

## From Our Administration

Dear Forsyth Academy Parent or Guardian:

As I reflect on the last 18 months, I feel like a warrior who participated in the most gruesome battle--lying face-down on the ground--trying to make sense of what just happened. I am tired, bruised, bleeding, have cuts all over my body and struggle to stand up. Not sure of what to do next, my mind goes to the long list of people who battled along side of me. Those who showed up every day, even though situations were tough. Those people who inspired me to continue the fight and not give up. Those people who I call family—our students, parents, and staff. We are all conquerors! We are overcomers of tough situations, but always looking ahead to our next victory. As we enter a new school year in the coming months, I find hope. Hope in the sense of finding a new normal and returning to educational structures and processes as we knew it before COVID. The process to return will be bumpy, but worth it. We have overcome so much and can now rise strong in our next adventure!

In preparation for our new school year, I wanted to inform all parents that Forsyth Academy will not be offering a virtual select program for next year. All students are expected to attend in-person learning in August. If this impacts your decision to continue your enrollment with Forsyth Academy, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We are excited for the upcoming school year and look forward to seeing everyone during their orientation. I pray that everyone has a restful summer and refreshed to begin our new school year!

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Barajas, Principal

### Information about the Beginning of the School Year

We will be doing our open house different for this coming school year. All existing enrolled students and families are invited to our virtual orientation on Thursday, August 12th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. A link and more information about this event will be emailed in the near future.

Our New Family Orientation is scheduled for all **NEW families** enrolling at Forsyth Academy. This will be held in-person on Monday, August 16 from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

### The mobile app for the NHA Parent Portal is available for free!

- Stay up to date on your child's grades and progress
- Fill out forms
- Manage lunch \$ balance
- Check the school calendar
- Email your child's teacher
- Find helpful resources
- Get notifications on updates  
.....and more

**Download the app today to get started! Available to download in the App Store for Apple & Google Play for Android.**

### Rising 7th Graders

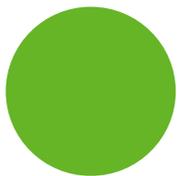
We wanted to take the opportunity to remind you about immunization requirements that affect all students entering 7th grade. The requirement is for one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine, for all children entering the 7th grade who have not already received it. Please remember to ask your health care provider for a copy of your child's immunization (shot) record once it has been administered. Your child will need to bring a copy of the shot record to the school on the first day of 7th grade. Do not delay! Make sure your child is up-to-date on his/her immunizations prior to the start of the 7th grade school year.

### Important Dates...

- 08/12** Virtual Orientation for our existing Families @ 5:30 - 7:00pm
- 08/16** New Family Orientation @ 5:30 - 7:00pm
- 08/18** First Day of School  
1/2 day for Kindergarten
- 08/19** 1/2 day for Kindergarten
- 09/06** No School (Labor Day)
- 09/17** Jean Day for \$1

### Jean Days...

We use "Jean Days" as a fundraiser for our various grade levels and departments. Students are allowed to wear any color jeans (without any holes or tears) to school on those designated days if they bring in \$1.00. All scholars are still required to wear a uniform shirt, school spirit shirt or a college-themed shirt. Designated Jean Days will be listed on the monthly calendars.



**Teacher Assignments** All existing & new enrolled students in grades K-8 will receive their teacher assignments along with driveline cards the week of August 2nd by mail. We ask that you not call the office asking about teacher assignments prior to receiving your mailing. Our office staff will not have that information to share.

**School Session Hours** School is in session from 8:15-3:15. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45 and must be picked up no later than 3:45. A student is considered tardy if they are not in their classroom seat by 8:15 and/or if they are checked out earlier than the 3:15 dismissal time. In order to protect the integrity of your child's education and to utilize every minute of instructional time possible, it is our request that students remain in school the entire school day. We take the education of our students very seriously at Forsyth Academy, and we strive to accomplish our vision: to better educate more children.

**School Security** For the continued safety and security of all of our students and faculty, there are several procedures that will be put in place for the 2021-2022 school year. It is important to read through each item and make the necessary arrangements moving forward:

- No visitors are allowed into the school building (this includes walking children to classrooms, dropping off items, using the restroom facilities, etc.) When visitors arrive to the front door, we will be using the video monitoring system to conduct all business. In addition, Forsyth Academy no longer has a parent room. This space was needed for more classroom space for intervention and SPED students to meet their service needs.
- All conferences must be done via phone or email. There is no exception to this rule. Visitors are not allowed to 'drop by' the school in hopes of meeting any faculty/staff member, Dean or Principal.
- Students are not allowed to be checked out for early dismissal after 1:30 p.m. on a regular day and 10:30 a.m. for any other early dismissal days. A doctor's note or appointment card will be required for **checkout**.
- Face mask covering for students will be reviewed prior to school and remain in compliance with state orders.

## **Dismissal Procedure for 2021-2022**

We will continue using our current Driveline procedure for dismissal. New numbers are issued every year for security.

**Your child's new number & cards will be mailed to you on the week of August 2nd.**

School dismisses at 3:15pm. In the interest of students' safety and teachers' preparation time, parents are asked to pick up their children immediately after dismissal and no later than 3:45pm. Any students remaining after 3:45pm will make an attempt to reach a parent for details regarding transportation. A \$20 dismissal fee will be charged to a parent whose child(ren) remains after school past 4:00 p.m. Parents will be required to sign out his/her child upon late dismissal, indicating the time the student left the school building (not when the parent arrived to campus or arrived in the late day line). The time the student leaves the building will indicate if payment should be rendered. Parents will receive two verbal warnings for late pick-up. The school will contact Child Protective Services and/or the local authorities, without notice to the student's parents. Until any delinquent fee is paid in full, the following may apply:

- Parents will be required to pick up their student's class assignment, including middle school elective schedule
- Progress Reports/Report Cards, including graduation documents, will be held
- A student's participation in graduation or promotion ceremony/event will be denied
- A student's participation in non-required field trips and/or field day will be denied
- A student will be denied the option to purchase a school yearbook
- A student will be denied the option to participate in school athletics
- Only information necessary for grade or course registration will be sent for students who withdraw and enroll in another school

**First Day of School** Our first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year will be Wednesday, August 18th. Our normal school hours are 8:15-3:15. However, on the first two days of school (Wednesday, August 18th and Thursday, August 19th), our kindergarten classes will attend 1/2 days. On those two days, our kindergarten classes will dismiss at 11:45am. This only applies to the first two days of school and to our kindergarten classes only. We realize that such a transition into a full day school setting may be hard on our younger ones, so we hope that the transition may be made more smoothly with this schedule.

**Absent on the First Day of School** If your student cannot be in attendance on the first day of school, a call **MUST** be placed to the school office detailing the reason for the absence no later than 8:30 am on Wednesday, August 18th. If a call is not received and your student is not in attendance, then you will forfeit your student's seat at Forsyth Academy, and the seat will be given to the next person on the Waiting List. It is imperative that you make the school office aware if your child will not be present, for any reason, on the first day of school.

## Free/Reduced Application and Breakfast/Lunch Information

- \* Forsyth Academy participates in the National Federal Lunch program yearly. This program has strict guidelines regarding required nutrition for each student. Due to this, Forsyth Academy can no longer allow fast food to be delivered and/or dropped off for students to consume, and reserves the right to deny these items (or any items that look like fast food) into the building.
- \* The online portal to complete Free and Reduced lunch applications are now available for 2021-2022. To submit a Free or Reduced Lunch application, please go to <http://mealapps.nhaschools.com>. Please make sure that you apply for this program prior to the first day of school. A new form MUST be completed each new school year; these forms do NOT carry over from year to year and do not transfer from other schools. Each completed meal form helps YOUR school receive vital funding!!
- \* Lunch money must be received in the office no later than 9:00 a.m. in order for lunch money to be applied to that day. Money received after 9:00 a.m. will be applied on the next school day. Payments can be made to your child's lunch account by going to [www.mypaymentplus.com](http://www.mypaymentplus.com). However, please note, the online system takes 24 hours for the lunch money to process into the child's account. You will not be able to pay online and have the money applied on the same day.
- \* Monthly breakfast & lunch menus can be found on our website, [www.forsythacademy.org](http://www.forsythacademy.org).
- \* Breakfast will be served daily from 7:45 - 8:00 am.
- \* Students must be in school by 10:30 am in order to sign up for a school lunch. Students arriving after 10:30 am must have a home lunch with them.



### Contact Information

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Dean of Grades 6-8: Mrs. Watson  
Dean of Intervention & EC: Mrs. Overman  
Registrar: Ms. Rivera  
Office Administrator: Mrs. Yambó

## Information Tools

We send home monthly newsletters from the office, post information on our website ([www.forsythacademy.org](http://www.forsythacademy.org)), post updates on our facebook page (make sure you "like" Forsyth Academy), and SchoolMessenger messages.

The "SchoolMessenger" messaging system makes phone calls and sends text messages to make parents aware of upcoming activities, schedule changes, school closings, etc. One of our administrative team members will place a "Sunday Night SchoolMessenger" phone call and/or text to your phone number every Sunday night detailing the announcements for the upcoming week.

Please make sure that your correct phone number is on file in the school office. It is our goal to help parents stay informed!

## Medication Forms

A 2021-2022 medication form must be completed by a physician in order for any type of medication to administered at school. *Students are not permitted to have any type of medication on their person unless the appropriate documentation is on file in the office. This includes, but is not limited, to pain relievers, cough drops, inhalers.* Please see one of our office team members for a 2021-2022 medication form.

## Walk Home Release Form

We have several students who walk home from school each afternoon. A 2021-2022 Walk Home Release Form must be completed by a parent/guardian BEFORE a student will be allowed to walk home. Student has to walk off campus otherwise he or she must follow the driveline procedures.

These forms are in the main school office.



### GREAT NEWS FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!!

Sports are back on!! Information regarding dates for try-outs and games will be coming out in the near future. We are looking forward to seeing our students back on the court and field.

