



FREDERICK FALCONS WEEKLY NEWS

DECEMBER 13, 2024



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Frederick Families,

Happy Friday! We hope that everyone had a great week. After today, there is only one more week before Winter Break. While the last week before break can bring out a lot of excitement in our students, it is important that we continue to do our best to keep focused on school and doing our best to SOAR. That being said, we do have some fun activities planned for the week including our spirit week, the winter band concerts, our whole school field trip to the Chicago Wolves game, and a fun bingo celebration our last day before break!

I wanted to thank Mrs. Davis and the Frederick Choir for their wonderful performance this past Tuesday evening. The students did a marvelous job performing, and the response for parents and family members was amazing. We had a completely full house! We are so proud of our choir students. This coming Tuesday night we will have our first band concerts of the evening and look forward to their opportunity for these students to perform as well!

Winter Break is a great time for relaxing, recharging and spending time with family and loved ones. Once school resumes on January 6th, we are going to be right near the midway point of the 2nd trimester - which means that we are about half way through the school year! We have been proud of the effort of our Falcons to SOAR, learn and grow and there is still so much opportunity ahead this school year.

As we strive to get students to develop ownership and responsibility over this growth and success at school, one thing we have noticed increasingly recently are the amount of students coming to school daily either without their chromebooks or without the devices fully charged. The chromebook is an important and valuable tool that students use daily across their school day, so it is vital that students are prepared for classes. We kindly encourage all families to work with their children to set a specific routine or "charging area" each day at home if you have not done so already, so the chromebook can be ready to go for the next school day! We really appreciate your support with this!

We hope that everyone has a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to the activities ahead next week before Winter Break!



IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

BAND CONCERTS
BLUE BAND @ 6:00PM
YELLOW BAND @ 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
TO CHICAGO WOLVES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

WINTER BREAK STARTS
SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

SCHOOL RESUMES



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FALCONS OF THE WEEK

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Falcons of the Week - Team Responsibility: (Pictured left to right):
Larissa L. (Mrs. Alfaro), Liam D. (Ms. Dompke), Daniel M. (Ms. Leon),
Clayton M. (Mrs. Tonkery) & Audrey N. (Mrs. Gottstein)
Not Pictured: Camilla U. (Ms. Lechman)

REMINDERS, NEWS & UPDATES



Band Concert on Tuesday, December 17th

Tuesday evening will be the night of our Winter Band Concerts! We will have TWO concerts this evening. Monday 5th Grade Band & 6th Grade Blue Band will perform at 6:00 pm and Wednesday 5th Grade Band and 6th Grade Yellow Band will perform at 7:30pm.



Band students performing in the first concert should arrive at school by 5:30pm and students performing at the second concert should arrive by 7:15pm. Parents and guests can then proceed directly to the gym to find a seat before the performances. Since space limitations require us to hold two concerts, we ask that all guests of the first performance vacate the building as quickly as possible following the concert to allow spaces in our parking lot and building to open up before the next concert.

As families of our band students are the intended audience, we kindly wanted to remind everyone that concerts are not a drop off event and any student who wants to attend to support a friend in the band must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Thank you for your understanding as we strive to provide the best concert environment possible for our families to enjoy their child's performance!

Field Trip Reminder: NEXT WEEK!

Our school wide field trip is coming soon! On Wednesday, December 18th all of Frederick School will be attending the Chicago Wolves game. Please remember that all students will need to bring a disposable packed lunch on this date. Concessions (which will offer typical stadium foods and snacks) will also be available for additional purchase and cash will be accepted by the Wolves for this game.

We are excited about being able to have a field trip as a whole school, and it is important for all students to remember that when they are out in the community on a school trip, they are representing our school. All students will be expected to follow SOAR expectations and typical routines. Please note that if there are issues during the game, all staff reserves the right to make adjustments to individual seating locations or removal from the seating area. Students may be subject to additional disciplinary consequences upon return to school. We want everyone to have a great time while also being respectful and appropriate while we are guests at the Wolves game!



**CHICAGO WOLVES VS.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18TH**

School Spirit Week

It is almost winter break, so let's have a spirit week! Frederick School will have our next spirit days next week! We want to encourage as many students as possible to show their spirit! As an added bonus, students who participate in spirit days each day will receive a special raffle ticket for a chance to win some prizes!

MONDAY



It's a **White Out!**
Wear all White

TUESDAY



All School
Pajama Day!

WEDNESDAY



Team Day!
Wear **Favorite Team**

THURSDAY



All School
Inside Out Day!

FRIDAY



All School
Flannel Friday!

GMS Production of *Beauty & The Beast*: Two Shows Remaining!

Grayslake Middle School is pleased to present their production of *Beauty and the Beast*! There are still two shows remaining scheduled for tonight and tomorrow (Saturday, December 14th) at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door.

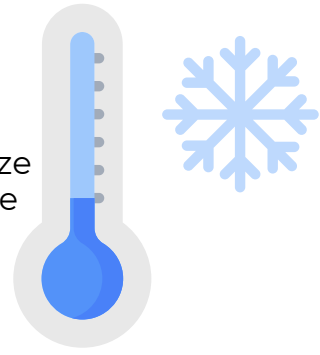
We wanted to share this with Frederick families so we can support the efforts of GMS students, but also it may be helpful for current Frederick students who may have an interest in theater to experience the show and learn a little bit more about their program firsthand.

Grayslake Middle School is located at 440 N Barron Blvd. in Grayslake.



Important Reminders for Cold Weather

It is important that our students are prepared for the colder weather by making sure they are dressed appropriately for the season. While we recognize that students have different comfort levels and preferences, students must be prepared for cold temperatures they will encounter outdoors.



Recess

We will plan to hold recess outdoors each day (weather permitting) if the temperature is above 40 degrees. When temperatures are below 40 degrees, we provide students an option between outdoor and indoor recess activities. If the temperature drops to where the “real feel” is below 10 degrees, all recess activities will be indoors only.

Please Note: While we strive to give students options to the fullest extent possible, sometimes this cannot be accommodated especially on days with different schedules. During winter months, ALL students should be coming to school with appropriate outerwear should all recess activities need to take place outdoors (weather permitting).



When fields are covered in snow, students will only be able to play in snow covered fields when they are wearing appropriate winter gear (**at minimum** this must include a **coat, snow pants, and boots.**) While we want our students to be able to enjoy the snow, we also want to make sure that they are comfortable and dry upon returning to class.

Ground conditions may also impact our offering of outdoor activities. When our fields are too wet and muddy, outdoor options may be limited to blacktop only. Because the blacktop areas can become quite overcrowded, we have adjusted to offering indoor activities for interested students to balance out the size of the groups in these limited outdoor spaces.

Morning Arrival

Please also remember that unless a student is attending a before school activity (could include choir, band, or student council meetings), our doors will **NOT** open to students until 8:30am. It is for this reason that we ask parents who drop off to plan to be at school as close to 8:30am as possible. Students who arrive early will need to wait outside until our doors are opened as we do not have supervision in place prior to 8:30am. During the winter, please make sure your child is dressed warmly if they will be waiting outside before the doors are opened.



Safety Reminder: Walkers & Frozen Ponds

As winter weather sets in, please remind your children to stay away from frozen ponds, lakes, or any bodies of water while walking to or from school. Thin ice can be very dangerous, and even a small misstep can lead to serious accidents.

Please encourage your child to always stick to designated paths, avoid shortcuts through areas with ice, and be extra cautious during colder months.



Thank you for helping everyone safe!

Chromebook Care

Chromebooks are a vital tool that all students at Frederick use daily. It provides our students important access to resources, programs and class assignments. **It is part of our daily expectations that students bring their chromebook to and from school daily and to make sure the chromebook is fully charged each day.**



It is also important to remember that students are responsible for their devices at all times. In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in damages that have been reported to our tech office.

To lessen the risk of damage and associated costly repairs, students should practice good etiquette by making sure to:

- Never carry the chromebook with screen open
- Never attempting to remove the district issued case
- Avoid eating or drinking near the chromebook
- Never attempt to pry off any keys
- Hold the chromebook securely in both hands while moving

REMEMBER

Please report any issues with your chromebook to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Please **DO NOT** attempt any repairs yourself or have the device serviced by an outside computer service.

For more information regarding CCSD 46's chromebook agreement and the district's acceptable use policy, please see the [24-25 Student Handbook](#).

Midterm of 2nd Trimester Coming Soon: Friday, January 10th

The midterm of the 2nd trimester is coming soon! January 10th will be the approximate midway point of the 2nd trimester, which means about half of the school year will be complete in just a few weeks!



We hope all families will continue working with their child to keep track of their progress via the Infinite Campus to encourage ownership and responsibility in our students. If your child is receiving a current letter grade of D or F in any core content area class at the midterm, we will send an automated message to inform parents/guardians. It is our hope that with this notice being sent at the midterm, students will have the opportunity to make adjustments and improve their grades prior to the end of 2nd trimester on February 21, 2025.

UPDATES FROM THE PTO



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Save the Date: Roller Skating Night!

The PTO is planning a Roller Skating Night for **Thursday, January 23rd** from 6:00 - 8:30p.m. at Just For Fun Roller Rink in Mundelein.

More details to follow soon!



Connect with the PTO

The Frederick/GMS PTO can be reached at the following places:

Email: frederickgms.pto@gmail.com

Website: frederick.d46.org/pto/

Facebook: Frederick-Grayslake Middle School PTO

Next General PTO Meeting: January 29, 2025
5-6PM @ FS Media Center