

September Update

ANNIE SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

We enjoyed seeing familiar faces and getting to know students over the last two days! Students were able to become more familiar with their schedule and teachers, spent time practicing their lockers, and hopefully made new connections with peers.

If you haven't already, please take a minute to complete the beginning of the year form ([online link](#)) and submit the nurse card 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 20, O'Connor Studios will be at ASMS for school pictures. You will be receiving an email with more information.

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 2nd.



ADVISORY PROGRAM

Our students met their Advisory teacher and classmates this week and engaged in some team-building activities. Next week, each group will develop norms for their Advisory and will commit to the goals of the middle school advisory program. Advisory meets every morning

for 20 minutes and the groups will develop a schedule of activities to follow for the week. The first day of each week will begin with a livestreamed morning announcement with Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Cox setting up the stage for each week's topic or focus.

Themes for September include the development of norms, get to know you activities/ team building, and the launch of the first unit of Second Step on Mindsets & Goals. Additionally, information will be included about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur which occur during the month of September.



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 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.

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 13, 2023. 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.

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 online 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 8th at 11:00am. 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 13.

If you are interested in joining our PCC, please reach out and we will connect you with the board.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September:

- Friday, September 1: No School
- Monday, September 4: No School (Labor Day)

- Wednesday, September 20: Picture Day at ASMS
- Monday, September 25: No School (Yom Kippur)
- Tuesday, September 26: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)

October:

- Monday, October 9: No School (Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Thursday, October 12: Back to School Night at ASMS (6:00-8:00pm)
- Friday, October 13: ASMS Cookout (lunch time)
- Wednesday, October 18: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)



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