



## Franklin Pierce High School

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# Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

I hope that you have all enjoyed a summer of relaxation, adventure, family, and fun. We still have some sunny days left to enjoy, but the beginning of the school year is quickly approaching.

In the upcoming year, the FPHS staff will continue to dedicate ourselves to providing the most enriching, rigorous, and relevant education possible in order to prepare all students for success beyond high school, whether their plans include 4-year universities, community colleges, trade/technical schools, military enlistment, or moving straight into a career. Our mission is to cultivate well-rounded students of the highest character and to remove any barriers that might prevent them from fulfilling their highest goals and aspirations.

We are totally committed to the success of all our students. In turn, we ask for the same commitment from our students and parents. We believe that if our staff, students, and parents are all committed to achievement at the highest levels, there is no obstacle or challenge that we can't overcome together. I encourage all parents to be as involved in FPHS as your schedule will allow, as the benefits of parent involvement in schools is infinite and will produce the positive results we all desire. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Be sure to check out the upcoming events highlighted in the remainder of this letter. Go, CARDS!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald W. Hartley".

Ronald W. Hartley  
Principal, FPHS

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## The first day of school is Tuesday, August 28th



The first day of school is Tuesday, August 28th. **School start time will be staggered, with Freshmen coming at 8:15 am and students in grades 10-12 reporting at 12:15 pm.**

There will be two bus runs on the first day of school, one at the regular time for Freshmen and one approximately four (4) hours later for grades 10-12. No lunch will be served to grades 10-12.

**Freshman orientation** takes place from 8:15 a.m. - noon on the first day of school and is run by our Link Crew leaders, who are upper class mentors assigned to freshmen advisories (Cardinal

Connections) to build positive relationships with their students throughout the school year. Freshmen will be greeted and directed to the gym, where they will meet their Link Crew leaders, learn about our Cardinal Culture, receive their class schedules, and participate in a number of other activities.

**Grades 10-12** will begin their day at 12:15 in their advisories, where they will receive their schedules and participate in other opening activities.

## Freshman & New Student Parent Information Night!

If you are the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a freshman or a new student, you'll want to attend our Freshman and New Student Information Night on **Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm** in the FP cafeteria. Learn more about our school and our expectations for your students from our administrators and counselors.

## Check our website for updates & news!

FPHS maintains a website in conjunction with the district website at

[www.fpschools.org](http://www.fpschools.org). The FPHS website can be

reached from the district website home page by clicking on High Schools and choosing Franklin Pierce. We work to keep our web content as up-to-date as possible with news and information about upcoming events and scheduled school activities, so that you can keep an eye on what's happening.

If there is information you think would be helpful for us to include on the website, please let us know by calling our office manager, Lynn Cawthra, at 253-298-3805.



## Fall Sports begin in August . . .

Football practices begin on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. All other fall sports including girls soccer, boys & girls golf, volleyball, boys tennis, girls swimming and boys & girls cross country will begin practicing on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Students must be registered for athletic participation through Family ID and have a current physical on file to practice. An ASB card must also be purchased in order to play.

First day practice times are generally communicated to players by the coaches. We hope to have these available in the main office as well.

Game times and locations may be found on the SPSL website:

<http://www.spslathletics.com/index.php>

## Back to School & College Career Night

Make plans now to attend FP's Back-to-School and College Career Night on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>! Meet your students' teachers at their Department tables and visit with representatives from colleges and other post-secondary options that are available to your students. Join us from 6 - 7:30 pm in the FP gym and cafeteria — and check out our Club Rush in the Corrigan Room as well!



## A little parent homework . . .

Important school information and forms will be distributed to students during the first few days of school. Your homework will be to fill out and sign the paperwork as necessary and make sure your student returns it promptly. We appreciate your efforts in helping us maintain these yearly records.

## PICTURE DAY is Wed., Sept. 5th

Pictures this year will be taken this year by B&B School pictures. Picture packets will be distributed to students during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school and will also be available in the main office. Pictures may be preordered online as well at:

<https://www.prepaysystems.com/events/7/perler>

This link can also be accessed from the FPHS website by clicking "read more" under the picture day article in Recent News.

Remember, all students must have their picture taken for a school ID card. There is no charge for the initial ID card, although there is a replacement fee of \$5 for any lost cards. The ID card will be validated for ASB if an ASB card is purchased.