now has access to a device at any time to support learning.
- We continue to train staff in Capturing Kids Hearts, a program that supports learning by creating a culture of caring and mutual respect. Research shows that caring school cultures have a direct impact on learning and achievement.

Thank you for choosing Fitzgerald as your learning community. Together we are making Fitzgerald an outstanding district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara VanSweden".

Barbara VanSweden

## School Bell Schedules for 2017-18

	Normal Day	1/2 Day	PLC Days
<b>Fitzgerald High School</b>	7:30 a.m. – 2:33 p.m.	11:25 a.m.	1:03 p.m.
<b>Chatterton Middle School</b>	7:40 a.m. – 2:43 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	1:14 p.m.
<b>Mound Park Upper Elementary</b>	8:10 a.m. – 3:11 p.m.	11:25 a.m.	1:41 p.m.
<b>Westview Lower Elementary</b>	8:20 a.m. – 3:21 p.m.	11:35 a.m.	1:51 p.m.
<b>Schofield Early Childhood Center</b>	9 a.m. – 4:01 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	2:31 p.m.
<b>Early Childhood Special Education</b>	8:30 – 11:38 a.m. or 12:33 – 3:41 p.m.		
<b>Great Start Readiness and Head Start</b>	8:15 – 11:15 a.m. or noon – 3 p.m.		

## NEW Date for Elementary School Open Houses

Elementary School Open Houses have been rescheduled for **Monday, Aug. 14**. We're excited to invite families to take a tour of **Schofield Early Childhood Center, Westview Lower Elementary** and **Mound Park Upper Elementary** and meet each school's principal. We will have three buses available to shuttle parents between each school. Open house locations and times are below:

### Schofield Early Childhood Center:

Monday, Aug. 14, 5-6 p.m.

### Westview Lower Elementary School:

Monday, Aug. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Mound Park Upper Elementary School:

Monday, Aug. 14, 6-7 p.m.

Questions? Please call the Superintendent's Office at (586) 757-1750. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 2017 Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement Benefit

**Date:** Oct. 14, 2017

**Time:** 5-11 p.m.

**Location:** MRCC Banquet & Convention Center, 23401 Mound Rd., Warren, MI 48091



The Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement assists students, teachers and members of the Fitzgerald Community by supporting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Tickets are \$40 each and include a buffet dinner, open bar and dueling pianos. There will be many opportunities to bid on fabulous baskets, which include tickets to professional and collegiate sports events, raffles and so much more! Enjoy an evening out for a wonderful cause.

# District News

## Two Buildings Receive Upgrades



### Schofield Early Childhood Center

Crews worked hard over the spring and summer to get Schofield Early Childhood Center ready for our preschool and kindergarten classes this year. After four years of being closed, the building needed repairs and paint throughout. A new playground will be ready for students on opening day.



### Chatterton Middle School

At Chatterton, we have wrapped up renovations that began in 2016. We reconfigured the entrance and main office to improve security, updated the exterior, renovated four classrooms and improved the landscaping at the main entrance.

We thank the community for ongoing support to maintain our facilities. Without the support of our community, none of this would be possible.

## Familiar Faces in New Roles

Several administrators in our district are serving in new roles this year and some of our longtime staff members have moved into administrative roles. We are proud to see our staff grow into leadership roles and are excited to announce the following administrative assignments for 2017-2018.

### Elementary

- **Theresa Swalec** moved from her principal post at Westview Elementary to Schofield Early Childhood Center.
- **Denye Griessel** is the principal for our first- through third-graders at Westview Lower Elementary School. Griessel previously served as a middle school teacher, assistant principal at Chatterton Middle School and principal at Mound Park Elementary School.



Swalec



Griessel



Tonn

- **Keith Tonn** will become principal for our fourth- and fifth-graders at Mound Park Upper Elementary School. Tonn previously served as a teacher at Mound Park, principal at Mound Park, co-principal at Chatterton Middle School and principal of grades 3-5 at Westview Elementary School.

### Secondary

- **Amanda Clor** moved from her assistant principal role at the high school to principal at Chatterton Middle School.

## New Elementary Reading, Science Programs

All of our elementary students will begin the Journeys Literacy Program and the Dimensions Science Program this school year. These new programs incorporate strong reading components and personalized learning through technology. They also provide new instructional materials for staff and students.

These new programs are intended to ensure all students reach their full potential as learners. We believe every child can read at grade-level by the end of third grade, and the new programs will help them hit that milestone.

The literacy program is one of several tools we have implemented in recent years to achieve our goal for every student to succeed. Other tools include updated assessments and reading interventions to give kids the one-on-one help they need. Last, we work with families of struggling readers to make a plan for success.

The district will continue to update parents in the elementary buildings as the school year progresses. We encourage parents to talk with their children's teachers and building principals to learn more about the programs and learn ways they can support learning at home.

We are fully confident all of our third graders will meet state standards for reading proficiency that take effect in 2019-2020 because of the many layers of support we offer our students and families.

- **Aimee Rioux** is the assistant principal at Chatterton Middle School. She has served at Fitzgerald for several years as a teacher, department chair, special education teacher consultant and administrative intern.
- **Rebecca Akins** has been promoted to assistant principal at FHS, where she has served as a teacher, department chair, district content chair and district data/technology coach.
- **Leanne Davis** has been promoted to assistant principal at FHS, where she has served as a teacher, department chair, district content chair and district English Language Arts coach.
- **Kim Cerrini** will remain as the principal at Fitzgerald High School.
- **Laurie Fournier** has been promoted to Director of Academic Services. She has served as a teacher, elementary principal, high school principal and middle school principal.

# District News

## New to the district? Enroll now!

If you have recently moved into the district or have a child who will be in kindergarten this school year, please register them online at [fitz.k12.mi.us/register](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/register) or at the Central Enrollment Office in the Neigebaur Building that is located on the high school campus. Online registration allows the parent/guardian to complete enrollment forms such as registration materials, free/reduced lunch applications, technology usage agreement and any grade level specific materials.

All kindergarten students must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2017. If a child turns 5 years old after Sept. 1 but on or before Dec. 1, the parent or legal guardian may still enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year by completing and submitting a Kindergarten Notification Form at time of enrollment.

### To enroll, you must provide:

- **Proof of Residency:** Required in the form of a current rental agreement or mortgage statement AND two current utility bills (electric, gas) with your name and address printed on them. A driver's license is not valid proof of residency. Call the school office if you have questions regarding acceptable documents.
- **Student's Original Birth Certificate**
- **Immunization Record:** All immunizations must be up-to-date prior to beginning school.
- **Most Recent Transcripts:** Required for students entering grades 10-12.
- **Most Recent Report Card:** Required for students entering grades 1-9.
- **IEP:** Applicable only if special education certified.
- **Hearing and Vision Screening:** Required prior to beginning school for kindergarten students only.
- **Guardianship Paperwork:** If applicable.
- **Valid Photo Identification:** A Michigan driver's license or State ID card of parent/guardian with current address.

If you have any questions, please contact our Central Enrollment Office at (586) 758-0980 or [centralenrollment@myfitz.net](mailto:centralenrollment@myfitz.net).

## 2017-18 Food Service Prices

**\$2.40** Elementary School Meal Price

**\$2.70** Middle School Meal Price

**\$2.70** High School Meal Price

## Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Applications for free and reduced meals will be distributed with the September breakfast and lunch menus prior to the start of the school year. Please complete only one application per family. Remember when completing this application, all children living in the home need to be listed with the grade they will be attending in the 2017-18 school year.

Direct Certification notifications will be sent by letter to your home in August. If you receive this notice, you do NOT have to complete a new application for the 2017-2018 school year. When reviewing your Direct Certification letter, if all students are not listed, please contact the Food & Nutrition Office at (586) 757-8845.

If you do not receive a Direct Certification notification from the state, your application for the 2016-2017 school year is only good until Sept. 30, at which time your benefits will be suspended. Therefore, your application for the 2017-2018 school year must be received no later than Sept. 30 for your benefits to continue. While waiting for your 2017-2018 application status/approval, you will be responsible for paying your children's lunch fees. If you are in need of assistance with the free and reduced meal application, please contact the Food & Nutrition Office at (586) 757-8845.

## 2016-2017 Annual Education Reports Available Late Fall 2017

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has delayed the release for Annual Education Reports (AERs) until late fall 2017. By law, school districts are required to prepare and communicate with parents about the availability of AERs, which provide information about the educational progress of Fitzgerald Public Schools. New statewide assessment and accountability processes delayed the production of the 2016-17 AERs. We will notify families when the AERs are available.

## Free Gold Cards for Senior Citizens

Free Gold Cards are available for residents 60 years of age or older. A Gold Card will admit you and a guest for free to all Fitzgerald school activities (excluding regional and state events) and high school graduation ceremonies. Gold Cards are available by calling (586) 757-7122.

### Sign up for FPS Text Alerts!

Parents and guardians can sign up for free FPS text alerts about school closings, updates, events and safety alerts by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

# District News



## School Bus Transportation

Fitzgerald Public Schools is proud to continue safe bus transportation for students living in the designated busing boundaries. A letter will be sent home in late August to all eligible students who receive busing with bus route, bus stop location and times for pick up and drop off.

### Elementary school students

A detailed letter from the transportation office will be sent to each family regarding the plan for K-5 students prior to the start of the school year.

### Middle School students

Chatterton Middle School requires a student I.D. with route number to ride the bus to and from school. All eligible busing students must have a school issued I.D. no later than Wednesday, Sept. 13 to receive bus transportation.

Parents, please remind your student(s) that riding the bus is a privilege. Failure to abide by these student expectations may result in bus suspension or loss of bus privileges.

### Expectations and Responsibilities for Students Riding the Bus

- Respect and cooperate with the bus driver
- Be at your assigned bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time
- Keep off private property, line up single file while waiting for the bus
- Remain seated at all times

- Always treat others with respect by keeping hands & feet to yourself, use appropriate language
- Eating, drinking or any controlled substances are not allowed on the bus
- No items should be thrown in, at or from the bus
- Limit cell phone usage on the bus
- Advanced approval is needed to change assigned bus routes/bus stops
- If the above expectations/responsibilities are not followed, a bus violation may be issued

### Stop for School Bus Red Lights — It's the Law!



When a school bus is performing a red light stop, the driver will activate the overhead amber light 200 feet before arriving at the bus stop. When the bus comes to a stop and the driver determines it is appropriate to do so, they will open the door, which activates the overhead red lights and the stop sign on the driver side of the bus. Motorists approaching the bus from either direction must stop not less than 20 feet from the bus and not proceed until after the overhead red lights have been turned off. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

### ID Badges Required for Grades 6-12

For the safety of our students and staff, all students in grades 6-12 and staff members district wide must wear a photo ID badge at all times. Student ID badges will be issued at the beginning of the school year.

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## 2017-18 Individual Internet Access Denial Form

The Internet connects thousands of computers around the world and is used by millions of people, and the Internet will be used in classrooms to enhance instruction and provide students with access to new and exciting educational resources. These resources include:

- Public schools, colleges and universities
- Information and news services
- Tours of museums

- Discussion groups on a variety of subjects
- Connections to many libraries, companies, agencies and businesses
- Distance Learning Labs

Unfortunately, Internet access also makes available material that may be objectionable or have no educational value. Fitzgerald has established guidelines and rules for classroom use. The district uses software that filters out sites that are inappropriate in an educational setting. This software is designed to block access to inappropriate

sites and will provide the best available protection for our students; however, we need your cooperation to ensure that objectionable materials are not brought into our schools.

Please review FPS Board Policies on Internet use with your child. Board Policies are available online at fitz.k12.mi.us. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal. If you do NOT want your child to have individual access to the Internet, please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to school by Friday, Sept. 15.

## Fitzgerald Public Schools Individual Internet Access Denial

(Please Print)

I do NOT wish my child to have individual access to the Internet.

## Media Release

Various school and classroom activities are recorded by Fitzgerald Public Schools throughout the school year through the use of photography and video equipment. Such recording might be circulated to other students, classrooms, or be used in district publications and television programs. Parents or guardians who do NOT wish to have their children photographed or video-recorded, please fill in the bottom portion of this notice and return it to your child's school by Friday, Sept. 15.

## Fitzgerald Public Schools Media Release Denial

(Please Print)

I do NOT wish to have my child photographed or video-recorded.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1996 (Amends Michigan Public Health Code Public Act 174 of 1994)

The drug-free zone surrounding school property is 1,000 feet. Any individual who delivers cocaine, narcotics, or other illicit substances to a minor student within the 1,000 foot drug-free zone around the school property shall be punished by at least two years in prison and up to three times the term of imprisonment and fine or both that would otherwise apply. "School Property" is defined as a "building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children in grade kindergarten through 12, when provided by a public, private, denominational, or parochial school, except those buildings used primarily for adult education or college extension courses."

## Grievance Procedures for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975

**Section I:** Any person believing that the Fitzgerald Public School District or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, (4) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and (5) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator at the following address: Melanie Rainwater, Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091 or call (586) 757-1751.

**Section II:** The person who believes a valid basis for grievance exists shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer within five (5) business days. The complainant may initiate formal procedure according to the following steps.

**Step 1.** A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

**Step 2.** A complainant wishing to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5)

business days after receipt of the coordinator's response. The superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.

**Step 3.** If unsatisfied, the complainant may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receiving the superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days of this meeting.

Inquiries concerning nondiscriminatory policies may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202, or Melanie Rainwater, Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091. A copy of each of the Acts and regulations may be found in the local Civil Rights Coordinator's office.

## Board Policy Controls Release of Records

Fitzgerald Public Schools has compiled student records for use in providing appropriate educational programs and services. Management and use of these records and access to them is controlled by Board of Education policy, state and federal legislation. All parents/guardians of students under 18 and all students 18 or older have a right to review the official school records which relate directly to their student or themselves. They also have a right to limit the disclosure of these records and to request changes to ensure accuracy and fairness. For further official student records information, contact building principals.

Fitzgerald Public Schools has designated the following as directory information to be disclosed to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies without prior written consent:

- Student's name and address
- Names of parents
- Student's date of birth
- Class (first grade, etc.)
- Student's photograph
- Student's extracurricular participation
- Student's attendance record
- Student awards/honors (not specific grades)
- Student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team
- School or district student has attended

Parents, guardians and/or eligible students have two weeks after the publication of this notice to advise the Superintendent in writing of any items they do not want designated as directory information. Address inquiries to: Office of the Superintendent, Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091.

# Preschool and Kindergarten Highlights



## Bright Futures Begin with Our Early Childhood Programs

Our excellent preschool programs are now located at Schofield Early Childhood Center, 21555 Warner Ave., Warren, MI 48091. For more information, please call (586) 757-5150 or visit our website at fitz.k12.mi.us.

### Great Start Readiness Program

The program is available to eligible students who are or will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017. The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE Program funded by the Michigan Department of Education. The program runs Monday through Thursday, AM or PM sessions. There are specific eligibility requirements. For information on our free, state funded preschool program, please call (586) 757-5150.

### Early Childhood Special Education

The ECSE program is designed to meet the needs of a special group of 3- to 5-year-olds who qualify. This program is

free and begins on Tuesday, Sept. 5. An Individual Educational Plan (IEP) is needed to qualify for this program. The program runs Monday through Thursday, 8:30 to 11:38 a.m. or 12:33 to 3:41 p.m. sessions.

### Head Start

New to Fitzgerald this year is the Head Start Preschool program. Head Start is a federally funded preschool program for children ages 3 and 4. The program meets Monday through Thursday, AM or PM sessions. Families must meet income guidelines. For Head Start information, please call (586) 469-5215.

### Parent Resource Center & Play and Learn

The Parent Resource Center and Play and Learn is open 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday beginning Sept. 8 at the Schofield Early Childhood Center. Parents and children under the age of 5 are invited to join in the Play and Learn class. Parents can also take advantage of the Parent Resource

Center including the expertise of social workers who are eager to share resources and parenting advice. For questions or additional information, please contact Macomb Family Services, (586) 226-3440 ext. 269 or ext. 241.

### PeeWee Club

It's never too early to prepare your little one for kindergarten. PeeWee Club, sponsored by Macomb Family Services Early Learning Communities, is a free play group that provides parents and caregivers of young children ages 12 months to 24 months, an interactive play experience. Parents will learn activities to help prepare their little ones for school including singing, finger plays, stories and active fun. Groups are held once a week beginning in the Fall of the 2017 school year. Come join the fun! Call (586) 226-3440 ext. 241 for more details.

# Preschool and Kindergarten Highlights

## Parent Cafe

Great Start Parent Coalition will be holding Parent Cafes at Schofield Early Childhood Center this year! Parents are encouraged to attend the scheduled talks that will emphasize strengthening families. Meet other parents, share ideas and learn from one another. Dates and times will be announced. Babysitting available.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Parents are invited to join their children on the first day of school at 8:50 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5. Parents and kindergarteners will meet their teacher, visit the classroom, go on a scavenger hunt and enjoy breakfast for the first hour of school. Parents are welcome to join Mrs. Swalec in the cafeteria for information about our school, curriculum, parent involvement and more.

## Curriculum Night Open House

Kindergarten and Preschool Curriculum Night/Open House is scheduled for 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27. Families are invited to hear about Schofield and plans for the school year. School staff will share updates on our School Improvement Plan, which includes plans for curriculum, parent involvement events and community programs.

## Great Start Readiness Program Orientation

Parents are invited to join their children for a two-hour orientation on their first day of school, Sept. 18. Details will be shared by teachers at the scheduled home visits.

## Hearing and Vision Testing

All kindergarten students must have a hearing and vision screening test dated within one year of entering school for the first time. The Macomb County Health Department offers this service free at many nursery schools, preschool programs and all school districts. Appointments are available at various sites. For more information, call the Macomb County Health Department at (586) 412-5945.

## Save the Date!

The Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry will be at Fitzgerald High School on Aug. 16 from noon to 2 p.m. Pick up free fruit, vegetables and other food items.



## Immunizations are Required to Start School

The State of Michigan and the Macomb County Immunization Ordinance requires children to be adequately immunized to start school.

To enter school, your child must have the following vaccines:

- 1 dose of DTP/DTaP – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
- 1 dose of Polio
- 1 dose of MMR – Measles, Mumps & Rubella (must be received on or after the 1st birthday) OR Laboratory proof of immunity
- 1 dose of Hepatitis B OR Laboratory proof of immunity
- 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) (must be received on or after the 1st birthday) OR Laboratory proof of Varicella immunity OR provide a written statement from a parent/guardian or doctor verifying the child already had chickenpox disease

To remain in school, children 4-6 years of age must have the following minimum vaccines:

- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP with 1 dose on or after the 4th birthday
- 4 doses of Polio. If dose #3 was given on or after the 4th birthday, only 3 doses are needed
- 2 doses of MMR and Varicella on or after the 1st birthday, (at least 28 days apart from each other) and/or the nasal flu vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B

Appropriate spacing between all vaccines is essential for the development of adequate immunity. A complete date (month/day/year) for each vaccine is required. You will be contacted if there is a concern about the spacing of your child's vaccines.

# Elementary and Chatterton Highlights

## First Day of School Information for Elementary Students

Welcome to our new students and families, and welcome back to our returning students! The first day of school is a half day. On Tuesday, Sept. 5 students attending Mound Park will report at 8:10 a.m. and dismiss at 11:25 a.m. Students attending Westview will report at 8:20 a.m. and dismiss at 11:35 a.m. Kindergarteners need to report for their first day at Schofield Early Childhood Center at 9 a.m. Dismissal is at 12:15 p.m.

## Before/After School Child Care for K-5 Students

The district has partnered with Creative Child, a licensed child care provider in Warren, to offer before and after school care for K-5 students through School Aged Care (SAC) Latchkey. Located at Westview Lower Elementary School, child care is available for all elementary students beginning at 6:45 a.m. until the opening of school and after school until 6 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$40. The hourly fee is \$4.25 an hour for the first child and \$3.75 an hour for the second child. Child care is available on all half days and early release days. Please call (586) 558-0177 if you have questions.

## Westview 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Completion Program

Department awards were given to the top boy and girl in each class who earned the most points in each subject area.

### Language Arts

Salman Ahmed  
Jason Bachi  
Alexa Barba  
Aidan Hogan  
Treasure Ly  
Yasmin Mithu  
Nozhat Nabiha

### Math

Labiba Ali  
Jason Bachi  
Dillinger Garda  
Zulfa Haque  
Aidan Hogan  
Nishath Sultana

### Science

Jason Bachi  
Liliana Bravo-Llamas  
Zulfa Haque  
Aidan Hogan  
Autumn Langsdale  
Sean Phillips

### Social Studies

Jason Bachi  
Zulfa Haque  
Aidan Hogan  
Autumn Langsdale  
Damian Rooke  
Nishath Sultana

### Spelling Bee

Salman Ahmed  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Medal (no certificate)*  
Yasmin Mithu  
*Runner up – Bee Pin*

### Accelerated Reader

Sandy Mendez  
*299.1 (medal)*  
Jason Bachi  
240.7  
Alexa Barba  
190.6

### Antonio Dankha

174.0  
Caitlyn Schumaker  
165.7  
Christian Djuric  
162.7

### Credit Union Employees

The following students volunteer in Westview's student credit union monthly to manage deposits.

### Zulfa Haque

Ka'Nyah Johnson-Sandy Mendez  
Thomas Rhine  
Haiden Rivard  
Fahmida Sadek  
Richard Semmelrock  
Catrin Yaqoob

## School Day Schedule for Chatterton

Chatterton is excited to welcome incoming sixth-graders and returning seventh- and eighth-graders to the new school year!

Doors Open:	7:30 a.m.
Entrance Bell:	7:35 a.m.
Start Time:	7:40 a.m.
End of Day Bell:	2:43 p.m.

## First Day of School is a Half-Day

Chatterton students will pick up their schedules at 7:35 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5 as follows:

- Sixth-graders in the Cafeteria
- Seventh- and eighth-graders in the Gym

Students will follow a half-day schedule on Tuesday. The school day will end at 10:40 a.m.

## Scheduling Concerns?

We will make every effort to ensure all students receive the best possible class placements based on their individual needs. For the first few days of the school year, the counseling department will be placing new students, conducting placement tests for interventions and balancing class numbers. Parents are asked to wait until Sept. 16 before calling about schedule concerns. The counseling office number is (586) 757-5690. We appreciate your patience!



### Paw Awards

This certificate is for those students who have consistently had good behavior and attended all of the Behavior Award Parties.

### Rouhan Ahmed

### Salmon Ahmed

### Aidan Andary

### Labiba Ali

### Jordan Anglin

### Jason Bachi

### Alexa Barba

### Damien Barr

### Liliana Bravo-Llamas

### Shawn Bryant

### Mary Butrus

### Oscar Castanos

### Paris Childs

### Hisham Chowdhury

### Antonio Dankha

### Kaylyn Dunklin

### Dillinger Garda

### Marvn Gola

### Noah Goodman

### Savannah Green

### Zulfa Haque

### Joshua Helton

### Aiden Hogan

### Emily Jibson

### Elysha Jones

### Dylan Juszcyk

### Shifa Khanom

### Nicolett Lanstra

### Chase Lee

### Wyatt Lee

### Treasure Ly

### Alyssa McCoy

### Sarah McCrory

### Sandy Mendez

### Yasmin Mithu

### Nozhat Nabiha

### Ashley Nash

### Tamiya Parks

### Jordan Ploe

### Daliya Rahman

### John Rau

### Thomas Rhine

### Haiden Rivard

### Kelly Russ

### Fahmida Sadek

### Richard Semmelrock

### Maheen Shoab

### Peyton Sutton

### Zanaya Thomas

### Jonathon Torres

### Lena Traczyk

### Dylan Williams

### Exceptional Effort

### Elysha Jones

### Neil Lollar

### Lena Traczyk

### Jonathon Torres

# High School Highlights



## Spartan Days Information

We look forward to welcoming students and their families back to school! High school students are expected to participate in Spartan Days at the designated time on Tuesday, Aug. 22:

Ninth Grade: Last names A-L, 8-9:30 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11:30 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 12:30-1:15 p.m.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 1:15-2:30 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2:30-3 p.m.



Spartan Days take place in the high school gym. Students will receive a packet in the mail with information and forms to be completed and brought with them to Spartan Days. Packets will be sent out no later than Wednesday, Aug. 16. All students will have their school picture taken, so dress appropriately!

Students who attended Fitzgerald High School or Chatterton Middle School during the 2016-2017 school year are encouraged to pay outstanding fines or book fees before Spartan Days begin. Students cannot register until all fees and fines are paid.

## First Day of School is a Half-Day

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, all students in grades 9-12 will report to their 1<sup>st</sup> hour class (listed on their schedules) beginning at 7:30 a.m. School will dismiss at 11:25 a.m.

## Fitzgerald High School is a Closed Campus

To ensure the safety of students and staff, Fitzgerald High School is a closed campus. Students must eat lunch during their assigned lunch time in the high school cafeteria. No student is allowed to leave the building during the regular school day unless they are signed out by a parent, have a note from a parent, or a parent calls the school giving permission to leave.

## Free College Tuition

Free college tuition is being offered through the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP). To be eligible for two years of free community college tuition, students must have received Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period between the ages of 9 and high school graduation. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) determines which students are Medicaid-eligible and transmits this information to the Michigan Department of Treasury. To find out if your student qualifies for free college tuition, contact Student Scholarships and Grants at 1 (888) 447-2687.

# High School Highlights

## Fitzgerald Health Center

The Fitzgerald Health Center is part of the Henry Ford Health System Department of Pediatrics and is available during the summer to provide health services including sports and school physicals, vaccines, visits for minor illness or injury and mental health services for those 10-21 years old. The health center is located inside of Fitzgerald High School.

- Sports physicals completed now are valid until the end of the school year (June 2018).
- All physicals are scheduled by appointment. There is paperwork that must be obtained from the health center in addition to the school sports form.
- All patients can receive care regardless of their health insurance status, legal status and/or ability to pay. Health insurance is billed for appropriate services through agreements in place with the health insurance companies. The health center can provide information and assistance in obtaining Medicaid health insurance if medical insurance is needed.

For more information, call (586) 759-9070. Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to noon. The health center may be closed other days, so call ahead to schedule your appointment.

## Fitzgerald Virtual Academy Accepting New Applicants

Fitzgerald Virtual Academy (FVA) is the learning environment for high school students who are looking for a unique educational experience. The FVA offers students a 21<sup>st</sup> century virtual learning opportunity to earn a high school diploma. All courses are completed online, which provides students the flexibility of an any time, any place and any pace learning environment to help them meet their goal of graduation!

FVA students will be provided a laptop and internet access to complete all courses. Successful FVA students are self-motivated learners who enjoy learning at a pace that best fits their learning style. Our program provides personalized attention and supports a wide variety of students, including those that may find it difficult to attend traditional high school programs. Students who require credit recovery will find our self-paced courses an excellent way to earn their high school diploma.

Enroll immediately, as space is limited. For more information, call (586) 757-4620 or visit our website at [fitz.k12.mi.us/schools-programs/fitzgerald-virtual-academy](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/schools-programs/fitzgerald-virtual-academy).

## WIOA In-School Youth Program

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT (WIOA) program at Fitzgerald High School helps young adults build skills that lead to successful jobs and careers. Through this program, we provide youth with resources and guidance as they make important decisions about their lives and careers.

The services provided through the WIOA Program include:

- Dropout prevention and completion of high school or its equivalent
- Appropriateness of positive behaviors
- Preparation for the world of work
- Preparation for post-secondary opportunities, FAFSA, scholarships, college applications, college tours and career/college fairs
- Job skills and job readiness
- Work experiences and occupational-skill training
- Life enhancement activities, including counseling
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Leadership training
- Financial assistance
- Youth group activities
- Follow-up and financial assistance for one year after graduation

To learn more about the WIOA Program, contact Tammy Findlay at (586) 757-6963 or [tamfin@myfitz.net](mailto:tamfin@myfitz.net).

## FPS in the News!

In July, FPS Board Member Mary McKenney and her family were featured in the Macomb Daily!



*"The Fitzgerald family continued to support my children right through to the last year of high school ... From beginning to end, my local school district was home for my children."*

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## Key Dates

- **FHS Spartan Day: Tuesday, Aug. 22**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade: A-L 8-9:30 a.m., M-Z 10-11:30 a.m.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade: 12:30-1:15 p.m.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade: 1:15-2:30 p.m.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade: 2:30-3 p.m.
- **CMS 6th Grade Orientation: 9-11:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 24**
- **Community Fair: 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Schofield Early Childhood Center**
- **First Day of School (half-day): Tuesday, Sept. 5**
- **First Full Day of School: Wednesday, Sept. 6**
- **Back to School Open Houses:**
  - Schofield Early Childhood Center: 6-7:30 p.m., Sept. 27
  - Westview: 6:15-7:45 p.m., Sept. 19
  - Mound Park: 5:30-7 p.m., Sept. 19
  - Chatterton: 6-7:30 p.m., Sept. 20
  - High School: 6-7:30 p.m., Sept. 14
- **Homecoming: Sept. 30**
  - Parade: 11 a.m.
  - Game (vs. Madison Heights): 1 p.m.
  - Dance: 7 p.m.
- **Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences**
  - High School: Oct. 19
  - Elementary: Oct. 25-26
  - Middle School: Nov. 1
- **Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences**
  - High School: March 14
  - Middle School: March 28
  - Mound Park: April 17 (invitation only)
  - Westview/Schofield: April 18 (invitation only)
- **State Testing: Elementary/Middle School**
  - M-STEP:**
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** May 4 - 25
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** May 4 - 25
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** April 9 - May 4
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** May 4 - 25
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** May 4 - 25
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** April 9 - May 4
  - WIDA (ELPA) Testing K-12:**  
Spring 2018: Feb. 5 – March 23
  - State Testing - High School:**  
9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade PSAT: April 10/11 or 24/25  
11<sup>th</sup>/Eligible 12<sup>th</sup> GR SAT: April 10 or 24  
11<sup>th</sup>/Eligible 12<sup>th</sup> GR WorkKeys: April 11 or 25  
11<sup>th</sup>/Eligible 12<sup>th</sup> GR M-STEP: April 9 - May 4

## Phone Directory

### Administrative Offices:

Business .....	(586) 757-1860
Curriculum .....	(586) 757-3344
Food & Nutrition .....	(586) 757-8845
Human Resources.....	(586) 757-1751
Facilities.....	(586) 757-5502
Student Services .....	(586) 757-4044
Superintendent .....	(586) 757-1750
Transportation .....	(586) 758-0965

### School Offices:

Schofield Early Childhood Center (Pre-K – Kindergarten):	(586) 757-5150
Westview Lower Elementary School (Grades 1-3):	(586) 757-5520
Mound Park Upper Elementary School (Grades 4-5):	(586) 757-7590
Chatterton Middle School:	(586) 757-6650
Fitzgerald High School:	(586) 757-7070

### To Report Absences:

High School.....	(586) 758-0875
Chatterton .....	(586) 825-0971
Mound Park.....	(586) 825-2146
Westview .....	(586) 825-2150
Early Childhood.....	(586) 825-2153

### Recorded Information:

HS Spartan Line .....	(586) 757-7287
Chatterton Chat Line.....	(586) 825-6637

## Schools of Choice Enrollment

Do you know a friend, co-worker, family member or someone else who might be interested in the top-notch educational opportunities that Fitzgerald Public Schools could offer their child? Share this with them!

The Schools of Choice enrollment period is open until Sept. 8 for K-8 students who reside in Macomb County and for K-2 students that reside in Oakland or Macomb Counties. Families may enroll online by going to [fitz.k12.mi.us/register](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/register) and clicking on the "Schools of Choice" button, by picking up Schools of Choice enrollment applications from any of our schools or our Central Enrollment Office. After applications are turned in, families who are approved will receive acceptance letters in the mail with instructions for registering.

## Central Enrollment Office

To enroll your student for the 2017-2018 school year, contact Julie Schroeder at the Central Enrollment Office in the Neigebaur Building, 23020 Ryan Road. Call her at (586) 758-0980 or email her at [centralenrollment@myfitz.net](mailto:centralenrollment@myfitz.net).

## Employment Opportunities

Fitzgerald Public Schools is always searching for qualified individuals to substitute in our district, including:

- Substitute teachers
- Substitute paraprofessionals
- Substitute office support staff
- Substitute custodians
- Substitute bus drivers
- Lunch aides

For a complete list of open positions and to apply, visit [fitz.k12.mi.us/human-resources/employment-opportunities](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/human-resources/employment-opportunities) or contact the Human Resource Department at (586) 757-1751. Candidates interested in food service positions can apply at [careers.aramark.com](http://careers.aramark.com).

## Board of Education Meetings for

### 2017-2018

All meetings take place at 7 p.m. at the FHS Automotive and Pre-Engineering Technology Institute located at 23200 Ryan Road. The meetings for the 2017-2018 year are Aug. 17, Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 1, April 12, May 10, June 7 and June 21. Any person with a disability who may need accommodations and/or assistance to participate in this meeting should contact Superintendent Barbara VanSweden at (586) 757-1750 at least five days in advance of the meeting.

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