August 18, 2025

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year. I hope you were able to enjoy some time at the Fair last week and/or other summer activities and now are getting excited for the start of the new school year. I know we are. Staff have been busy getting ready for all of us to have another great year here at FHMS, home of the Tigers…..

Our first day of school is next week on **Thursday, August 28**. Information about our school can be accessed on the school website located at:

<https://www.sjisd.wednet.edu/Domain/283>

**Here are some specific school related items for the start of the year:**

* School Supply lists and other school information are available at:

<https://www.sjisd.wednet.edu/domain/100>

* **Returning 7th and 8th** grade students can access their schedules in Skyward by the end of this week. **On the first day of school 7th and 8th grade students will pick up their lock** from last year and select their locker. Returning 7th and 8th grade students do not need to purchase a new lock this year unless they did not turn one in at the end of last year. New locks cost $8 if a student does need one.
* **6th grade students** will be able to pick up their schedules and new chrome book computer at our **6th grade Orientation on Wednesday, August 27 from 1:00p to 2:00p.** To expedite the process for receiving your chrome book, please go online and fill out the following forms located in Family Skyward Access prior to

August 28:

1- Acceptable Use Policy, 2- Chromebook Responsibility Agreement,

3- Online Apps permission form

Sixth grade students will also be able to purchase **locks for $8** (students must use a school lock for safety reasons) and select their lockers at this time. A fee for the lock will be added to your student’s account. You will be able to pay this fee online or after the start of school, but no payment will be needed at our orientation day. Teachers will be available during Orientation, and you will be able to view the classrooms you will be attending. If you are not able to make the Orientation, you can pick up your lock and pick your locker on your first day of school. Schedules will also be available from your Skyward account for 6th grade students by the end of the week.

* Information about the **Skyward Platform** can be found here:

<https://www.sjisd.wednet.edu/domain/527>

* First practice for girls MS Volleyball will be on 9/2, from 3:15 – 5:15. Coach Garcia will hold an informational meeting at lunch on Friday, 8/29. You can access all the paperwork needed to register and participate here:

<https://www.sjisd.wednet.edu/Domain/283>

* There are key dates for the start of the year listed at the end of this letter.

Wednesday’s will again be early release days with students being dismissed at 1:40. and the first one will occur on **9/3.** A complete list of early release Wednesday dates are

displayed in yellow on the school academic calendar which can be accessed here: <https://www.sjisd.wednet.edu/domain/85>

Again, welcome to the new school year. We are excited to get going. We will see you here on August 28, at 8:10am. **GO TIGERS**!!

Sincerely,

Rod Turnbull

Principal FHMS

**Key Dates for September and October**

* **8/27 6th Grade Orientation 1:00p – 2:00p**
* **8/28 First Day of School**
* **9/1 Labor Day Holiday (No School)**
* **9/2 MS Volleyball Begins**
* **9/3 First Early Dismissal Wednesday (School Dismissed at 1:40)**
* **9/9 Picture Day**
* **9/11 MS Back to School Night 5:30**
* **9/16 Online Parent Safety Session 5:00 -7:00**
* **10/14 MS Picture Re-Takes**
* **10/15, 16 & 17 Half Days Early Release at 11:20 for Student Conferences**