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DISTRICT NEWS

Message from the Superintendent

It continues to be a thrilling time at Fitzgerald Public Schools as we welcome the 2019-2020 school year. The start of a new school year is exciting for all of us. For those of you new to the district and community, thank you for choosing Fitzgerald! We know that deciding



on a school district is an important choice for your family. July and August is always a wonderful time to prepare for your student's return and we look forward to sharing new learning experiences with each of you. We can't wait to see our students' smiling faces on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3rd.

During the summer, our custodial, technology, secretarial and administrative staff have been diligently working to get the schools ready for our students. We have begun working on phase one projects from the recent bond election and are pleased with the progress. Much of what has

occurred this summer deals with the planning and preparation for visible work to begin in the spring/summer of 2020. I always welcome and encourage you to visit our website for the latest updates.

At Fitzgerald Public Schools, our commitment continues to be the safety and well being of every student. One of our major focus areas for the 19-20 school year will be the student component of training our students with the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) philosophy. Our second year plan remains on schedule. In the fall of 2019 we will start the process of scheduling intruder drills during the school day, while students and staff are in session. The drills will look different at each level and not involve students to participate in any other way than to take and listen to teacher/staff direction. Parents and community members are encouraged to review the School Safety information on our website (fitz.k12.mi.us). We will continue to provide educational experiences, and bring the district to the next level, by providing instruction that is innovation and student driven.

I hope that you, as I do, see the tremendous opportunities for us to continue to grow an educational community. You are an essential partner in your child's success in school; we value and encourage your involvement. I am confident that through the development of a district culture that promotes collaborative relationships and continuous growth, we will flourish as a school community.

I look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Tailgate on Friday, September 6th. Thank you for your continued support of our students and district. I know 2019-20 will be another great year of many successes for our students and community. On behalf of myself and the Board of Education, enjoy the final weeks of your summer vacation.

~Laurie Fournier

Back to School Open Houses

We're excited to welcome families to tour Schofield Early Childhood Center, Westview Lower Elementary School, Mound Park Upper Elementary School, Chatterton Middle School and Fitzgerald High School. Our open houses provide an opportunity to meet each school's principal, chat with teachers and explore classrooms. Open house locations and times are below:

Schofield Early Childhood Center:
Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Westview Lower Elementary School:
Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Mound Park Upper Elementary School:
Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Chatterton Middle School:
Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Fitzgerald High School:
Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

School Bell Schedules for 2019/20

School	Normal Day
Fitzgerald High School	7:30a.m.-2:33p.m.
Chatterton Middle School	7:40a.m.-2:43p.m.
Mound Park Upper Elementary	8:10a.m.-3:11p.m.
Westview Lower Elementary	8:20a.m.-3:21p.m.
Schofield Early Childhood Center	8:55a.m.-4:01p.m.
Great Start Readiness	8:45a.m.-11:45a.m. and 12:30-3:30p.m. or 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Head Start	8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Look for your Back to School Mailing!

All current registered students will receive a back to school packet in the U.S. mail. All forms must be completed and brought back to school either at Spartan Days or on the first day of school. Packets should arrive to your homes by the 3rd week of August.

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Back-to-School Tailgate



Date: September 6, 2019
 Time: 6-7:00 p.m.
 Location: Fitzgerald High School
 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091
 (parking lot @ south end of campus)

2019 Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement Benefit



Date: March 7, 2020
 Time: 6-10:00 p.m.
 Location: Encore Catering & Banquet Center
 21801 E. Nine Mile Rd
 St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
 Cost: \$45.00 per person

New in 2019-2020

Beginning in the fall, we will be serving Domino's pizza once a week at our elementaries and middle school! Westview Elementary, Mound Park Elementary & Schofield Early Childhood Center will serve Domino's on Monday's and Chatterton Middle School will have Domino's on Wednesday's. If your child would like an extra slice of pizza, please make sure to deposit \$1.00 on your child's lunch account or send it with them in the morning to be deposited.

At Fitzgerald High School, we are bringing the cafeteria into the 21st century by adding Digital Menu Boards! The boards will be installed at each station in the high school cafeteria as well as outside of the cafeteria and main office. Each menu board will showcase what is being served at each station that day, as well as showing important announcements for upcoming events at Fitzgerald High School!

Fitzgerald Public Schools: New Roles & A Spartan Welcome!



Regan Henderson
 Director of Human Resources

Melissa Laseck
 Schofield Early Childhood Center
 Principal



LeaAnna Whitfield
 WV Asst. Principal/Behavior Specialist

Jessica Ghislain
 Special Education Supervisor



New Curriculum for 2019-2020

As part of our commitment to every student's success, we are excited to announce new courses and curriculum updates for the 2019-2020 school year. This fall, we are rolling out two new classes at Fitzgerald High School. Additionally, we will be working with Macomb Intermediate School District and MDE as Michigan's newly adopted Social Studies Standards are rolled out across the state. Over the next two years, our teachers will participate in training to understand and incorporate these new standards into our K-12 curriculum.

- **Amazon Future Engineer: Introduction to Computer Science:** Fitzgerald High School is the only High School in Macomb County that was chosen to host this program that is supported by Amazon. The goal of this course is to introduce students to basic concepts of computer science. The curriculum for this course was designed by Amazon for students to develop skills to fill industry job shortages.
- **Exploration into Health Careers:** Fitzgerald High School is expanding our Health Science Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses for our students. Exploration into Health Careers is designed to give students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to explore various health science career pathways such as: Therapeutic Services, Diagnostic Services, Health Informatics, Support Services, and Biotechnology.

Parents are encouraged to contact your child's building principal or teacher with questions or for more information.

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Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Fitzgerald Students

Fitzgerald Public Schools will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all Fitzgerald Public Schools students. Some families will be asked to complete a Household Information Report.

Direct Certification notifications will be sent by letter to your home in August. If you receive this notice and all students are listed, you will not be required to complete the Household Information Report. When reviewing the Direct Certification letter, if all students are not listed, please contact the Food and Nutrition Main Office at (586) 758-0886.

If you do not receive a Direct Certification notice, you will likely need to complete the Household Information Report. These will be sent to households by mail following distribution of the Direct Certification notifications. If at any time, you are unsure if you are required to complete the Form, please contact the Food and Nutrition Office at (586) 758-0886.



Sign up for FPS Text Alerts!

Parents and guardians can sign up for FPS text alerts about school closings, updates, events and safety alerts by ensuring they have a valid cell phone number on file through Power School and by texting "Y" or "YES" to 67587.

Fitzgerald Health Center

Did you know Fitzgerald High School has a health clinic within the building?

The Fitzgerald Health Center is part of the Henry Ford Health System's Department of Pediatrics, School-Based and Community Health Program. Services are provided to youth through 21 years old regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. A signed consent form is required for your child to receive services.

We are not a replacement for your primary care provider, but serve as a convenient alternative to support your healthcare needs. There are no out-of-pocket costs. If your family needs health insurance, we can provide insurance application assistance at the health center.

The health center provides treatment of minor illness and injury, physical exams, immunizations (vaccinations), health education, confidential services, and laboratory testing. We also provide mental health services including individual counseling.

The health center is open year-round. Normal hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30a.m.-noon & 1p.m.-4p.m., and Friday 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Occasionally there are additional times we may be closed. We encourage you to call ahead.

Please call the Fitzgerald Health Center at (586) 759-9070 to schedule an appointment or if you need additional information.

New to the District? Enroll now!

If you recently moved into the district or have a child enrolling in kindergarten this school year, please register online at fitz.k12.mi.us/register. Online registration allows parents and legal guardians to complete necessary enrollment forms and schedule an appointment to provide the required documentation.

All kindergarten students must be age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2019. If a child turns age 5 after Sept. 1 but on or before Dec. 1, a parent or legal guardian may still enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year by completing and submitting a kindergarten notification form at the time of enrollment.

To enroll, you must provide:

- **Proof of Residency:** Parent or legal guardian's CURRENT rental agreement or purchase agreement, mortgage statement or property tax statement AND two CURRENT utility bills (gas, electric, etc.) in parent or legal guardian's name with CURRENT address. A driver's license is not valid proof of residency. Call Central Enrollment 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
- **Hearing and Vision Screening:** Required prior to beginning school for kindergarten students only.
- **Most Recent Transcript:** Required for students entering grades 10-12.
- **Most Recent Report Card:** Required for students entering grades 1-9.
- **IEP:** Applicable only if your child is classified as Special Education.
- **Guardianship Paperwork:** If applicable.
- **Valid Photo Identification:** A Michigan driver's license or State ID card of parent or legal guardian with CURRENT address.

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School Bus Transportation

Fitzgerald Public Schools is proud to offer 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 routes, bus stop location and times for pick up and drop off.

All kindergarten students **MUST** have a parent or approved individual at the bus stop. If no one is present at the bus stop at the end of the day, your child will be returned to school and it will be your responsibility to pick them up.

Chatterton Middle School requires a student I.D. with Route # to ride the bus to/from school. All eligible busing students must have a school issued I.D. no later than Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 to receive bus transportation.

Elementary School Students

A detailed letter from the transportation office will be sent to each family regarding transportation for eligible K-5 students prior to the start of the school year. Each busing student will receive a tag that must be attached to their backpack at all times to assist with student safety.

Student Expectations & Responsibilities

- Respect and cooperate with the bus driver
- Be at your assigned bus stop 5 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 and drinking or any controlled substance is not allowed on the bus
- No items should be thrown in, at or from the bus
- Cell Phone Usage:
 - **VIDEO RECORDING BY ANY TYPE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WHILE ON THE BUS!**
 - **H.S. & Middle School-** When cell phones are used while riding the bus, personal listening devices (head phones, ear buds) must be used to eliminate distraction to the bus driver and other passengers.
 - **Elementary** - Use of cell phones are prohibited for elementary age students 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



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

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2019-20 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 Internet use. The district uses software that filters out sites that are inappropriate in an educational setting and will provide the best available protection for our students. However, we need your cooperation to ensure that objectionable materials do not find their way into our schools.

Please review the 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. 13.

Fitzgerald Public Schools Individual Internet Access Denial

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

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Grade: _____

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 recordings may be circulated to other students, classrooms, or be used in district publications and television programs. If you do NOT wish to have your children photographed or video-recorded, please complete the below Media Release Denial form and return it to your child's school by Friday, Sept. 13.

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: _____

Annual Notification of Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was passed in 1986. District buildings are monitored every six months and re-inspected every three years to comply with AHERA regulations. Our next re-inspection is scheduled for April 2021. Questions relating to asbestos related issues can be addressed to Fitzgerald Public Schools, Facilities Dept., 23200 Ryan Rd, Warren, MI 48091, Attn: Bill Rudd or call (586) 757-5502.

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 and guardians of students under age 18 and all students age 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/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 inquires to: Office of the Superintendent, Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI 48091.

Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the FHS Automotive and Pre-Engineering Technology Institute location at 23200 Ryan Road. Meetings for the 2019-2020 school year are Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8 and June 22. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations and/or assistance to participate in this meeting should contact Superintendent Laurie Fournier at (586) 757-1750 at least five days before the meeting.

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: Regan Henderson, 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 (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 (1) 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 Regan Henderson, 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.

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 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 grades 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."

Pest Management Program Notification

As part of the Fitzgerald Public School District's Pest Management Program, pesticides are periodically applied to school property. Planned applications will be posted at building entrances at least 24 hours prior to application. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but if requested, you will be provided notice following any such application. If you wish to be notified prior to pesticide application, please mail your name, student's name, address, city, zip code, phone number and school your student attends to: Fitzgerald Public Schools, Facilities Dept., 23200 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI 48091, Attn: Bill Rudd or call (586) 757-5502.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Early Childhood Programs at Schofield Early Childhood Center

Our preschool programs are located at Schofield Early Childhood Center, 21555 Warner, Warren, MI 48091. For more information, please call 586-757-5150 or visit our website at fitz.k12.mi.us. See below for an overview of programs being offered.

Great Start Readiness Program

This program is available to eligible students who are or will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2019. The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE Program funded by the Michigan Department of Education. Specific eligibility requirements are to be met. The program runs Monday through Thursday, AM or PM sessions and one full day session. For information on our free, state funded preschool program, please call 586-757-5150.

Early Childhood Special Education Program

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, September 3rd. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is needed to qualify for this program. The program runs four to five days per week, AM or PM sessions.

Head Start

The Head Start Preschool Program will also be housed at Schofield. Head Start is a federally funded preschool program for children ages 3 and 4. The program meets Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m. Families must meet income guidelines. For Head Start information, please call 586-469-5215.

Partners in Play

Join Ms. LaDon of Village Early Learning Resource for Play and Learn classes every Friday from 10-11:30a.m. beginning September 6 at Schofield Early Childhood Center. Parents and their children under the age of 5 are invited to attend and partake in the planned activities. Parenting resources and child development information is available. For questions or additional information, please contact Village Early Learning Resource at 586-239-9064.

Young 5's Program

We are excited to be offering a Young 5's program for students who will be five years of age between August 1 and December 1. The Young 5's program is a bridge between Preschool and Kindergarten providing young learners the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs. Kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years and many skills that were taught in First Grade are now expected in Kindergarten. Research shows that these few months make a huge difference in what a child is ready to learn. The students will be enrolled in a two year Kindergarten program - first year - Young 5's, second year - Traditional Kindergarten. Register for Young 5's online today by visiting fitz.k12.mi.us/register, select Kindergarten. For more information, please call 586-757-5150.



Healthy and Ready to Learn

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 at no cost 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.

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/DTPaP - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
- 1 dose of Polio
- 1 dose of MMR - Measles, Mumps & Rubella (must be received on or after the first 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 first 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 ages 4-6 must have the following minimum vaccines:

- 4 doses of DTP/DTPaP with 1 dose on or after the fourth birthday
- 4 doses of Polio. If the third dose was given on or after the fourth birthday, only three doses are needed.
- 2 doses of MMR and Varicella on or after the first 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 to developing 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.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Play, Learn and Grow at Schofield Early Childhood Center!

We're here to help your young child make a smooth transition into preschool and kindergarten. Mark your calendars for upcoming early childhood and kindergarten events.

Kindergarten Screening

All students new to the district that are enrolling in kindergarten including Young 5's, will meet with a kindergarten teacher either August 14 or August 15 to be screened for kindergarten readiness. The 20 minute screening process will provide the teacher with information about placement for your child. The screening will address social/emotional development, communication and literacy skills, fine motor development and number knowledge. The screening appointments will be scheduled at the time of enrollment.

Kindergarten Orientation

Parents of kindergarten students are invited to join their children on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:55a.m. Parents and kindergarteners will meet the teacher, go on a classroom scavenger hunt, and enjoy breakfast. Parents are then welcome to join Ms. Laseck in the media center for further information about our school, curriculum, parent involvement and more.

GSRP Orientation

Parents are invited to join their children for a two hour orientation on their first day of school, September 16th. Details will be shared by teachers at the scheduled home visits that will take place September 4th-13th, 2019.

Curriculum Night & Open House

Kindergarten and Preschool Curriculum Night/Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 from 5:30-7:00p.m. Families are invited to join us this evening to meet the entire Schofield staff, hear about our plans for the school year - academic goals as well as family engagement events, learn how you can be involved in your child's school, take a tour of the building and get your questions answered.

Popsicles on the Playground

All incoming kindergarten students and an adult are invited to attend Popsicles on the Playground, Monday, August 19, 10-11a.m. at Schofield Early Childhood Center. We will meet in the back of the school, partake in storytelling, make a countdown chain to help prepare for the first day of school, meet new and old friends, play on the playground and enjoy popsicles. Mark your calendars!



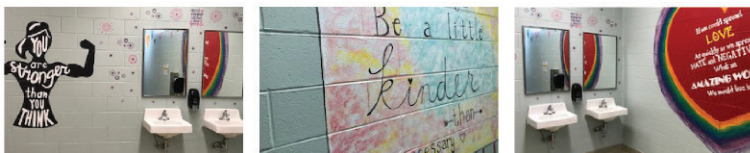
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

First Day of School Information for Elementary Students

Welcome, new students and families, and welcome back, returning students! The first day of school is a half day. On Tuesday, Sept. 3, students attending Mound Park will report at 8:10 a.m. and be dismissed at 11:25 a.m. Students attending Westview will report at 8:20 a.m. and be dismissed at 11:35 a.m. Kindergarteners must report for their first day at Schofield Early Childhood Center at 8:55 a.m. Dismissal will be at 12:15 p.m.

Mound Park Upper Elementary Lowe's Grant Outcome

As you may recall, Mound Park was awarded a grant from Lowe's to help renovate its 5th grade girl's bathroom. Teacher, Mrs. Girling's hope was that "every day when girls walk into the bathroom they will be reminded to be the best version of themselves and know that they can accomplish anything." Mound Park students and staff are grateful for the outcome of this grant.



Before/After School Child Care (SACC) for K-5 Students

Fitzgerald has partnered with Robin's Nest, a licensed child care provider in Warren, to offer before and after school care for PreK-5 students through School Aged Child Care (SACC). Located at **Mound Park Upper Elementary School**, child care is available for all elementary students beginning at 6:45 a.m. until school begins and after school until 6 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$25 per family. The cost is \$5 per hour for the first child and \$4 an hour for the second child. Child care is available on half days and early release days. Students in grades PreK-3 will be bussed to and from Mound Park from their schools.

Registration packets are available at each elementary school's main office beginning the week of August 20, 2019. SACC staff will be available on Tuesday, Sept. 3 from 9-11 a.m. at Schofield Early Childhood Center and from noon-4:30 p.m. at Mound Park Upper Elementary School. SACC services will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 4** for registered students. For questions, please call (586) 277-3642.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Scheduling Concerns?

We will make every effort to ensure all students are placed in the best possible classes 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. 13 before calling about schedule concerns. The counseling office number is (586) 757-5690. We appreciate your patience!

First Day of School is a Half Day

Chatterton students will head to the areas listed below on Tuesday, Sept. 3:

- Sixth-graders in the Cafeteria
- Seventh-graders in the Gym
- Eighth-graders in the Media Center

We will be rotating through stations to assign lockers & locks, take pictures for student ID's and pass out schedules. After the stations, students will meet with their homeroom teacher to go over items in the student handbook.

School Day Schedule for Chatterton

Chatterton is excited to welcome incoming sixth-graders and returning seventh- and eighth-graders to the new school year! The regular school day schedule for the year is as follows:

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.

Sparty Days

We look forward to welcoming students and their families back to school! Chatterton Middle School students are expected to participate in Sparty Days! Join us on Thursday, Aug 22 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Students will be able to tour the building, receive their locks, and walk their schedule.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

After School Programs Available

Fitzgerald High School is excited to partner with Wayne State University for the second year offering the C2 Pipeline program. C2 Pipeline is open to students in grades 9-12. After school sessions run for two and a half hours daily, Monday through Thursday. During these two and a half hours, students are served dinner or a snack and also have a chance to participate in academic center and enrichment. C2 Pipeline's academic center offers students the opportunity to receive assistance with homework, projects, and any school related work in a small group setting. Enrichments cover topics that would not normally be covered during the school day in a fun and exciting, hands on atmosphere. Examples include: Anatomy In Clay, Fashion Engineering, Traumatic Brain Injury, Need for Green Speed, SAT Prep, STEM Busters, and Empowerment Improv. Each center considers district goals and school improvement plans when determining programming activities. All enrichment curriculum is aligned to Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and state curriculum standards. Applications are available in the main office or online. All students are accepted!



WSU C2 PIPELINE

Fitzgerald Virtual Academy Accepting New Applicants



Fitzgerald Virtual Academy (FVA) is the perfect learning environment for high school students seeking a unique, 21st century educational experience. FVA offers students an individualized, virtual learning opportunity to earn a high school diploma. All courses are taken online, providing students with the flexibility of an any time, any place and any pace learning environment that helps them meet their ultimate 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 diverse range of students, including those who may experience difficulty in traditional high school programs. Students requiring credit recovery will find our self-paced courses to be 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/schoolsprogram/fitzgerald-virtual-academy.

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 36 consecutive months between age 9 and high school graduation. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 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 (888) 447-2687.



Fitzgerald High School is a Closed Campus

Fitzgerald High School is a closed campus, which ensures the safety of our students and staff. 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 a parent signs them out or provides permission with a note or phone call.

First Day of School is a Half Day

On Tuesday, Sept.3, all students in grades 9-12 will report to their first hour class (listed on their schedule) beginning at 7:30 a.m. Students without a schedule should report to the high school cafeteria. School will be dismissed at 10:35 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL & DISTRICT NEWS

Spartan Days!

We look forward to welcoming students and their families back to school! High School students are expected to participate in Spartan Days! Join us on Tuesday, Aug 27, 2019.

9th Grade

Last Name A-L, 8:-9:30a.m; Last Name M-Z, 9:45-11:15a.m.

10th Grade: 12:00- 1:00p.m.

11th Grade: 1:00- 2:00p.m.

12th Grade 2:00- 3:00p.m.

Spartan Days will take place in the high school gymnasium. Students will receive a packet in the mail with information and forms to be completed and brought back with them on Spartan Days. Packets will be mailed out no later than Thursday, Aug 15. If you do not receive a packet, please contact the main office at (586) 757-7070. Students will have their pictures taken (school dress code enforced) as well as receive their schedule. Schedules will not be available online.

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FPS: Safety First (ALICE: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) A Comprehensive training approach for increasing the chances of survival through a proactive response



The safety and well being of our students and staff remains our top priority. As part of the district’s ongoing commitment to school safety, our year two implementation of ALICE training is scheduled to include students and educating them with this safety philosophy including drill practice during the school day. In addition to the common run-throughs we conduct each year such as fire, bus evacuation, severe weather, building evacuation and lockdown drills, we will now include how to handle threats of unexpected events or intruders. **Before any implementation begins, the district will be hosting a Community Parent Safety Meeting on September 24, 2019 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Fitzgerald High School in the auditorium.** We welcome parents to attend this meeting as information regarding ALICE and our training plan will be highlighted. The district has also made the week of September 23-27 Fitzgerald Public Schools Safety Week. In addition, the week of October 21-25 is National School Bus Safety Week.

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Social Media Safety Tips for Teens



Social media is part of everyday life, and it's important for parents and teens to take steps to ensure safety on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and other platforms. Here are some tips to share with your child on social media safety:

- 1. Think before you post:** Don't share personal information such as your phone number or home address on social media. Keep this information private. Do not post photos or inappropriate or illegal activities.
- 2. Respect others:** Always be kind and respectful toward others on social media. Avoid gossip and bullying.
- 3. Speak up:** If you or someone you know is being bullied online or you see something suspicious or inappropriate, immediately tell a trusted adult, such as a parent or teacher.

Election Update

The Fitzgerald Public Schools Board of Education has unanimously approved placing a five-year sinking fund renewal and a non-homestead millage restoration on the November 5th ballot.

The district will be providing all the information necessary on both ballot proposals for our voters to be fully informed before going to the polls. Stay tuned for more district updates!

Employment Opportunities

Fitzgerald Public Schools is seeking qualified individuals for full-time, part-time and substitute positions for the 2019-2020 school year. For a complete list of open positions and to apply, please visit 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

Key Dates

High School Spartan Days: Aug. 27

- Ninth-grade last names A-L at 8-9:30 a.m.
- Ninth-grade last names M-Z at 9:45-11:15 a.m.
- 10th grade at 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- 11th grade at 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 12th grade at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Chatterton Middle School Sparty Day: Aug. 22, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Back-to-School Tailgate: Sept. 6, 6-7 p.m.

First Day of School (half day): Sept. 3

First Full Day of School: Sept. 4

Homecoming: Oct. 5, parade at 11 a.m., game at 1 p.m.

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- Fitzgerald High School: Oct. 10, 2019
- Mound Park: October 10-11, 2019
- Schofield and Westview: Oct. 17-18, 2019
- Chatterton Middle School: Oct. 24, 2019
- GSRP: Nov. 1 & Nov. 13-15, 2019
- ECSE: Nov. 14, 2019

STAR Testing

- Fall: Sept. 3-Oct. 4, 2019
- Winter: Jan. 6-Feb. 5, 2020
- Spring: April 27-May 1, 2020

State Testing- M-Step:

- 3rd, 4th, 6th & 7th Grades: May 4-May 29, 2020
- 5th, 8th & 11th Grades: April 13-May 8, 2020

WIDA (ELPA) Testing K-12:

- Spring 2020: Feb. 3-March 20, 2020

State Testing- High School:

- SAT/PSAT: April 14, 2020
- WorkKeys: April 15, 2020

FPS is Social

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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 Fitzgerald Public Schools has to offer their child? Share this with them!

The School of Choice enrollment period is open until Sept. 5 for K-12 students who reside in Macomb County and for K-5 who reside outside of Macomb County. Families may enroll online by going to fitz.k12.mi.us/register/school-of-choice/. After applications are turned in, families who are approved will receive acceptance letters in the mail with instructions for registering.

School Contact Information

Have a question or need to report your child's absence? Contact the main office of your child's school.

Schofield Early Childhood:	(586) 757-5150
Schofield Absence:	(586) 825-2153
Westview Elementary:	(586) 757-5520
Westview Absence:	(586) 825-2150
Mound Park Elementary:	(586) 757-7590
Mound Park Absence:	(586) 825-2146
Chatterton Middle School:	(586) 757-6650
Chatterton Absence:	(586) 825-0971
Fitzgerald High School:	(586) 757-7070
High School Absence:	(586) 758-0875