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FOREST LAKE AREA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER NEWSLETTER FOR 2019-2020

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS: CRITICAL UPDATE

~YOUR STUDENT'S EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM WILL BE HANDED OUT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

THESE FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT, SIGNED AND RETURNED BY T U E S D A Y , S E P T E M B E R 10TH, 2019 ~

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR—A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Forest Lake Area High School Families,

As principal of Forest Lake Area High School, it is my honor and privilege to welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year. Our staff is looking forward to having our students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission here at FLAHS to ensure that all Rangers graduate with the skills necessary to attend college, university, technical college or a training program and succeed. FLAHS has outstanding teachers and support staff who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current ability levels to set goals for growth and improvement for each child. We truly believe that each child leaving Forest Lake Area High School should be on a personalized path toward success and prepared to meet the demands of post-secondary education, achieve meaningful careers, and practice engaged citizenship.

In an effort to better serve our families and teachers, we have restructured our front office here at Forest Lake Area High School. Our two assistant principals, Jeff Cavett (A-L) and Hayley Lang (M-Z), will each have oversight over half the alphabet, working hand in hand with your child's dean of students to support them academically and socially. As a result, many of you will be working with a new dean, so please consider taking a moment to stop in and introduce yourself.

Deans of Students:

Andy Stoyke (A-ED)
Sara Stratton (EE-Joh)
Heidi Errickson (Joi-M)
Sam Van Hefty (N-Sh)
Amy Gibson (Si-Z)

I am honored to serve as the principal of the Forest Lake Area High School and am looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please never hesitate to contact me at 651.982.8401 or jcaldwell@flaschools.org.

Sincerely,

Jim Caldwell- Principal

YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

New incoming students only (all new students and incoming transfer students) will be welcome on Tuesday, September 3rd. The day will be filled with student-led activities, tours, information gathering, and an altered schedule, all designed to ease the transition into the upcoming school year. The first regularly scheduled school day for all students will be on Wednesday, September 4th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

August

August 19th Schedules go live. Schedules will not be printed. Please access them via [ParentVUE/StudentVUE](#)

All schedule change requests must be made prior to the start of school.

August 21nd 8:00-11:00 AM, 12:30-3:00 PM Schedule change request open house for 11th and 12th grade - ONLY

August 23rd through August 30th Schedule change requests per appointment only (click here for dean's email)

September

September 3rd First Day of School and orientation for 9th grade, new students and Foreign Exchange students

September 4th First Day of School for all grades

September 23rd through September 28th – Homecoming events all week

October

October 1st Conferences

October 17th and 18th M.E.A. – no school

October 25th Picture Retake Day

November

November 1st End of Quarter 1

November 4th No School

November 27th, 29th and 29th No School

December

December 23rd through January 1st No School

January

January 17th End of Quarter 2/First Semester

January 23rd Informational Parent Meeting regarding Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

February

February 3rd Registration Open House for the 2019-2020 School Year

February 5th Registration Open House for the 2019-2020 School Year

February 17th No School

March

March 20th End of Quarter 3

March 23rd through March 30th No School

April

April 10th No School

April 13th No School

May

May 25th No School

June

June 5th Last Day of School & Graduation

[\(all events for the year are located on the High School Homepage\)](#)

If you do not have a [ParentVUE](#) account or if you are experiencing [ParentVUE](#) issues, please contact Wendy Schroeder at 651-982-8598 or wschroeder@flaschools.org.

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2019-2020 SCHEDULE

Period 1	7:55 - 8:41
Period 2	8:47 - 9:33
Period 3	9:39 -10:25
Advisory/Ranger Time	10:31 - 11:01
Period 4	11:07 - 1:01
A Lunch	11:01-11:31
B Lunch	11:31-12:01
C Lunch	12:01-12:31
D Lunch	12:31 – 1:01
Period 5	1:07 - 2:30

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Please access the [High School Homepage](#) and the [Activities Page](#) for the latest information.

While on the website, please sign up to receive the [Daily Announcements electronically](#). It's a great way to stay informed and involved.

Good communication is key to participation in school events. We will include as many events as we can in the Daily Announcements but our events will also be available on the Google calendar available on the homepage. You can incorporate our Google Calendar with your own by clicking on the Blue + sign at the bottom right of the calendar.

STUDENT OWNED TECHNOLOGY

Students will be required to bring a Wi-Fi enabled device to be used during the school day as a tool for learning. Students will use their device to take notes, research, compose papers, access teachers' web-based resources (Edmodo, Moodle, Google Docs, etc.), and to hand in papers and documents. While hand-held devices are excellent tools for viewing information, they are not ideal for creating and editing documents. Therefore, we recommend that students bring a laptop, I Pad, tablet, or netbook/Chromebook to school, mainly a device with a keyboard. The high school provides guest access to the Wi-Fi network for students during the school day.

Chromebooks are available to "check out" throughout the school year for student use and are available in the Media Center. Chromebooks that are signed out to any student carry a fine of \$250 if lost, stolen or damaged.

[Please visit our webpage for more information.](#)

SUPPLY LIST

Laptop or tablet with a keyboard
Pencil

Notebook and 3 ring-binder for each class
Pens

Graphing Calculator (TI83 or higher)
Graph paper for math class

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE 651-982-8414

(the attendance hotline is only used for a full day absence, not an early release or late arrival)

STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

(anything pertaining to your student ie: Dean appointments, early release or late arrival, questions on attendance)

A-Joh VICKY MONZEL 651-982-8417

Joi-Sh LISA KUNDEL 651-982-8415

Si-Z MICHELLE IHFE 651-982-8416

(it helps to program your person's number)

Please welcome Jeff Cavett as our new Assistant Principal

I am excited to join the team at Forest Lake High School. Prior to Forest Lake, I worked in the North St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale school district for 12 years as a high school English teacher, and as a specialist in the Office of Teaching & Learning. I received my admin license from the University of Minnesota. I'm originally from Illinois and I now live in Oakdale with my wife, Karen, who is a labor and delivery nurse, and my two children: Cam (7) and Claire (4). I've spent the summer hiking with the family, coaching my son's baseball team, and getting excited about joining the Forest Lake community this school year!

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

Planning for college and a career is an ongoing process throughout high school. We have a number of resources available to assist students and their families with these important decisions. The deans are an excellent support to guide students as they prepare for the next steps. Additionally, the College and Career Adviser, [Molly Bonnett](#), is available to meet with students and families to answer questions and guide families toward additional resources. Visit the High School website at [www.http://hs.flaschools.org](http://hs.flaschools.org).

Career Launch is a new program at Forest Lake Area High School funded in part with grant dollars awarded by [Youth Skills Training @ Depart of Labor and Industry](#). Forest Lake Area High School, in partnership with Lakes Center for Youth and Families, has created a program to better serve area students and area businesses by providing real world experiential learning opportunities. These opportunities include: Career Day speakers, workplace tours, job shadowing, mentorship, and work based learning. Students will have the opportunity to access these resources, develop their professional skills, attain industry related credentials, and participate in paid work based learning experiences through the Career Launch A (Explore) and Career Launch B (Experience) courses. Both of these courses will be open to 11th and 12th grade students. For the 2019-20 school year, the career fields of focus will be in agriculture, manufacturing, automotive, and construction. Students and parents interested in these experiences, or businesses wanting to partner, should contact [Mike Miron](#) at mmiron@flaschools.org or 651-982-8510.

ACTIVITIES

[All Activities for the High School can be found on the Activities page on the homepage.](#)

[For pricing, please click here](#)

RANGER CONNECT

Ranger Connect is a credit bearing course that students will take each year of their high school career. The class meets on Mondays and Tuesdays. Each year, students will earn .25 credit on a pass/fail basis. By graduation, students will have earned 1 credit toward graduation. Students meet with their Connect teacher to review their academic and social emotional progress, consider options for their future, and make plans for their success. Students will be using the learning management system, Canvas, the career exploration system, Xello, and the app Remind to meet these goals.

New this year, parents and students will be able to access Ranger Connect topics by grade and date on the high school website under "Academics".

PARKING IS A PRIVILEGE

New this school year 2019 – 2020

New this school year 2019 – 2020 Families will be given the opportunity to purchase a full year parking pass for \$350.00 dollars removing the challenge of remembering to purchase a semester pass. If a semester pass is all that is needed at this time, the opportunity for that exists as well. There are 2 options in FeePay. Please make sure to purchase the correct pass.

The application process opens August 1 and closes August 28. Those that apply before the deadline will receive their parking pass on September 4. Please apply before the deadline to avoid having to purchase a daily parking pass before your permanent pass will be ready.

You will need to access your [ParentVUE](#) account (at www.hs.forestlake.k12.mn.us) to enroll through [FeePay](#) and then click on the "Activities" button. From there you would select the student you wish to purchase the parking pass for and fill out the information required.

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Parking permit applications may be denied due to attendance, discipline issues or outstanding fines.

Students who normally do not drive to school must purchase a one-day permit at the cost of \$5. One-day permits are sold on a space available basis, so it is recommended to buy in advance.

All students parking in the lot without an appropriate parking pass will be subject to a fine with the possibility of additional consequences.

All drivers interested in sharing a parking permit must pick up a paper carpool application in the main office. **The carpool form is not available online.** It must be completed by all drivers and returned with payment by August 28th for processing.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All Seniors will need to have their picture submitted to be in the yearbook, as Lifetouch does not take senior portraits on picture day. [The parameters of the picture that needs to be submitted can be found on the HS website under "Yearbook".](#)

YEARBOOKS - BUY EARLY!!!

Last year we RAN OUT of yearbooks and several students were unable to purchase a yearbook. If you are planning on purchasing a yearbook, buy it now, when the price is the lowest it will be for the year, and you are guaranteed to get a yearbook. [Please click here for the information needed pertaining to all things yearbook.](#)