

# THE FITZ HERALD

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

### September 6, 2022



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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Message from the Superintendent



**D**ear Fitzgerald Family,  
It continues to be a thrilling time at Fitzgerald Public Schools as we welcome the 2022-2023 school year. 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 6, 2022.

During the summer, our custodial, technology, secretarial and administrative staff have been diligently working to get the schools ready for our students. There has been a great deal of bond work happening this summer throughout the district! Some of our major building improvements include: Fitzgerald High School: relocation of the Main and Counseling Offices to provide a secure entrance for visitors; addition of a student commons area, classroom updates that include new flooring, paint, lighting and technology and the addition of three collaborative classrooms. Chatterton Middle School: complete renovation of the cafeteria. Mound Park Elementary: addition of an outdoor classroom.

For more information on our renovations, I encourage you to visit our website for the latest updates.

As we are preparing to welcome back our students for in person learning in September, I would like to take the opportunity to let our families know that we value and encourage your involvement in Fitzgerald Public Schools as you are an essential partner in your child's success in school. We hope to see many of our families in attendance at our back to school events and the various exciting activities that our buildings have planned throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual Fitzgerald Family Picnic on Saturday, October 1, 2022. This event was a great success last year and will have additional activities for families to participate in prior to the Homecoming Football Game. I want to again thank you for your continued support of our students and district. I know 2022-23 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.

With Spartan Pride,

Kimberly Pawlukiewicz  
Superintendent, Fitzgerald Public Schools

## Back to School Open Houses

**W**e'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, August 31, from 3:45-5:15 p.m.

Westview Lower Elementary School:  
Wednesday, August 31, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Mound Park Upper Elementary School:  
Wednesday, August 31, from 4:15-5:45 p.m.

Chatterton Middle School:  
Wednesday, August 31, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Fitzgerald High School:  
Wednesday, August 31, from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

## School Bell Schedules for 2022/23

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 12:30p.m.-3:30p.m. or 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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## SAVE THE DATES!!

### Fitzgerald Family Picnic

Date: October 1, 2022

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Fitzgerald High School Parking Lot  
23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091



### Trunk or Treat

Date: October 25, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Fitzgerald High School-Bart St Parking Lot  
23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091



## Edulog Parent Portal - FPS Continues Commitment to Safe and Informed Transportation

The Edulog Parent Portal is a self-service app that allows you to track your child's assigned transportation from his or her school. Know what routes and vehicles have been assigned to your child, complete with planned pickup and drop off locations and times. Track in real time your child's bus's position. Know when to send your child to the bus stop to avoid waiting in bad weather. Configure notifications to alert you when your child's bus is nearing pickup or drop off.

**Parents needing transportation for their students who live within the eligible busing boundaries, MUST download the Edulog Parent Portal Application and complete the *Annual Transportation Request Form* on the application.**

Requests are routed to the transportation department and once approved, a confirmation message will be sent to the parent.



## Download the Edulog Parent Portal App for the latest Transportation information!

- Accessibility- Essential student transportation info is put directly into parents' hands directly on your smartphone
- Security- Parents access their children's transportation information with a unique, safe and secure login
- Accuracy- Parents can be confident in the information they receive, because it's coming from real-time tracking information sent from their child's bus
- Alerts- The GPS tracking system lets parents know when their child's bus enters customizable Alert Zones
- Automated Communication- Information is delivered automatically to parents through the app

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Free Breakfast and Lunch Continued for All Fitzgerald Students

Fitzgerald Public Schools will continue to provide free breakfast and free lunch for all Fitzgerald Public Schools students. We will be serving meals under the Seamless Summer Option during the school year. This ensures that all meals are completely free to all students in the district!

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 in your household are not listed, please contact the Food & 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 & Nutrition Main 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

## Fitzgerald Health Center



Meet Tina M. Almanza, PPCNP-BC, MSN, AE-C, she is the Clinic Coordinator/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at the Fitzgerald Health Center. Tina has worked for Henry Ford Health System since becoming a Nurse Practitioner in 1993. Tina enjoys traveling, reading, shopping, and crafting. She enjoys working with children and adolescents. She looks forward to meeting the health care needs of our Fitzgerald Community.

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.-12:00p.m. Occasionally there are additional times we may be closed. We encourage you to call ahead.

## 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](http://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, 2022. 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. The Parent Portal app is available free of charge and must be downloaded to request transportation for your eligible student. The transportation department will confirm your request and once approved, a confirmation message is sent to the parent.

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. once available.

### Elementary School Students

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.



# DISTRICT NEWS

## Staffing Updates

Fitzgerald Public Schools has made some exciting administrative changes over the summer. We welcome Codie Lankin as a new staff member at Fitzgerald High School.



### Codie Lankin, Assistant Principal at Fitzgerald High School

I am excited to introduce myself as the new assistant principal of Fitzgerald High School. I am honored to have been selected to assume this administrative role at Fitzgerald Public Schools, which provides a myriad of student learning opportunities and yet invests in personally meeting the needs of each of our students. For the last three years, I served as the Career Education Coordinator at Clinton County RESA. In that administrative role, I worked with students and CTE teachers offering guidance and assistance as well as having the opportunity to collaborate with both local high school principals and counselors to best serve the communities of Clinton County. Before that role, I taught for a decade at Morrice High School where I taught social studies and served in numerous leadership roles (chair of the school improvement team, student council advisor, etc.).

I consider my most important task in any position to be that of a facilitator of both student and teacher growth. I will spend time with the students and staff members of the high school, I will celebrate their successes, big and small, I will encourage them every day and let them know they are valued and have an important role in our school community.

On a personal level, I am the proud husband of Delisa, my wife of 5 years and doting father to Elizabeth (soon to be four) and Xavier (6 months). I also have an awesome dog, named Brutus. My hobbies include comic book collecting, playing video games, and reading books about history (especially about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period of American History). I am excited to take on this role and proud to be the new assistant principal at Fitzgerald High School. Go Spartans!

### Richard Smith, Assistant Principal at Fitzgerald High School

I have taught at Fitzgerald for 19 years, and this has been the only place that I have worked. I am recently remarried and have two children (ages 16 and 15) from a previous marriage. I grew up in Madison Heights and currently live in Warren. In my spare time, I play the guitar. I enjoy all kinds of music, especially the band Cheap Trick. I am an avid sports fan, especially when it comes to baseball.

A fun fact about me is that my previous employer sent me to work in Salt Lake City during the 2002 Winter Olympics to help serve food to the athletes from around the world!



### Leanne Davis, Principal of Chatterton Middle School

This year will be my 20th year in the Fitzgerald district. I started as a HS ELA teacher at Fitzgerald High School in 2003. After more than 12 years of teaching at the high school, I transitioned to the position of K-12 District Literacy Coach for a few years and then moved to the role of Assistant Principal at FHS in 2017-2018. I served four years as assistant principal at FHS and one year as assistant principal at CMS. This will be my 6th year as an administrator in the district. I am married to a Chemistry teacher/wrestling coach at Utica High School, and we have an 11-year-old son. We are excited to have a middle schooler this year! My passions are reading and literacy, specifically working to implement strategies to improve reading and writing at all levels. I enjoy watching most sporting events, specifically football and wrestling, and I support student athletics as often as I can. You will usually see me at many district events. I love animals and creating art. I also enjoy baking and trying new food with my husband and son.

### John Adamus, Assistant Principal Chatterton Middle School

I have been an employee of Fitzgerald Public Schools since 2003, where I have had the opportunity to teach middle school Science and Physical Education. During that time, I have also coached varsity football at Fitzgerald, Cousino, Anchor Bay and Warren Mott High School. I have been able to transition to the role of Assistant Principal and have served at both Chatterton and Fitzgerald.

My hobbies include golfing, hockey and coaching my son's hockey team for the Oakland Junior Grizzlies (2010 AAA).



# DISTRICT NEWS



## Denye Griessel Principal at Mound Park Elementary

I have been in the district for 25 years. I started my teaching career at Chatterton. I have worked as an administrator at every grade level.

I have two kids at college: one at Michigan State University and the other at Grand Valley State University. My favorite subject to teach was science. I love watching the Tigers play baseball. I am excited to be back at Mound Park, it is the first school I served as principal to, so it is like coming home for me!

### 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 child(ren) photographed or video-recorded, please complete the below Media Release Denial form and return it to your child's school by Friday, September 9, 2022.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### Annual Notification of Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

Fitzgerald Public Schools conducted major asbestos abatement within Fitzgerald High School this summer. Materials removed included, but are not limited to, floor tile, pipe insulation, and ceiling materials.

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 2024. Fitzgerald Public Schools may conduct minor asbestos abatement within its facilities in the next year. When asbestos is disturbed in our District, it is performed by Michigan Licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractors and managed by Nova Environmental, Inc., the district's environmental consulting firm. Questions relating to asbestos-related issues can be addressed to Fitzgerald Public Schools, Facilities Dept., 23200 Ryan Rd, War-

### 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

### 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

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.

# 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](http://fitz.k12.mi.us). See below for an overview of programs being offered.

### Great Start Readiness Program

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE program funded by the Michigan Department of Education. The program runs Monday - Friday, with half day and full day options available. Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2022. Additionally, specific eligibility requirements must be met to be enrolled. For more 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 students who qualify. This program is free and begins on Wednesday, September 7th. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is required to qualify. The program runs four to five days per week, AM or PM sessions.

### Partners in Play

Mrs. LaDon Williams will be hosting Partners in Play on select Fridays throughout the school year at Schofield Early Childhood Center. Parents and their children under the age of 5 are invited to attend and participate in the activities planned to support your child's growth and development. Parenting resources and child development information will be available. Watch our school website and Facebook page for the dates and times!

### Young 5's Program

We are excited to be offering a Young 5's program to our students who will be five years of age between July 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. Research shows that these few months make a huge difference in what a child is ready to learn. Therefore, we are excited to implement a new project based curriculum grounded in science that promotes literacy, math and social/emotional learning - preparing these young students for a successful academic career. Register for Young 5's online today by visiting [fitz.k12.mi.us/register](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/register), select Kindergarten. For more information, please call 586-757-5150.

## 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.

All students new to the district that are enrolling in kindergarten including Young 5's, will meet with a kindergarten teacher either August 16 or August 17 for approximately 20 minutes. The screening process provides the school information about the best placement for your child. The screening will address social/emotional development, communication and literacy skills, fine motor development and beginning math skills. Screening appointments will be scheduled at the time of enrollment.

### Kindergarten Orientation

Parents of kindergarten students are invited to join their child for arrival on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th at 8:55a.m. After dropping your child off with the teacher, parents are encouraged to stay and meet Mrs. Whitfield in the gym to learn more information about our school, curriculum, parent involvement and more.

### GSRP Orientation

Parents of preschool children are invited to join their child for orientation on their first day of school, Tuesday, September 20th. More information will be shared by the child's teachers during home visits that will take place September 8-19, 2022.

### Kindergarten and Young 5's Registration is Open!

Families who live in the district are encouraged to register their child for Young 5's or Kindergarten at any time. Register your child by visiting [fitz.k12.mi.us/register](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/register) to complete the online registration packet. Please call 586-757-5150 if you have any questions about the enrollment process. Our Young 5's and Kindergarten programs are full days and all district students can be bussed to and from school. Our curriculum actively engages children in hands-on learning experiences that build on the strengths, interests and needs of each child. It provides experiences that will help each child's academic, social and emotional development.





# 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. 6, students attending



Mound Park will report at 8:10 am and be dismissed at 11:25 am.

Students attending Westview will report at 8:20 am and be dismissed at 11:35 am.

Kindergarteners must report for their first day at Schofield Ear-

ly Childhood Center at 8:55 am. Dismissal will be at 12:15 pm.

## 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 Preschool/GSRP through 6th grade students through School Aged Child Care (SACC). Located at **Mound Park Upper Elementary School**, child care is available for all elementary students beginning at 6:30 am until school begins and after school until 6 pm. 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 22, 2022. SACC staff will be available on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 11 am - 5 pm at Mound Park Upper Elementary School. SACC services will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 7** for registered

# 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. 10 before calling about schedule concerns. The counseling office number is (586) 757-5690. We appreciate your patience!

## 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, August 25. Grade 6, 9:00-10:00 am; Grade 7, 10:00-11:00 am, Grade 8, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Students will receive their schedule, lockers, tour the building, meet their their teachers and receive prizes and raffles.

## 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.

## First Day of School is a Half Day

As students arrive on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, they will pick up a slip with their advisory teacher name and will be escorted to the gym.

September 6th   7:45 - 8:00 AM			
Morning Assembly- Students in gym by grade level			
	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
8:00 - 8:45 AM	Pictures	Schedules / Locks	Schedules/Locks/ Tour
8:45 - 9:30 AM	Schedules	Tour	Pictures
9:30- 10:15 AM	Tour	Pictures	8th Grade Activity
<b>10:15 - 10:40 AM</b>			
<b>Whole School Assembly</b>			

# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

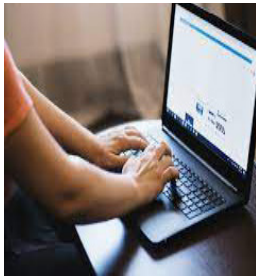
## After School Programs Available

Fitzgerald High School is excited to partner with Wayne State University this year to offer 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!



C<sup>2</sup> 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, at space is limited. For more information, call (586) 757-4620 or visit our website at [fitz.k12.mi.us/schoolsprogram/fitzgerald-virtual-academy](http://fitz.k12.mi.us/schoolsprogram/fitzgerald-virtual-academy).

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.6, 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.

## Accelerated Learning Opportunities for FHS Students

Dual Enrollment provides students who qualify, the opportunity to attend courses at local colleges and universities to earn both high school and college credit. Fitzgerald Public Schools will pay (up to a state specified amount) for qualified students to enroll in classes at a college or university of their choice.

Acceptance into a Dual Enrollment program is based on qualifying scores on standardized tests such as the PSAT and SAT. Students who choose to dual enroll will be taking a total of six courses, which will be a mix of classes at Fitzgerald High School and the college/university of their choice. FHS students will be taking the PSAT/SAT in October 2022 and can qualify based on their scores on the assessment they take.



The Early College of Macomb (ECM) is a program for high school students that will give them an early start toward career and higher education opportunities. The ECM provides eligible students with the opportunity for 11th grade students to enter a college program while still in high school. They benefit from a curriculum that enables them to earn their high school diploma and attend a 13th year of school after graduation, earning an Associate Degree with no cost to themselves for tuition, fees and books. Early College of Macomb students attend FHS classes, as well as career-focused classes on the Macomb Community College campus. Students engage in an exciting curriculum taught by both high school and college instructors that will move them ahead of a traditional schedule toward degrees or technical certificates that match the students' chosen career pathways. Students must apply for acceptance to the ECM in their 10th grade year. If your student is going into 9th and 10th grade and interested in this program, please have them speak to their counselor.

# 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 Thursday, August 25, 2022. **Please note we will be meeting at the FHS Tech Building.**

9th Grade:

Last Name A-L, 8:30 - 9:15 am; Last Name M-Z, 9:15 - 10:00 am

10th Grade: Last Name A-L, 10:00 - 10:30 am; Last Name M-Z, 10:30 - 11:00 am

11th Grade: Last Name A-L, 11:00 - 11:30 am; Last Name M-Z, 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

12th Grade Last Name A-L, 12:30 - 1:00 pm; Last Name M-Z, 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Students will have their school photo taken (dress code enforced), sign up for clubs and activities, turn in registration papers, and receive their school schedule.

A blue poster for the Spartan Homecoming 2022. At the top left is the Spartan helmet logo with 'SPARTANS' written above it. In the center, a football player in a grey and yellow uniform is shown in mid-air, catching a white football. Below the player, a black banner reads 'HOMECOMING 2022'. To the left of the banner is a yellow trophy with the number '1' on it. The text 'FITZGERALD VS WW TOWER' is written vertically on the left side, and 'SAVE THE DATE' is written vertically on the right side. The main text in the center reads 'PARADE 11:00', 'GAME 1:00', and 'DANCE: 6:30-9:00'. At the bottom, it says 'OCTOBER 1, 2022' with a yellow brushstroke underline.

## 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.

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## Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Neigebaur Administration Building location at 23200 Ryan Road. Meetings for the 2022-2023 school year are Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12 and June 26. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations and/or assistance to participate in this meeting should contact Superintendent Kimberly Pawlukiewicz at (586) 757-1750 at least five days before the meeting.

## Key Dates

High School Spartan Days: Aug. 25

- Ninth-grade last names A-L at 8:30-9:15 a.m.
- Ninth-grade last names M-Z at 9:15-10:00 a.m.
- Tenth grade last names A-L at 10:00-10:30 a.m.
- Tenth-grade last names M-Z at 10:30-11:00 a.m.
- Eleventh grade last names A-L at 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- Eleventh-grade last names M-Z at 11:30-12:00 p.m.
- Twelfth grade last names A-L at 12:30-1:00 p.m.
- Twelfth-grade last names M-Z at 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Chatterton Middle School Sparty Day: Aug. 25

- Grade 6, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Grade 7, 10:00-11:00 am
- Grade 8, 11:00--12:00 p.m. .

First Day of School (half day): Sept. 6

First Full Day of School: Sept. 7

Homecoming: Oct. 1 parade & family fun at 11 am; game at 1 pm

Trunk or Treat: Oct. 2

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- Fitzgerald High School & Chatterton: Oct. 12, 2022
- Mound Park, Westview & Schofield: Oct. 13, 2022
- GSRP: Nov. 9-10, 2022
- ECSE: Nov. 10, 2022

NWEA Testing

- Fall: Sept. 7-Oct. 7, 2022
- Winter: Jan. 4-Jan. 27, 2023

## 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. 9 for K-5 students. Families may enroll online by going to [fitz.k12.mi.us/register/school-of-choice/](https://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

## Employment Opportunities

Fitzgerald Public Schools is seeking qualified individuals for full-time, part-time and substitute positions for the 2022-2023 school year. For a complete list of open positions and to apply, please visit [fitz.k12.mi.us/human-resources/employment-opportunities](https://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](https://careers.aramark.com)