

September Update

Annie Sullivan Middle School

Welcome Back

We have enjoyed seeing familiar faces and also meeting students who are new to ASMS over the past two weeks. Students are settling into the routines and are developing relationships with their teachers and classmates.

If you haven't already, please take a minute to complete the beginning of the year form ([online link](#)) and submit the office/nurse cards back to your child's Flex teacher. Students and families should read through this important information and complete the appropriate sign offs.

Don't forget to check the important dates at the bottom of this newsletter!

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Picture Day at ASMS

On Wednesday, September 21, O'Connor Studios will be at ASMS for school pictures. You should have received an email titled : Annie Sullivan Middle School -Have STUDENT'S school portrait taken this year!

Flyers will be distributed to students soon.

The individual pictures will be taken during the school day and Team pictures will be taken on Thursday, November 3rd.

Chromebook Registration and Insurance

All Franklin Public School middle and high school students will have a Chromebook assigned to them.

Parents/Guardians of seventh and eighth grade students will need to register the Chromebooks as soon as possible using this [link](#). Once the device is registered, the Chromebook will be activated for another year of school. If the Chromebook registration is not filled out, the Chromebook will be disabled on August 27th and will only be reactivated once the device has been successfully registered (within 24 hours). The devices (and chargers) should be brought to school daily.

Sixth grade and new students to ASMS will receive a Chromebook and charger on the first day of school. These devices will be active and families will have the first week of school to register the Chromebooks.

During the registration process you will have the opportunity to purchase OPTIONAL Chromebook insurance for the year. The Franklin Public Schools Chromebook optional insurance program provides coverage against accidental damage (drops, spills, etc.). There is no deductible and no limit to the number of claims that can be made for a Chromebook. Insurance can be purchased only via online payment and only during the open enrollment window, beginning now through October 15, 2022. This form must be completed for each device your child/children may have.

Coverage Option - The cost for coverage is \$45 per year, per device with lower rates for those who qualify for free/reduced meals. Coverage includes Accidental Damage from cracked screens and liquid spills, liquid submersion, fire, flood damage, vandalism, natural disasters, and power surge due to lightning.

NOT COVERED: Intentional damage, case carvings, broken chargers, will not be covered. Additionally, if a device is lost or stolen (as determined by our insurance provider), families may be responsible for the total cost of the device. Please note that full loss due to theft is only covered when accompanied by a police report.

Note: While the insurance is OPTIONAL, those choosing NOT to insure devices will be responsible for the full replacement cost of \$250.00 should an accident or loss occur. Full replacement cost will be the only option available and partial costs to repair a damaged Chromebook will not be considered regardless of the damage as we do not repair these devices in-house.

Flex Intervention Block

Across all three middle schools, we have a Flex (Intervention) block towards the end of the day. It is the second to last period for sixth grade and is the last period for seventh and eighth grade.

Flex period is an intervention block during the school day that allows students the opportunity to participate in a number of different experiences outside of the Flex classroom setting (academic support, social pragmatic lessons, band, chorus, orchestra, counseling, etc.).

The students who remain in the Flex class because of no other commitments during that time, will have a meaningful experience as well. The culture of the individual Flex period are being developed at the start of the school year with clear expectations and options for students. Flex expectations, schedule, and routines are created as a team within the guidelines established as a middle level.

Teachers are establishing a schedule to include time for literacy (reading, journaling, book groups), independent work time (to complete homework assignments), team-building activities, organization, etc. The expectations and structure of Flex has changed from year to year, and this year the expectations are a little different. Students will not be able to complete independent assignments every day, but rather every other day. It is important for students to create structures and systems at home in order to learn independently and make progress towards mastery of the curriculum. We understand this is a shift and will require some flexibility and patience as we adapt to new expectations.

Regular and frequent communication is helpful between parents/guardians, teachers, and students. We understand the busy lives of our students and are here to help provide resources and supports to navigate this change.

At the middle level, students should be spending about 60 minutes per night on independent assignments. This may fluctuate as classes do not meet every day in the 14 day rotation. If students are spending more than one hour on homework assignments each night, please be in communication with the team of teachers.

The district's [Homework Policy](#) can be found here.

Breakfast Available

School breakfast is available daily in the ASMS cafeteria. Upon entering the school, students can go to the cafeteria to pick up breakfast, free of charge!

Families can apply on line for free or reduced prices using this [link](#). Students who qualify for reduced prices will pay \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

To create or access your account, use this [link](#) to make online payments, monitor purchases and transactions, set up automatic payments, view the balance, or transfer funds between accounts.

Menus can be found using this [website](#).

ASMS PCC

We are always looking for new members to join our Parent Communication Committee. We meet monthly to discuss happenings at our school and are interested in your input.

Our first meeting is on Friday, September 23 at 10:00am. Here is a [link](#) to join us virtually. We will establish future meeting dates at that meeting.

We are specifically looking for help with the ASMS Cookout on October 21.

If you are interested in joining our PCC, please fill out this [contact information form](#).

Important Dates:

September:

- Tuesday, September 13: Bus Evacuation Practice for Students (PM dismissal)
- Wednesday, September 21: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)
- Wednesday, September 21: Picture Day at ASMS
- Monday, September 26: No School (Rosh Hashanah)

October:

- Wednesday, October 5: No School (Yom Kippur)
- Friday, October 7: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)
- Monday, October 10: No School (Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Thursday, October 20: Back to School Night at ASMS (6:00pm)
- Friday, October 21: ASMS Cookout (lunch time)
- Wednesday, October 26: Leslie Connor Author Visit at ASMS
- Friday, October 28: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)



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