



FSD145

Freeport School District

May 14, 2021

Dear FSD 145 Staff and Families,

Yesterday the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced news that would allow individuals who are fully vaccinated to stop wearing masks in some venues. SCHD has informed us that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has advised that the new mask guidance does not apply to a school setting. IDPH and ISBE are currently working together to review all guidance in a school setting and this may change in the future. In the past there have been special rules for congregate settings and K-12 educational settings. Most of our students and some staff members remain unvaccinated and at risk, and we will therefore continue to follow the same precautions concerning mask wearing that we have adhered to throughout the school year.

I hope that many of you were able to see one of the three performances of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown". What a phenomenal performance and a refreshing outdoor theatre experience. Kudos to Director Tim Connors and his staff, and to the amazing students who made up the cast and crew! Enjoy this [short snippet](#) that features the cast members of this production. Special thanks to Pretzel Pride Network student, Macy Olson for this wonderful video.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, with only 12 more attendance days for students. Not only is FSD busy preparing for Summer Learning, but for the 2021-2022 school year as well. There are only 9 days until graduation and I can't wait to celebrate with the Class of 2021 and their families.

Parents/Guardians our Enrollment & Transportation Department has a reminder in this communication to please make sure your information is up to date in Skyward. The best way for us to keep the lines of communication open between home and school is to have your current information on file. We appreciate you for making any needed changes.



Summer Learning 2021 Updates

Enrollment for Summer Learning is currently underway. Please see the information below as it applies to your student's grade level.

Elementary Summer Camp: If you received a letter indicating that your student(s) was recommended for Summer Learning, they will automatically be enrolled. For all other students entering grades 1-6 in the 2021-22 school year, please complete this [survey](#) if you are interested in enrolling your student for enrichment courses. All spots for the academic courses have been filled. Space is limited in enrichment courses, so please express your interest early.

Middle School Summer Mentoring: If families have received a letter stating their student is highly recommended for summer mentoring for students entering grades 7th and 8th in the 2021-2022 school year, there are no other actions that need to take place. By being on our list, you will be automatically enrolled. If there are conflicts with students attending summer mentoring, please contact Kayleigh King (kayleigh.king@fsd145.org) as soon as possible.

FHS Summer School and FAHS 5th Quarter: Students at FHS or FAHS who need credit recovery classes will be contacted by their counselors, and given enrollment forms. Parents and students are also welcome to be proactive and may contact their counselor at any time to register for summer classes. If your student has failed any required classes for graduation, summer credit recovery classes are the best way to get your child back on track to graduate in four years. FMS has selected incoming Freshman who are recommended for English and Math Skill Recovery courses. These courses will also take place at FHS. Informational letters were mailed home to families this week.

Banks Bergagna Education Center Summer School: Any middle school or high school student in the SITE program who did not earn a passing grade in Math or ELA during the 2020-2021 school year will be required to attend Summer Learning at the Banks-Bergagna Education Center. Additional SITE students will be able to voluntarily attend Summer Learning to focus on credit recovery. Required attendees will be enrolled through the school. Additional interested students may contact the school for enrollment information.

Extended School Year: ESY is for identified students with IEPs in grades K-12 who meet criteria as determined by the IEP teams. Parents of students who are slated to participate in ESY have been notified by our Department of Pupil Personnel Services. Families who have not yet completed and returned the form you received from PPS, should do so as soon as possible.

Jump Start to Kindergarten and **FHS Freshman Welcome** will occur later in the summer, details will be provided closer to that time.

COVID-19 Vaccination Availability

There will be a walk-in mass vaccination clinic at Highland Community College, in Building H, on Sunday 5/23 from 9a-3p. There will be 200 Johnson & Johnson vaccinations available.



Celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

As we continue to celebrate AAPIHM through education, your family may enjoy some of the following resources to use at home:

- [PBS Asian Americans Docuseries](#)
- [Public Broadcasting Service AAPI Specials](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM ENROLLMENT & TRANSPORTATION:

Parents/Guardians, please make sure we have your current email address on file. Snapcodes for 2021-22 **returning students** will be sent at the end of May. Please take a moment to verify that your information is up to date. Thank you.

2021-2022 enrollment for **new students** can be completed by visiting the [enrollment center](#) via our website.

Career TEC Outstanding Students

Congratulations to the following FHS students who received Career Tech Awards for being outstanding students:

Student Name	Grade	Program/Class
Shawn Wolfe	12	Careers in Auto Technology/Service
Maggie Sosnowski	12	Cosmetology Yr. 2
Makayla Aeling	11	Culinary Occupations
Analisa Cimino	11	Early Childhood Education Yr. 1
Cathleen Escamilla	12	Early Childhood Education Yr. 2
Maryssa Neels	11	Health Occupations / Youth Apprenticeship Yr. 1
Aracely Acevedo	12	Health Occupations / Youth Apprenticeship Yr. 1
Jerry Kubatzke	11	Industrial Tech/Welding
Wendy Sanchez-Alanis	11	Nail Tech
Amia Demuth	11	NJROTC

Additional Honors were awarded to the following students:

Overall Outstanding Student: Maggie Sosnowski, Cosmetology 2

Karen Johnson Scholarship Winner: Lilly Dean, Nail Tech

IPA Student Leadership Award Nominees: Maggie Sosnowski and Maryssa Neels

Blackhawk Elementary Spring Concert

Please enjoy the [Spring Concert](#) performed by the amazing students at Blackhawk School. Thanks to their music instructor, Brandon Bull for sharing this video for all to enjoy.

REMINDERS

Final 2 Weeks - Rock River Valley Blood Drive Competition

Schools Unite to Save Lives: Help keep FHS in first place in this friendly high school competition and more importantly, help save a life. The competition runs until the end of May. To donate for FHS, call the RRVBC at 815-232-5663 or visit rrvbc.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

FHS is currently in the lead by 69 donors at 189.

Great Job Pretzels!!  

Preschool Screenings Continue Through May

Do you have a child between the ages of 3-4 that you wish to enroll in Preschool for the 2021-22 school year? Call 815-801-0852 to register for a screening. Appointments are available now, through the end of May. [Click here](#) to view detailed information on our website.

COVID Vaccination & Positivity Rate

The 7-day rolling positivity rate is currently 5.4% in Stephenson County. As of 05/13/2021, SCHD has notified us that there are 7 active student and 1 active staff case in FSD. Information regarding our [COVID statistics](#) can be viewed on our website.

Grab-N-Go & Meal Delivery & Pick-up

Next delivery and pickup date is Saturday, May 15.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Memorial Day - FSD Closed - May 31, 2021

Last Day of Student Attendance 20/21 School Year - June 2, 2021

Feedback & Questions

If you have missed our weekly communications, you can read them here. [Weekly & Special Community Communications](#). Please call your student's schools with any questions or concerns.

We cannot say thank you enough to our families and our community for your support and partnership over the past nine months. You have been invaluable and we appreciate you this year, more than ever. Have a super weekend!

With gratitude,

Dr. Anna Alvarado

Superintendent of Schools