



FORBES MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE SILVER EAGLES

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Principal's Message

I would like to extend a special WELCOME to all new Forbes students and parents and am hopeful that the transition has been a smooth one! I'm hopeful that all that have returned to Forbes have also had a successful start! The year has started successfully without any major issues! I appreciate everyone's willingness to help make this year a great one!

Our enrollment did not grow as some other district schools did this year. We have approximately the same number of students as last year, 692.

Thank you to the PTA and Volunteers for assembling the First Day Packets which parents can't wait to get every year! We appreciate PTA doing this for us. It's a big job and a huge help to our staff! PTA provided us with a Breakfast Brunch that was delicious and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who provided food and or helped in any way!

We have double-blocked our 7th and 8th grade Science and Social studies classes this year, similar to what the high school does, so you may be hearing about an A and B day schedule. This type of schedule has been requested by teachers and we were able to implement it this year. This additional time in class every other day will allow most experiments and specific projects and/or lessons to be completed in one day rather than two.

We plan to begin adding our Stretch period to our schedule on September 21st. This schedule will create a 29-minute period between 6th and 7th periods that will enable teachers to work with specific students that may need additional assistance in their class, it will allow students with questions access to a teacher to help with homework, it provides Study Hall where students can work on homework, and character education will also be implemented during the period at times as well this year. Students that are passing their classes, have all their work turned in, and who perform well on assessments are allowed the opportunity to choose what activity and/or where they will go during this period of time as a reward for their work and achievements.

Your child may have shared information regarding on our school-wide Tally or Step System. This system was developed at teachers' request for us to be able to address some minor infractions quickly and easily without taking as much of students and teachers time to write disciplinary referrals as they have done in the past. The district's Student Code of Conduct is followed, but we've tweaked some things teachers and teams were already doing and developed a plan to address minor situations. If a student commits a major offense, a disciplinary referral will be written. This plan is designed to be a teaching one where minor infractions are addressed quickly, students are taught what they should do, they may be issued a tally or mark. Should a student receive 5, 10, or 15 cumulative tallies during a 9-week period, they are assigned afterschool detention. Should a student receive 20 tallies in a 9-week period, they will be issued a disciplinary referral and the student will serve time in our in school suspension, BIC, and possibly have other consequences assigned as well. Most of our students will not ever receive detentions as they do what they should all the time and will be rewarded/recognized in some way at the end of each nine weeks. Each nine weeks gives students an opportunity to be rewarded/recognized. Accumulated tallies are eliminated.

If your child is having any problems, please have him/her let us know or you, the parent, can contact us as well. Progress Reports will go home with students on September 18th if our computers cooperate.

Sincerely,

Leonard Rhoads

PTA News



NEXT PTA MEETING IS Thursday, October 1st at 8:30 a.m. Please join us!

Welcome to Forbes Middle School! We are looking forward to another great year here at the home of the Silver Eagles! If you have the idea that middle school parents become less involved **OR** are needed less at school as their children become older ... **NOT SO!** You are a tremendous asset to FMS and we hope you will seek the PTA out as an avenue to becoming involved at your child's school. We hope you will join us! The following positions are available:

- ◆ Volunteer Coordinator
- ◆ Environmental Chair
- ◆ Legislative Action Chair
- ◆ Reflections Chair
- ◆ 8th Grade Representative



Please Contact PTA President, Charlene Ganski at Charlene_Ganski@yahoo.com if you would like more information on the above-mentioned positions.



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OUT the FMS Website

www.georgetownisd.org/forbes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 18th – Picture Day

Sept. 22nd – QSP Fundraiser KICKOFF

**Sept. 24th – Snack Luncheon for Staff
(sponsored by FMS PTA)**

Oct 1st – PTA Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 5th – NJHS Induction Ceremony

Oct. 9th – Campus Inservice/Student Holiday

Oct. 12th – Comp Day/Student Holiday

There are MANY more school activity dates highlighted on the school calendar on the FMS Website.

EARNING \$ FOR FMS\$

From The Nurse



CLIP and SAVE your BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION!!!! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to Forbes. A fast and easy way to earn \$\$\$ for Forbes Middle school! We will be collecting them in your homerooms for a contest soon. Stay tuned !!!

If you are interested in helping with the Trash to Cash program at Forbes, please contact the school.



"Trash to Cash" is a program that Forbes is involved in to promote environmental awareness and provide an opportunity for individuals and businesses in our community to recycle used ink cartridges (fax & printer), cell phones, PDAs, and pagers. Please send the above items to school with your child to drop off at the 'Bubble' to be placed in our recycling box.



Forbes is collecting Nestle water bottle labels to help fund equipment for P.E. and Athletics. Please turn in your labels to Mrs. Craig at the "Bubble". Thank You!

THE FORBES DEPOT

The Forbes Depot provides a place for students to obtain both fun and functional school supplies throughout the year. Offering everything from pens and pencils, t-shirts and locker accessories, The Forbes Depot enables students to shop for school supplies themselves. With new shipments arriving throughout the year, there is always something new and exciting to buy!

Operated by the PTA, profits from The Depot fund different events and programs during the school year. The store is operated by a large number of parent and student volunteers. If you have an interest in becoming involved through volunteering once a week or once a month, please contact Sally Blankenship at trbsab@suddenlink.net



Effective Sept. 1st, talking on a cell phone while in a school zone is NOT permitted. Also, everyone in the vehicle, regardless of age or where they are seated, is required to wear a seatbelt.

All volunteers MUST get a background check. The form is at the GISD website : <http://www.georgetownisd.org/career/jobs/application/volunteernew.asp> OR you can fill out the form with Patty Craig at the bubble.

ParentCONNECT

Go the Forbes website and sign up for ParentCONNECT. To have the ability to view your student's progress reports, attendance and report cards, click on the ParentCONNECT link.

ATTENTION