



The Frederick Law Olmsted School at Kensington



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Greetings Parents and Guardians of Frederick Law Olmsted 156:

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year!

We are excited to welcome back all our students on September 8th. Below, you will find important information as we prepare to start this school year:

Fifth Grade & Freshman Orientations:

Students entering Grade 5 in the fall will have an orientation August 17-19 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. A second orientation will be held September 3rd for students that have not been assigned yet. Orientations will include a tour of the building, supply drop off as well as information on our programs and activities. Please fill out the [5th Grade Orientation Sign-Up Sheet](#) so we can prepare accordingly.

Students entering Grade 9 in the fall will have their Freshman Orientation August 17-19 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. All students are required to attend as important information will be shared. Bus pass pictures will also be taken during that time. Failure to attend will cause a delay in receiving your personalized bus pass at the start of the school year.



Fall Sports:

Fall sports begin the week of August 23rd. High School students interested in playing a sport must fill out a [registration form](#) and have an updated physical and [health form](#) on file. Please be sure to fill out a [sports interest survey](#) using the link or QR code below so that coaches can contact you with information on try-outs and practice times.

Information on Modified Sports for students in Grades 7 and 8 will be forthcoming from the Athletics Department. Once it is received, we will forward it to the school community.

Immunizations & Physical Exams:

Students planning to play a sport during the school year, students who have had COVID, as well as students entering Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will need to have an updated physical. Please be sure to make your appointment before the start of the school year and send your updated information to medicalrecords@buffaloschools.org

It is important that all students have the required immunizations before the start of the school year. All updated records must be sent to the school or to the email address above. Students without proper immunizations will be excluded from school starting September 22, 2021 in accordance to NYS Public Health Law 2164.

Social Distancing:

Frederick Law Olmsted will continue to abide by social distancing protocols as these have not been lifted by BPS. Social distancing protocols require that all individuals entering a school building complete a

health screener form, wear a mask and receive a temperature check at the door. All hallway and stairwell protocols will remain in effect to minimize contact as students travel throughout the building.

Student Information:

If you have recently moved or moved over the pandemic and need to change your address, phone number or email, please do so by filling out the attached Student Information Sheet. Once received, our office staff will update this information. Be sure to attach your proof of address (electric, gas or cable bill) with the correct address.

Please note, accurate information is crucial as most of the correspondence is sent via School Messenger calls, emails and texts. You do not want to miss out! In the event of an emergency, we need accurate information for you and your emergency contact(s).

Student Schedules:

Student schedules will be available on Infinite Campus by September 1st. Parents will be able to view schedules. High school students requiring schedule changes are asked to email their individual counselor with the request:

Middle School Guidance Counselor, Grades 5-8: Ms. Lukasik

adlukasik@buffaloschools.org

High School Guidance Counselor, Last Name A-L: Mr. VanRemmen

gvanremmen@buffaloschools.org

High School Guidance Counselor, Last Name M-Z: Mrs. Caruana

dcaruana@buffaloschools.org

Please note, specific teacher requests will not be honored. Schedule changes must address a class that is missing, based on your schedule requests submitted, change from a class that was previously passed, or an addition of a course to address a study hall period. Schedule change request are to be submitted by September 10th. No schedules will be changes will be honored after September 10th.

Supply Lists:

Teachers have provided supply lists for this upcoming school year based on grade levels for middle school students and subjects for high school students. Supply lists were created knowing students are returning to in-person instruction 5 days per week.

Transportation:

The BPS Transportation Department will send specific information regarding yellow busing for students in Grades 5-8 and those who receive door-to-door transportation.

Students in Grades 9-12 who live 1.5 miles or more away from school will be eligible for a NFTA bus pass. Bus passes will be available on the student's first day in the building. As always, students will be able to ride the Metro bus free on the first day of school. If students need assistance planning their route to school, please use the [NFTA's trip planner tool](#) to do so. Tripper buses will not be available this school year.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a safe rest of your summer!
Principal Cotto