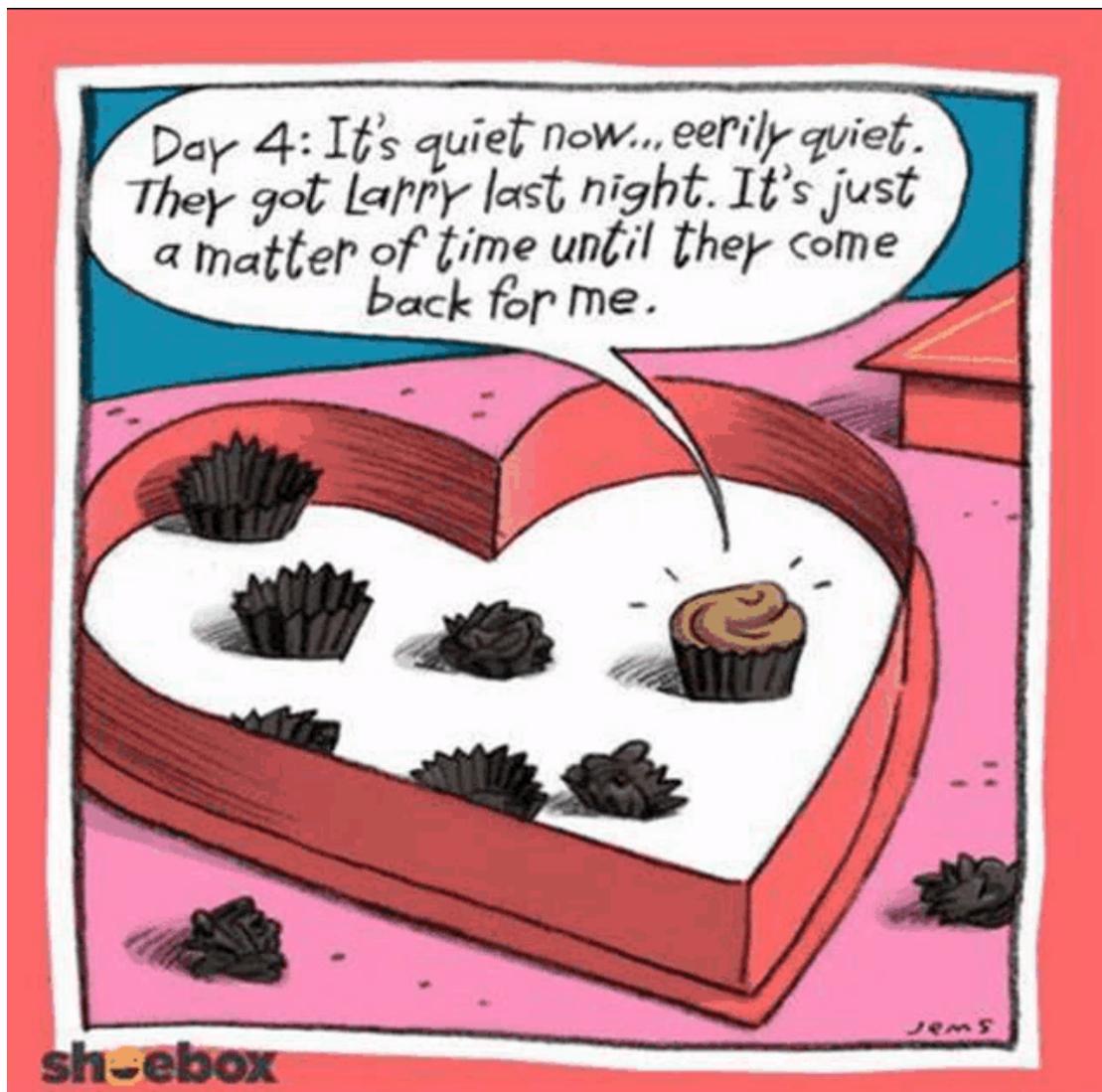




# FEBRUARY

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Dear Friday Harbor Middle School Families,

As we begin the second semester, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our students so far this year. This is a great opportunity for a fresh start, a time to set new goals, build on successes, and stay focused on growth.

#### A Fresh Start & Continued Success

The second half of the school year brings new opportunities for students to challenge themselves academically, build strong habits, and finish the year proud of their progress. Whether your student is looking to improve in a subject, get more involved in school activities, or build better study habits, now is the perfect time to set those goals and take action.

#### The Value of Positive Attendance

Attending school every day is one of the most important factors in student success. Being present allows students to fully engage in learning, build connections with teachers and peers, and stay on track for success. We encourage families to prioritize attendance, communicate with the school about any necessary absences, and help students establish routines that support being on time and ready to learn each day.

#### 8th Grade Promotion Expectations

For our 8th grade families, the journey to promotion is in full swing! To participate in our

promotion activities, students must meet academic, attendance, and behavior expectations. This includes maintaining passing grades, demonstrating positive citizenship, and following school policies. More detailed information about promotion requirements and upcoming events will be shared soon. Please encourage your student to stay focused and finish strong!

We are excited to continue working together to support our students in achieving their goals. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make this semester one of growth, achievement, and success!

Sincerely,

Rod Turnbull  
Principal  
Friday Harbor Middle School

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## 2024-25 Academic Calendar



**24-25 Academic Calendar.pdf**

[Download](#)

155.9 KB

### Bell Schedule

FHMS Daily Schedule - Early Dismissal (Wednesday) Schedule - Half Day Schedule

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### MS 2 Hour Late Start Schedule

Period 1: 10:15-10:50

Period 2: 10:55-11:30

Lunch: 11:35-12:05

Period 3: 12:10-12:45

Period 4: 12:50-1:25

Period 5: 1:30-2:10

Period 6: 2:15-2:55

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### Attendance

If your student will be missing school for any reason please email the MS office at [katieleed@sjisd.org](mailto:katieleed@sjisd.org) or call (360)378-7201

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## From the School Nurse

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

We have passed the halfway point of the school year, whew! If your student has had any changes to their chronic health condition or had any new acute or chronic health concerns arise, updates are greatly appreciated. You can reach me by calling (360)627-1266 or email me at [erindonaldson@sjisd.org](mailto:erindonaldson@sjisd.org).

In addition, I'd like to remind everyone that timely communication with the school regarding acute injuries that may affect classroom work or PE/recess participation is very much appreciated. Students are expected to participate in all parts of the school day including recess and PE. If their medical provider has restricted activity, please send a doctor's note, for example: "No contact sports x 1 week." We prefer detailed communication from the provider as to what your student can and can not do physically.

Thank you for helping to keep your child safe at school!

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Erin Donaldson, BSN, RN  
San Juan Island School District Nurse  
(360)370-7306: Elementary School office  
(360)370-7149: High School office  
(360)627-1266: work cell

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## FHMS Website

Please check out our Friday Harbor Middle School Website for more up to date information about events and other middle school happenings. Click the button below to be redirected to the MS website.

[MS Website](#)

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## Student Fees-

Please be sure to check into your Skyward account for any fees your student may have accrued throughout the school year. You can pay your students fees online as well as any Food Service fees through your Skyward account.

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## HOLIDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY

There will be No School on Monday February 17, 2025 for Presidents' Day



## MID-WINTER BREAK

NO SCHOOL Tuesday 02/18 - 02/21

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## Important Dates

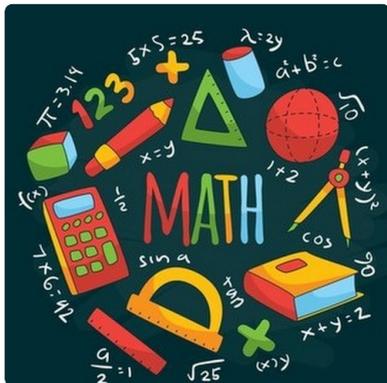
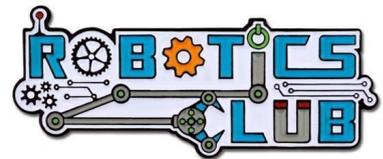
**PRESIDENTS' DAY** - Feb. 17 *NO SCHOOL*

**MID-WINTER BREAK** - Feb. 18-21 *NO SCHOOL*

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## Robotics Club

Robotics Club with Mr. Ramsey meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm in room 9.



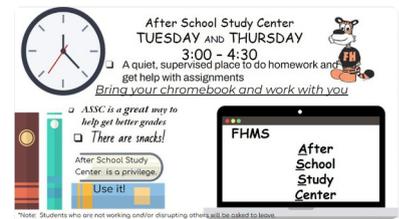
## Math Club

Math Club with Mr. Lopez meets on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:00pm in room 6.

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## A.S.S.C

After School Study Center on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Snacks will be provided for students.



We are collecting King's receipts! You can bring any receipts you save into the MS office. For every dollar spent Kings will donate to the Middle School PTO so every little bit helps.

## Emergency Weather Information

Media Links for "Snow Days" Emergency announcements will be posted on district websites, Facebook accounts, sent out via ParentLink and broadcast before school on the stations listed below. If school must be closed mid-day, this will also be announced on the stations and student will be sent home by their usual mode of transportation.

Emergency weather information affecting Bus Routes and time are provided at this link.

<https://www.sjisd.wednet.edu/Page/2150>

Radio:

- KISM - 92.9 FM Bellingham
- KWLE - 1340 AM Anacortes
- KNWN - 1000 AM Seattle
- KAFE - 104.3 FM Bellingham
- KGMI - 790 AM Bellingham

TV:

- KOMO TV 4 - Seattle
- KING TV 5 - Seattle
- KVOS TV 12 - Bellingham

Online Newspapers:

<https://www.sanjuanislander.com/>

<https://www.sanjuanjournal.com/>

## Meet the Teachers

**Michael McKinnon** - Michael is currently in his 5th year as an English and AVID teacher here at Friday Harbor Middle School and his 10th year in the district. He has worked with every grade level from kindergarteners to seniors in high school, and he will tell you that middle schoolers are the most fun age group to work with. They are interesting and hilarious: shapeshifters who are 1/3 kid,

1/3 young adult, & 1/3 coyote. They are sweet & imaginative, striving for independence and acceptance, while not yet fully domesticated - and that's what Michael likes about them. When Michaels not in the classroom he likes to go trail running, mushroom foraging, and cheering for the greatest team in football, the San Francisco 49ers!

**Diane Heller** - Diane is currently in her 15th year of teaching in the district and her 5th year at FHMS, where she teaches 7th-grade social studies and physical education for 6th-8th grades. She is passionate about helping students engage with history in meaningful ways and promoting lifelong fitness and wellness. Outside of school, Diane loves exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest through kayaking, swimming, hiking, and camping. She also enjoys reading historical fiction and working on puzzles. Additionally, she takes great pride in being a part of the Tiger Team and working alongside her colleagues to create a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

**Steve Ramsey** - In the four years since Steve first arrived on the island he has taught Science, English and PE at the Middle School as well as Theater and Health at the High School. Before transitioning to education, Steve spent over 20 years in executive management for tech startups and non-profits, giving him the chance to live and work around the globe. When he's not organizing lab supplies, he and his wife (Mrs. Ramsey is a first grade teacher at Friday Harbor Elementary) are either sailing the Salish Sea, cooking a gourmet meal, or laying down funky grooves on their eclectic collection of musical instruments.

**Darrin Scheffer** - Darrin started teaching 32 years ago in Indio, California. After teaching for 2 years there, he was super excited to return to his hometown of Friday Harbor and teach at the school where he grew up. Back then he taught 7th and 8th grade Science and started the Middle School Track program. Darrin coached both High School Track and Football for 16 years. Darrin really enjoys his job, the students and the staff. He is thankful to be teaching at Friday Harbor Middle School.

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## SJI Service Scholarship - 8th Grade Students!

<https://sjiservicescholarship.org/about/students/>

This program is designed for the 8th through 12th grade students with a variety of volunteer opportunities based on student interest and community need. Click the link for more information.

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## Non- Discrimination Statement

### *San Juan Island School District Commitment to Non-discrimination*

San Juan Island School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The San Juan Island School District offers classes in many career and technical education program areas such as Culinary Arts, Career Prep, STEM, and Computer Science under its open admissions policy. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, contact CTE Directors, Liz Varvaro, [elizabethvarvaro@sjisd.org](mailto:elizabethvarvaro@sjisd.org), PO Box 458, FH, WA, (360) 378-4133. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Faith Knight, Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Title IX Officer

PO Box 458, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

(360) 378-4133

[faithknight@sjisd.org](mailto:faithknight@sjisd.org)

Becky Bell, Special Services Director, 504 Officer, ADA Coordinator, Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator

PO Box 458, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

(360) 378-4133

[beckybell@sjisd.org](mailto:beckybell@sjisd.org)

Fred Woods, Superintendent, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Coordinator

PO Box 458, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

(360) 378-7905

[fredwoods@sjisd.org](mailto:fredwoods@sjisd.org)



**Kathryn Leed**

Kathryn is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters