

Welcome Thoreau Families!



Parent Information Session
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Questions



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This session will be recorded.

Topics for Today

- Admin introductions
- School day logistics
- Thoreau MS - What do you need to know?
- Technology
- YONDR Parent Information Meeting
- After School Program
- Upcoming Events



Introductions - The Administrative Team

- Ms. Teresa Khuluki, Principal
- Ms. Rebecca Aguilar, Director of Student Services
- Ms. Rachael Feiertag, Assistant Principal
 - *Wombats and Falcons Teams*
- Mr. Brian Staton, Assistant Principal
 - *Goats, Penguins and Wolfpack Teams*
- Ms. Gabi Ritchey, Assistant Principal
 - *Ravens and Turtles Teams*

Transitioning to Middle School

- Promoting a Culture of Belonging through our motto “You Matter!” and the importance of attendance “You Belong Here”
- Build community and trusting relationships
- Maintain high academic standards balanced with meeting students where they are.
 - School-wide focus on executive functioning
- Increased independence of an adolescent: self-advocacy
- Social media boundaries
- Encourage your child to stay after school



**YOU
MATTER**



**YOU
BELONG HERE**

RESPECT

We will respect ourselves,
others and our surroundings.
We will use kind
language at all
times.

INTEGRITY

We will have the courage to do
what is right, even in large
groups or when no
one is looking.



SERVICE

We will be the
best Eagle we can be
by helping others and
supporting each other at all times.

ENGAGEMENT

We will be active,
positive participants
in all tasks, even if they
are new and challenging.



2024-2025 Thoreau Middle School

Daily Bell Schedule
7:30 am - 2:15 pm

Gold (odd)	Time	Blue (even)	I Time
1	7:30 - 8:15 <i>Class: 45 (EMN included)</i>	1	7:30 - 8:15 <i>Class: 45 (EMN included)</i>
3	8:19 - 9:44 <i>Class: 85</i>	2	8:19 - 9:44 <i>Class: 85</i>
5	9:48 - 10:31 <i>Class: 43</i> <i>Advisory lessons</i> <i>Eagle Time/Reading</i> <i>(English priority)</i>	4	9:48 - 10:31 <i>Class: 43</i> <i>Advisory lessons</i> <i>Eagle Time/Reading</i> <i>(math priority)</i>
7	10:35 - 12:46 <i>Class: 86</i> <i>Recess: 15</i> <i>Lunch: 30</i>	6	10:35 - 12:46 <i>Class: 86</i> <i>Recess: 15</i> <i>Lunch: 30</i>
9	12:50 - 2:15 <i>Class: 85</i>	8	12:50 - 2:15 <i>Class: 85</i>

10th period- will meet instead of 4th and 5th periods on our RISE days

Eagle Time

4th and 5th Periods

→ Intervention, enrichment, work time

RISE/ADVISORY PERIOD

10th Period

→ 1st Week

→ Every Monday we are in session

→ Instead of 4th/5th

Lunch Schedule (7th/6th)

A Lunch	Recess: 10:35am-10:50am Lunch: 10:50am-11:17am Class: 11:20am-12:46pm	C Lunch	Class: 10:35am-11:35am Recess: 11:35am-11:50am Lunch: 11:50am-12:17pm Class: 12:20pm-12:46pm
B Lunch	Class: 10:35am-11:05 am Recess: 11:05am-11:20am Lunch: 11:20am-11:47am Class: 11:50am-12:46pm	D Lunch	Class: 10:35am-12:05pm Recess: 12:05pm-12:20pm Lunch: 12:20pm-12:46pm

Thoreau Middle School 2024-2025 Blue/Gold Calendar

A 10th PD RISE/Advisory

B Blue/Even

G Gold/Odd

August 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5 NT	6 NT	7 NT	8 NT	9
12 SP	13 TW	14 SD	15 TW	16 SP
19 G/F	20 B	21 G	22 B	23 G
26 B	27 G	28 B	29 G	30 H

September 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 H	3 B	4 G	5 B	6 G
9 B	10 G	11 B	12 G	13 B
16 G	17 B	18 G	19 B	20 G
23 B	24 G	25 B	26 G	27 B
30 G				

October 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 B	2 G	3 H	4 TW
7 B	8 G	9 B	10 G	11 B
14 SD	15 G	16 B	17 G	18 B
21 G	22 B	23 G	24 B	25 G
28 B	29 G	30 B	31 G QE/ER	

November 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1

December 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6

January 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF STUDENT ADVISORY?

RELATIONSHIPS

Connection with a caring adult: Connecting personally and academically on a regular basis with an advisory teacher who serves as a coach/mentor.

Connection with peers: Building relationships and sharing identities as people, as students, as community members

Engagement and Fun: Pursuing connection and wellness

Relevance: Addressing real life personal and current events/challenges that matter to students.

RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY

Belonging and Safety: Creating a responsive culture within the advisory as well as the whole school community

Identity: Affirming identities as individuals and as part of the community

Student Voice: Elevating students as leaders within Advisory and across the school community

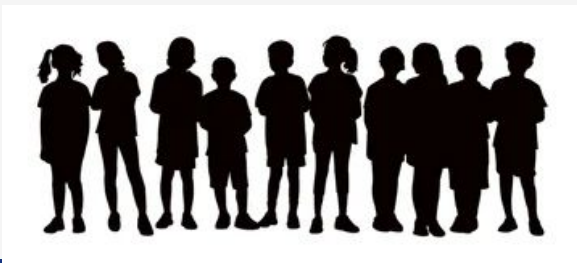
Planning for the Future: Developing postsecondary awareness and decision making

Skill Development: Growing in transferable skills through goal setting and reflection

EMPOWERMENT

What are Interdisciplinary Teams?

- Teams provide a great structure for students to make additional connections within the building
- The team is comprised of an English Teacher, Science Teacher, Social Studies Teacher, Counselor and Assistant Principal who work with a group of assigned students
- Your child's team assignment will be indicated on their schedule as an 11th period class





Thoreau Middle School Student Schedule

Year: 2024-2025
Report: STU202

Sample Student Schedule

Aguilar, Rebecca

Student Information

Student Name	Student ID	Gender	Grade	Track
Aguilar, Rebecca	123456	F	07	
Schedule House (TEAM NAME)	Counselor Name			
Ravens	Turner			

Schedule Information

Per	Term	Section ID	Course	Meet Days	Teacher	Room
1	YR	551300-05	551300 - Spanish 1 Part A	AllBlueGo IdRBRG	Revilla, N.	A-137
2	YR	111036-11	111036 - English 7 HN	AllBlueRB	Adams, M.	A-124
3	YR	235536-01	235536 - US History 7 HN	AllGoldR G	Hesprich, J.	A-123
4	YR	994700-32	994700 - TA/Activity Gr 7	AllBlue	Everett, M.	A-233
5	YR	994710-26	994710 - TA/Activity Gr 7A	AllGold	DeFilippi, B.	A-106
6	S1	712033-03	712033 - Health & PE 7	AllBlueRB	McKendree, A.	Gym1
7	S1	910532-06	910532 - Art Foundations	AllGoldR G	Rumberger, R.	A-001
8	YR	411536-05	411536 - Life Science HN	AllBlueRB	Everett, M.	A-233
9	YR	311100-13	311100 - Mathematics 7	AllGold	DeFilippi, B.	A-106
10	YR	111107-03	111107 - Advisory 7	AllRBRG	Grandizio, L.	A-107
11	YR	993700-03	993700 - Team Designator 7th Gr	AllBlueGo IdRBRG	Ravens, S.	

Introductions - The Counseling Staff

- Mr. Eric Fishman Penguins Team (7th) & Wombats Team (8th)
- Ms. Jill Gallagher Goats Team (7th) & Falcons Team (8th)
- Ms. Frangca Lee Wolfpack Team (7th) & Falcons Team (8th)
- Ms. Kerrie Turner Ravens Team (7th) & Turtles Team (8th)
- Karla Macoto Student Services Assistant



Lockers

Hallway lockers are optional!
After the second week of school, students will be provided with a Google Form link to request a locker.

All students will automatically receive a PE locker.



Attendance

If you know your student will be absent, please contact the front office using the contact information below.

- PARENT VUE: <https://www.fcps.edu/attendance>
- 703-846-8080
- ThoreauMiddle.Attendance@fcps.edu

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Students should check Schoology and follow-up with teachers upon return from an absence. If your child will be absent three or more days, they should visit the main office and request the pre-arranged absence form. We follow FCPS attendance policies regarding excused versus unexcused absences.

Transportation & Buses

- Transportation information is currently available in SIS ParentVue
- Bus times can vary
- Students must use their assigned bus and stop and may not ride other buses home with a friend
- Any bus changes must go through the Transportation office (only done in extenuating circumstances)
- Bus Delay Notification System



Write down your students bus number and stop until they have settled in and become more familiar with it.

Kiss & Ride



What Should I Expect in a Typical Class Period?

- Engagement Model
- Variety of instructional practices
 - Opening Message - Fostering community
 - Mini-Lesson - Whole group direct instruction
 - Work Time - Independent or breakout groups
 - Debrief & Reflection
- Student centered learning opportunities
- Variety of teaching tools
- Brain break times built in



Health & Physical Education (HPE)



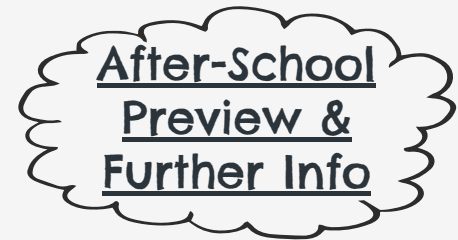
- HPE is a required course for all students
- Students will “dress out” for class
- Students will have access to locker rooms and an HPE locker to store their belongings
- Students are encouraged to purchase a Thoreau HPE uniform but may also use athletic clothing from home that matches the HPE uniform colors
- Athletic shoes are required for HPE
- Our HPE teachers will work with students in the first weeks of school to set expectations and inform them of the steps to purchase a uniform if they select this option
- Financial support is available for children that need it to ensure all students have access to a uniform

After School Program (ASP) Information

- After School Specialist: Colleen Myers
- The ASP is free!
- September 16th: First day of after-school activities and late buses
- Club/activity information & weekly club schedules will be posted on Schoology in the coming weeks

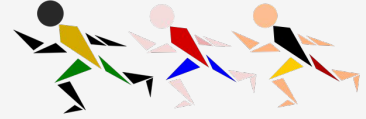
Late Bus Information

- Late buses are provided on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
 - If parents would like to pick their child up from after school, they may do so at any time before 4:45pm at the main office
- Late buses will depart Thoreau at *approximately* 4:30-5:00pm. *Times are subject to change.*
- Late bus runs differ from the morning and afternoon runs. There are fewer buses and stops. Late bus runs will be posted in the front lobby, by the cafeteria, and on Schoology by September.



Colleen Myers can be reached at cmyers@fcps.edu or 703-846-8016.

Middle School Sports



Middle School Fall Cross Country & Spring Track are back!

For more information about Middle School Sports and its requirements, access the FCPS Link listed here: [Middle School Athletics](#).

You may also contact the Thoreau Athletic Coordinator, Krissy Schnebel, at kaschnebel@fcps.edu.

FALL 2024 Middle School Sports Participant Registration Form and Physical Form

Recess

FCPS division-wide initiative

- 15 minute daily; prior to lunch
- Outside, weather permitting
- Brief break from academics and opportunity for socialization
- Students will be supervised by their 7th or 6th period teacher
- Students will go directly to lunch from recess





Technology

FCPSOn

- Technology used to amplify and support instruction.
- All students will be receiving brand new chromebooks with protective bumpers.
- Highly recommend backpack with laptop pocket.
- Please follow all procedures and have a name tag visible on the laptop.
- Laptops will be distributed through PE on Wednesday, August 21st and Thursday, August 22nd.



Schoology



- FCPS Learning Management Software
- Schoology works with Google Drive
- You will need a SIS/ParentVUE account to login to Schoology
- Students can log in using their FCPS student ID and password.
 - Students will not see any classes until the grading period starts
- As a parent or guardian, you will be able to use Schoology to view your child's class, assignments and participation, calendar, teacher comments, scores, and feedback



Schoology & ParentVUE

What's the difference?



SIS (ParentVUE) Student Information System	SCHOOLGY Learning Management System (LMS)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Class Schedules● Attendance● Grade Book of Record● Progress Reports● Student Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Course Information: resources, calendars, assignments, announcements from teachers.● Access various tools designed to facilitate student learning and communication● Teacher feedback on some assignments

Away for the Day



- Phones must be silenced (off or in airplane mode) and stored in their YONDR pouch from 7:30 AM-2:15 PM.
- Once YONDR pouches are issued to students on Tuesday, September 3rd, the pouch must be stored in a locker or backpack during the day.
- Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, Internet, calls, etc.) are to be off when phone use is prohibited.
- Phone accessories (e.g., AirPods, earbuds, headsets, and other items connected to the phone) are also to be silenced and placed in YONDR pouch.

QUESTIONS? Join us for our Parent YONDR information session on Tuesday, August 27 at 6 PM

Back to School Information



Visit our [website](#) for all of your back to school information!



Beginning of the Year Information

Back to School

Welcome Golden Eagles! We are eagerly awaiting the start of school on Monday, August 19th.

New Student Orientation

Thursday August 15th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM



- We are hosting an orientation for all 7th grade and 8th grade students who are new to Thoreau.
- Students will visit with each of their teachers and transition between classroom locations.
- This is a student-only event.
- Transportation is provided. Bus runs will pick up and return students to their base elementary school. Parents are welcome to use the Kiss-and-Ride lane.
- The most important thing you can do to prepare: Know your 1st period class/room number!

Open House, Thursday August 15th

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All Thoreau Middle School students and families are invited to join us for our Open House where you will be able to:

- Pick up a copy of your class schedule, walk the building to locate your classes, and meet your teachers!
- Learn about after school programs and activities
- Drop off medical forms and medications to our clinic
- Pick up pre-ordered school supply kits from our PTA, join the PTA
- Use MySchoolBucks to pay class fees and order PE uniforms
- Get assistance in setting up ParentVue and/or MySchoolBucks



Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 4th

5:00-7:00 PM

In person opportunity for parents and guardians to meet with teachers and learn important detailed information regarding:

- Academic outcomes for each subject
- Expectations for the school year
- Supports for students
- Communication methods for parents
- ...and more!

Thank you for Attending!

We look forward to partnering with you to ensure a successful start to the school year!

