

WELCOME TO FACS' ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

I am excited that your family has chosen to be with us this school year, welcome to the FACS family.

We are preparing for this to be a year of growth for your child at FACS. We are planning to work together with you as a partner to help your child have a successful year academically, spiritually, socially/emotionally, and with physical fitness gains.

This letter provides you with helpful information as you become part of the FACS family.

- All elementary students PreK-Grade 5 enter and exit on the east (playground) side of the building. Grade 6 may enter either on the East or West side
- Free Before-School Crusader Care is offered in the gym for Grades 1-6 and room 190 for PreK, JrK, and SrK beginning at 7:00 am each day. Students go directly to the classrooms at 7:45 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:00. If a child is tardy, he/she should report directly to class (not the school office) with a note of explanation.
- Students are picked up in carline between 2:45 and 3:20 on the East side of the building. Tags for display in your vehicle will be sent to your home prior to the first day of school. For security reasons, EVERYONE picking up your child MUST have an official carline tag displayed. We reserve the right to refuse to release a student to anyone who does not have the official tag. Exceptions to carline pick-up must be approved, and a signed release form or written parental permission must be provided.
- Those not scheduled to be picked up in the carline are sent to After-School Crusader Care which ends promptly at 5:45. There is a charge for this service and paperwork is mandatory. Drop-ins without paperwork are charged extra. If you know that you may need this service, make sure you complete the paperwork available on the FACS website and submit completed forms to Marilyn Turman or through the school office.
- Because of local area church activities, every effort is made to forgo homework assignments on Wednesdays and "major" tests on Thursdays.
- Classroom teachers will be assigned no later than August 9. Teacher assignments will be available through NetClassroom and on a posted list.
- Sneak-A-Peek is designed for you and your student to meet the teacher and classmates prior to the first day of school. Plan to attend this come and go event August 10 from 8:30-10:00. Many bring their school supplies on this day. Enter on the East side of the building (playground side). Also plan to visit the lunch room where PTF sponsors an informational fair.

- The first day of school is August 14 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for K-6th grade; PreK/JrK Stagger Start is 8:30-11:30 a.m. on August 14, 15, or 16. Your child's teacher will call to tell you which day your child will attend stagger start.
- Plan to attend an Elementary Parents Back-to-School Night for SrK-Grade 6 on August 15 beginning in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. After a brief meeting, most of the time will be spent in your child's classroom. Teachers will provide information for the school year ahead. This is a very important night to help your child experience success. Please read the Student Handbook, school calendar, and other pertinent information on the FACS website under Elementary Information.

The weekly *Elementary News* is an important communication tool sent via email every Friday. It is important to read this every Friday throughout the school year. Each teacher will send relevant classroom information through Friday Folders and other internet-based tools. Teachers will relay communication tools unique to that class at Back to School Night.

Again, a most warm welcome to FACS. My staff and I look forward to serving your family.

Sincerely,

Sharon Schaade
Elementary Principal

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