

## Fort Zumwalt School District North Middle School

# COUGAR CONNECT

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## A Note from the Principal...

Hello NMS Community! We hope you are have a wonderful summer.

We are beginning plans for the 2021-2022 school year and would like to share a few dates and big events with you. As we plan for our return, we are hopeful to re-implement activities that will provide more opportunities for all of our students throughout the school year.

Please stay tuned by connecting with our [FZSD Website](#) for updates on guidelines and further information about the upcoming school year. You will also receive additional information from us here at NMS as we near the start of the year.

Damon Burkhart, *Principal*

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## Schedule Pick-Up for 2021-2022

Schedule Pick-Up Dates are all set and will be here before we know it. We will hold schedule pick-up in our 400 Gymnasium (see map) during the dates/hours listed below. The easiest entry will be at the glass doors near the flagpole, just off of the Sonderen Road entrance.

**Tuesday, Aug. 10:** 8 am - 3 pm - All Grades

**Wednesday, Aug. 11:** 8 am - 3 pm - All Grades

**Thursday, Aug. 12:** 1 pm - 6 pm - All Grades

Administrators and counselors will be available during these days/times and the building will be open for students to walk through their schedules.

Please note that school photos are scheduled for a school day, and will not be taken during schedule pick-up.

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## Open House & 6th Grade Transition Night

**6th Grade:** Our 6th grade students and families are invited to a Welcome Night the evening of Aug. 18. Our 6th Grade Principal, Sarah Whalen, will be reaching out with additional information.

**7th/8th Grade:** Open House for 7th/8th Grade is scheduled for Aug. 26. This open house event will be for parents only.

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## Updating your information in School Messenger

School Messenger is a messaging service that will assist us in communicating important information regarding emergencies, weather closings, cancellations and more.

*Frequently Asked Questions*

### What kind of messages will I receive from School Messenger?

School Messenger can send phone calls, emails and texts. (The Fort Zumwalt School District is not responsible for any charges that may incur from text messaging. The text messaging service is for subscribers only. If you want to inquire about data charges, please contact your wireless provider.)

### **How do I update my primary contact information?**

Please contact your student's school to keep your information up to date. If your information is inaccurate in our student information system, you will not be able to sign up for the Contact Manager. This can also prevent you from receiving a notification.

### **How do I subscribe for text messages?**

Simply text any one of the following words to 68453; subscribe, yes

You'll know you were successful if you receive the following reply message: You are registered to receive aprox 3 msgs/mo. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help

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## **Online Registration Open**

You should have received notification that our online registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. You can complete the online registration prior to joining us for Schedule Pick-Up in August. We will also have devices set up and usernames/passwords accessible, if you prefer to complete the online portion here in-person on the Schedule Pick-Up dates.

To complete online registration, you will need to log into the [Parent Portal](#). If you do not remember your password, you can click on "Forgot Password" on the sign-in screen. If you need further assistance, you can contact Jeanne Nowack, Main Office Secretary, at 636-281-2356.

\*Please note the online registration will need to be completed on a computer (not on a cell phone).

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## **Frequently Asked Questions This Time of Year**

*Where do I find Supply Lists?* Visit our NMS Website and view the [middle school supply list](#).

*How do I know what bus we will ride?* Information will be put together for our schedule pick-up. You will be able to pick up information that shares your child's bus number, along with pick-up location and time.

*Will we get to visit the school?* Our school will be open throughout the schedule pick-up days. You are welcome to walk through the building anytime those days.

*Where do I pick-up and drop-off?* Car rider drop-off and pick-up information will be shared out just before the year begins. Our doors will open at 6:45 for drop-off.

*What is the first day of school?* Our first day of school is all set for August 23. You can always find important dates using the [Quick Calendar](#) button on the NMS or FZSD websites.

*Locker Usage?* Students will not use lockers. They may carry a backpack for their Chromebook and any additional materials throughout the school day.

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## **Superintendent's Update**

In his monthly update, #FZSupt Dr. Bernie DuBray stops by #FORTITUDEonair and reviews current plans for the return to school. Tune in to learn more about federal stimulus funds available to FZSD.

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### **Important Dates**

Aug. 10, 11, 12: Schedule Pick-Up

Aug. 18: 6th Grade Welcome Night

Aug. 23: First Day of School!

Aug. 25: First Evacuation Drill - 7:55 am

Aug. 26: Open House for 7th/8th Grade

Aug. 30: 2020-21 NJHS Induction Ceremony

Sept. 2: First Intruder Drill - 9:45 am

### **Quick Links**

[NMS Website](#)

[Peachjar Flyers](#)

[Calendar](#)

[FZ Website](#)

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