



August/September, 2024

SCHOOLS

2024-25

Welcome!!!

Schedules will be available on Progressbook beginning August 20!

STUDENT ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE Thursday, August 22,

Orientation - 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. (Freshmen & New Students)

Open House – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (All Students)

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am proud of our accomplishments from the 2023-2024 school year and look forward to what 2024-2025 will bring the students of Ross High School. High school is the time to develop who you will be as an adult. Our staff will be here to guide and inform our students and their families toward a post-high school path of enrollment (college), employment (workforce), or enlistment (military). The partnership between the school and home is critical and we look forward to establishing communication with our families regarding our students' progress and options.

As summer comes to an end, we are proud to announce changes that have taken place at Ross High School. First and foremost, we welcome our new staff members: Mrs. Karyn Wetzel, (Intervention Specialist), Ms. Stephanie Hastings (Math), Mrs. Shellie Plant (Custodian I), Mr. Alex Brewer (Custodian I), Ms. Jacqueline Schroeder (Music/Band) and Mrs. Crystal Dymond (Science). We also welcome back to Ross, Mrs. Kerri Hosang (Intervention Specialist). We are excited to announce our new principal, Mr. Ryan Norris. Mr. Norris was born and raised in the Tiro/New Washington area and attended Buckeye Central Local Schools. He graduated from the University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in Special Education. He then earned a master's degree in Education from Heidelberg University and returned to the University of Findlay to obtain his administration license. He taught students with disabilities for 11 years with Bellevue City Schools, and has been the assistant principal of Clyde High School for the past 11 years. We are excited to welcome these individuals as members of the Ross High School team.

Inside the building, families are encouraged to fully understand the cell phone policy in the student handbook. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, students may no longer be in possession of their cell phone and earbuds in the classroom. Teachers will have a designated spot in their classroom for the students to put their phones during the class period. Should there be questions regarding this change, families are encouraged to contact the main office.

Lastly, students and their families are reminded that regular attendance matters to your school success! Good attendance is missing not more than one day of school a month, whether excused or unexcused. Poor attendance leads to lower educational outcomes (GPA, OST, ACT), the increased potential for involvement in risky behaviors, and higher dropout rates. Research has shown that high school graduates make, on average, almost \$250,000 more over a lifetime than someone who drops out. We know that it is not always easy to get to school each day, and many situations can cause a student to be absent from school. We also know that with a partnership between the school and families, we can work together to find solutions to many of these barriers. We thank you, in advance, for your efforts to help your student attend school regularly.

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. On behalf of the staff of Fremont Ross High School, we look forward to seeing you on our first day of school. Our journey will begin on Tuesday, August 27th for freshmen and Wednesday, August 28th for the rest of the student population.

Take care,
Ryan Norris, Principal



Welcome to Freshman Year at Fremont Ross High School - CLASS OF 2028

We are very excited to welcome the class of 2028 to Fremont Ross High School. Your child has begun this first step towards graduation, and it is important to realize that beginning this year, all classes taken will count toward the credits needed to graduate, and will be factored into your child's cumulative GPA. In fact, the GPA earned in the freshman year is equally as important as the GPA earned in the senior year so it is vital to start strong. Have your child ask questions often and continually monitor his or her progress on progress book.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Schell in the counseling department at 419-334-5467 or schellw@fremontschools.net with any questions or concerns as they arise. It is important that parents stay involved with their student's education throughout all four years of high school. You can also contact the assistant principal for the freshman –Mrs. Melissa Swinehart at 419-334-5461 or swinehartm@fremontschools.net.

SOPHOMORES – CLASS OF 2027

Welcome back Class of 2027! Sophomore year is filled with many expectations that will open for you a variety of pathways for graduation. Your goal this year is to build your academic portfolio and strengthen your skills and interests so that you may make informed decisions regarding your future as a student, workforce member and community stakeholder. State testing results and course credits are major factors in determining your path towards graduation. I encourage you to take ownership of your scores and grades so that you feel prepared for each step of your high school educational journey. What you do today will impact your tomorrow. Be mindful of all the new information that will be presented to you.

If you have any questions, please let me or Ms. Blanton know as soon as possible. We will do our best to help you set your goals for the school year. Our goal as a staff is to help you be successful.

Our contact information is: Mrs. Swinehart, assistant principal 419-332-5461 or swinehartm@fremontschools.net
Ms. Lesly Blanton, 10th grade School Counselor – 419-334-5479 or at blantonl@fremontschools.net

JUNIORS-CLASS OF 2026

Welcome back Juniors - Class of 2026! You are now officially halfway through your high school experience. In September, we will be coming into your English classes to speak to you about what you need to achieve this year as juniors to prepare for your senior year, graduation, and life after high school. Please feel free to schedule a meeting to have a graduation credit check done to see where you stand and what still needs to be accomplished to reach your goal of graduation. Please check your FCS email daily for important information regarding your education as well as junior class and school activities.

Mrs FJ will be setting up a Google Classroom for the Junior class. Please accept the invitation when you receive it. This is how she will be communicating important information to the Juniors.

If you have questions, or if you do not have an English class here at Ross this year or have any other questions, please contact your school counselor - Mrs. Melissa Frizzell-Joerg at 419-334-5495 or joergm@fremontschools.net or Mr. Kyle Hintze, Assistant Principal - (419) 334-5463 or at hintzek@fremontschools.net

Students, please check your school email often! Very Important information is e-mailed often from your teachers and also from the administration. Please note that some of these emails will be sent from FinalForms, so be sure to open those!

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*******ATTENTION SENIORS*******



Welcome back Class of 2025 - our Senior class! The Fremont Ross school community is excited to help you achieve your goal of graduation this school year. We encourage you to reach out to your resources and supports throughout this year to help you stay on track for graduating.

If you are a senior who has chosen the College Credit Plus, Vanguard Tech Center or Work/Community Service and are not attending Ross HS at any part of the day, be sure to check in with Ms. Shinaver, senior school counselor, periodically for important graduation and scholarship information. You will also receive announcements and updates via e-mail from FinalForms. You should also check the counseling department's website; it would be a good idea to bookmark this page- <https://sites.google.com/fremontschools.net/ross-school-counseling>. **Remember, if you are not attending classes in our building, you are responsible for checking in to see what is happening! There is a lot that takes place during your Senior year and DEADLINES matter. Communication will be key. Be sure to check your fremontschools.net email and Ms. Shinaver's google classroom regularly!**

All seniors and their parents/guardians are encouraged to schedule a Graduation Success meeting with Mr. Hintze and Ms. Shinaver during the first few months of the new school year. This meeting reviews the graduation requirements set by the State of Ohio and the Fremont City Schools district as well as your individual transcript listing all that you have already accomplished and what still needs to be achieved to reach the goal of graduation. Please contact Mr. Kyle Hintze 419.334.5463 or hintzek@fremontschools.net or Ms. Caitlin Shinaver at 419.332.4390 or shinaverc@fremontschools.net to schedule this meeting.

According to yearbook policy, all senior portraits will be taken with one photographer. Prestige by Lifetouch will be taking all of the senior portraits for the yearbook. Students may choose to have their own personal photos taken with any photographer of their choice; however, the yearbook photo **must** be taken by this company in order to be included in the yearbook.

Seniors should choose to sign up for a **FREE** photo shoot during the school day. A signup sheet is in the main office at Ross, The main date is **Wednesday, October 16. A make-up date has been set for Friday, November 15. You can sign up to have your photos taken by stopping in or calling the main office (419-332-8221)**. All photos will be taken at Ross. Portrait packages will be available for purchase. The deadline for these photographs is November 15, 2024. The yearbook dress code is as follows: **Senior males must wear a button up dress shirt and tie, and females must wear a dress blouse/sweater with sleeves. No cleavage is allowed to be visible.** If you choose not to have your photo taken with Prestige byLifetouch, you will *not* be included in the senior portrait section of the yearbook. **No exceptions!** Please schedule your appointment at school now!

Senior Alert!- If you are eligible for a Physical Education waiver for two seasons of sports participation but have not submitted any paperwork to the counseling office to verify this, you will be scheduled this year for Physical Education, a state requirement for graduation. Forms to verify your sports participation can be picked up in the counseling office. Remember, to receive a waiver, you must have two seasons of sports participation even if you have taken one semester of Physical Education. There are no partial waivers.

If any questions, please contact the school counselor – Ms. Caitlin Shinaver, 419.332.4390 or shinaverc@fremontschools.net or Mr. Kyle Hintze, Assistant Principal - 419.334.5463 or hintzek@fremontschools.net.

ALL STUDENTS AND/OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you haven't already, be sure to...

Update your Final Forms for the 2024-25 School Year

****Be sure students check their school email and parents/guardians check the email that you registered with in FinalForms daily for important information ****



STUDENTS

CALCULATOR POLICY – ROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Due to the mandated Ohio state testing, it is necessary that all students have the appropriate calculator for the course they are enrolled.

Students enrolling in Algebra II, Statistics, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus are required to purchase a TI 83, TI 83 Plus, TI 84, or TI 84 Plus graphing calculator. This will be the only calculator most students will need through their high school and college career. Calculators may be purchased at many stores around Fremont. The Math Department encourages parents to have their student pay for all or part of their own calculator.

Students enrolled in Algebra II or higher may be loaned one for the year. A Calculator Loan Contract requiring the student and a parent signature needs to be filled out and returned to the math teacher. That teacher turns the contract over to the office for verification of qualification and an administrator's signature. The student will then be given a TI 83 or 84 Plus calculator to use for the year. After the final exam, the student must return the calculator to the math teacher. If it is not returned, the cost of the calculator is added to school fees.

Students enrolling in Algebra I or Geometry are encouraged, but not required, to purchase a TI 83, TI 83 Plus, TI 84, or TI 84 Plus graphing calculator to become more familiar with its functions and use. Students enrolled in these course are required to have a TI 30 calculator for basic computations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Ross High School Main Office at 419-332-8221.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Fremont Ross Academic Boosters, a 501-3(c) organization, welcomes donations from individuals in the community. Our organization sponsors various academic awards and the annual Top 25 Banquet. The FR Academic Boosters relies on donations to support our academically high achieving students. Academic Boosters purchases academic pins, academic varsity letters, academic patches and honor cords for students that earn academic achievements throughout their high school careers.

To donate, or for more information, please contact Kimberly Beardmore at 419-334-5430 or email at beardmorek@fremontschools.net or mail a donation to: Fremont Ross Academic Boosters; Brooke Huber, Treasurer; 1100 North St, Fremont OH 43420.

ACE MENTORING

ACE (Assisting Children to Excel) Mentoring Program is a school based mentoring program at Ross High School for students in grades 9 –12 and at Fremont Middle School for grades 6-8 that provides career guidance and supportive services to participating students. Students and mentors are matched based on their career or similar interests. Our community mentors represent many careers and backgrounds and meet with their students at Ross High School and Fremont Middle School weekly during the school day. Last school year, 83 students participated in the ACE Mentoring Program.

Parent permission is required for a student to participate in ACE and to have a mentor. All mentors are required to complete an application and pass an FBI and BCI background check.

Research shows that mentoring relationships help students acquire additional confidence, learn new skills, and increase their grades and attendance. The ACE Mentoring Program within Fremont City Schools has been successful in meeting these goals.

Funding for ACE Mentoring Program is provided by the United Way of Sandusky County and Sandusky County Family & Children First Council which allows for there to be no cost for students to participate.

For more information, contact: Mrs. Susan Frye, e-mail at fryes@fremontschools.net or office: at 419.334.5484.



ProgressBook

Monitor your student's day-to-day progress!! ProgressBook is again available for all parents/guardians who have internet access. The parent log-in/password is the same as last year, unless you have changed it. If you cannot remember your information, please email Ross Secretary, Patty Dumminger (dummingerp@fremontschools.net) or Stephanie Hetrick (hetricks@fremontschools.net) with your student's name, and they will send you the information needed.

Low Grade/Low Assignment Alert! Parents can receive an email notifying them when a low grade/assignment is entered into ProgressBook by the student's teachers. To select this feature, you will need to go to the parent website (<https://parentaccess.noeca.org>), click the Little Giant icon, then click on the "Manage Alerts" section displayed in the banner under the "My Account" tab. If you need help setting this up, click on the help tab located in the right hand corner.

WWW.FREMONTSCHOOLS.NET



STAFF

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to the Little Giant family -

Principal - Mr. Ryan Norris
Custodian - Mrs. Shellie Plant
Custodian - Mr. Alex Brewer
Custodian - Ms. Brandy Hoffman
Math - Ms. Stephanie Hastings
Intervention Specialist - Mrs Kerri Hosang - *Welcome Back*
Intervention Specialist - Mrs. Karyn Wetzel
Music - Ms. Jacqueline Schroeder
Science- Mrs. Crystal Dymond
Nurse - Ms. Briana Ringenach
Paraprofessional - Miss Ivi Weichman
SRO - Officer Ashley O'Connor
Speech - Ms. Holly Vancena



Please join us in giving a big Little Giant welcome to our new staff at Fremont Ross!

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Throughout the school year students, parents or guardians may need to contact the school. We hope the following information is helpful:

MAIN OFFICE – 419/332-8221

Principal: Ryan Norris 334-5420
Asst. Principal: Kyle Hintze 334-5463 (Juniors & Seniors)
Asst. Principal: Melissa Swinehart 334-5461 (Freshmen & Sophomores)
Coordinator: John Cahill 332-4451
Office Manager: Sandy Harman 334-5421
Secretary: Patty Dummering 332-8221
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE OFFICE – 419/334-2742

Attendance Secretary: Judy Zyski
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

FINANCE OFFICE – 419/334-5426

Finance Secretary: Robin Mohr
Office Hours: 6:45 a.m.—3:15 p.m.

ATHLETIC OFFICE

Phone: 419/332-6462 & 419/334-5424
Director: Chad Berndt
Secretary: Stephanie Martin
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

FIRST AID OFFICE

Phone: 334-5469
Nurse: Briana Ringenbach, BSN, RN.
Office Hours – 7:15-2:45

COUNSELING OFFICE

Counselors:
Bill Schell (9th) 334-5467
Lesly Blanton (10th) 334-5479
Melissa Frizzell-Joerg (11th) 334-5495
Caitlin Shinaver (12th) 332-4390
Secretary: Stephanie Hetrick 334-6791
Office Hours: 7:00-3:30 Counselor Hours – 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.



For email addresses of staff members, go to www.fremontschools.net and click on Staff Directory on the left hand side.



V.I.I. - Very Important Information

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIORS!



Parents and Guardians of Seniors-

Ohio law requires students entering 12th grade be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. The students are required to have the MCV4 immunization prior to the first day of 12th grade.

Please contact the Sandusky County Health Department at 419-334-6367 or your family physician to schedule an appointment. Students not in compliance with the immunization requirements are to be excluded from school attendance no later than the 15th day of the school year.

If you have questions, please contact the nurse, Briana Ringenbach, RN at 419-334-5469, or by email at ringenbachb@fremontschools.net. Please provide documentation to the nurse as soon as possible after your student receives the required immunization. Additional information can be found at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) website or by calling the Sandusky County Dept of Health.



YEARBOOK ORDERING SENIOR PHOTO SCHEDULING SENIOR BABY ADS



2024-25 Yearbooks are now ON SALE! Pre-order your copy today at yearbookforever.com and use the coupon code **EARLYBIRD** to save! We have sold out the last four years, so guarantee your copy today by pre-ordering now!

SENIORS - Prestige by Lifetouch will be our photographer for your 2025 Senior Yearbook Portrait. The main date is **Wednesday, October 16**. **A make-up date has been set for Friday, November 15. You can sign up to have your photos taken by stopping in or calling the main office (419-332-8221).** All photos will be taken at Ross. The deadline for these photographs is November 15, 2024. The yearbook dress code is as follows: **Senior males must wear a button up dress shirt and tie, and females must wear a dress blouse/sweater with sleeves. No cleavage is allowed to be visible.** If you choose not to have your photo taken with Prestige by Lifetouch, you will *not* be included in the senior portrait section of the yearbook. **No exceptions!** Please schedule your appointment at school now!

SENIOR PARENTS - Senior Baby Ads are now available for purchase online at yearbookforever.com. Showcase your 2025 Senior and send him/her a special message. Deadline to purchase is November 17th.



Student Dress Code -

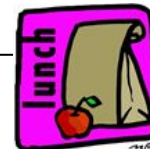
There are no changes to the Student Dress Code Policy for the upcoming school year.

Electronics/Cell Phone Policy -

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Food Service -

Fremont City Schools is very excited to announce that all Fremont City School District students are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast AND lunch at school at no charge to families. Students will be able to purchase extra food items at FMS and Ross. Funds can be added to a student account at: <https://fremontcity.familyportal.cloud/>.



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

School Calendar -

Please check the District website, www.fremontschools.net for the 2024-25 school calendar
Click on Schools & the Ross page for information regarding Ross High School (*updates coming soon*)

The first day of school for students in Grade 9 is August 27th
The first day of school for students in Grades 10-12 is August 28 (9th graders also attend)
The school day for Ross High will remain 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Be sure both students & guardians check your email daily. Important information is sent via Final Forms.

SCHOOL PICTURE & ID PHOTO DAY

Friday, September 6 students will all have their picture taken by Lifetouch. **ALL** students will have their photo taken for ID purposes. Photo packaged can also be ordered.

Students should be bringing home a flyer on the 1st day of school so you can order photos. There is also a flyer attached with this newsletter. Students will be going to the photographer with their English classes. If your student does not have an English class at Ross, they should go to the main gym before school or during a study hall.



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Keeping Informed & ALERTS



We do our best to keep you informed! The daily announcements are sent to the student and the family emails that are registered in FinalForms. Other important information is sent regularly also to the email addresses that are registered in FinalForms. Please remember to log on to your email daily to check for emails from FinalForms.

Please remember to log on to FinalForms to complete your 2024-25 forms. Also, please make any updates throughout the year to addresses, emails, phone #, emergency contacts, Alert contacts, custody and other important information the school needs regarding your student(s).



START SAVING FOR COLLEGE TODAY



College savings accounts are a great way to start putting away money for the future. The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority has created “College Advantage”, Ohio’s 529 savings program. The 529 program is an option used by many to invest in their child’s future today. Parents can learn more about Ohio’s College Advantage 529 program at <https://www.collegeadvantage.com/new-to-collegeadvantage/why-collegeadvantage-529>. If your student has a summer job, he or she can also make contributions to the account which will be used down the road to help pay college expenses.

Increase Your Chances at College Scholarships by Volunteering!

Most college scholarship applications ask the student what he or she has done for his or her community over the course of his or her high school career. Sandusky county is loaded with opportunities for students ages 14 and up to volunteer in many different areas. For a comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities see the Ross High Counseling Department.



Regular Schedule				2 Hour Delay		
Period	Time	Minutes		Period	Time	Minutes
1st period	7:30-8:22	52		1st period	9:30-10:05	35
2nd Period	8:26-9:18	52		2nd Period	10:09-10:44	35
3rd Period	9:22-10:16 (HR)	54		3rd Period	10:48-11:24 (HR)	36
4th Period	10:20-10:46 (Lunch)	26		4th Period	11:28-11:54 (Lunch)	26
5th Period	10:50-11:12	22		5th Period	11:58-12:03	5
6th Period	11:16-11:42 (Lunch)	26		6th Period	12:07-12:33 (Lunch)	26
7th Period	11:46-12:08	22		7th Period	12:37-12:42	5
8th Period	12:12-12:38 (Lunch)	26		8th Period	12:46-1:12 (Lunch)	26
9th Period	12:42-1:34	52		9th Period	1:16-1:51	35
10th Period	1:38-2:30	52		10th Period	1:55-2:30	35
AM Activity Period				PM Activity Period		
Period	Time	Minutes		Period	Time	Minutes
1st period	7:30-8:14	44		1st period	7:30-8:14	44
2nd Period	8:18-9:02	44		2nd Period	8:18-9:02	44
3rd Period	9:06-9:50 (HR)	44		3rd Period	9:06-9:50 (HR)	44
Activity	9:54-10:48	54		4th Period	9:54-10:20 (Lunch)	26
4th Period	10:52-11:18 (Lunch)	26		5th Period	10:24-10:38	14
5th Period	11:22-11:36	14		6th Period	10:42-11:08 (Lunch)	26
6th Period	11:40-12:06 (Lunch)	26		7th Period	11:12-11:26	14
7th Period	12:10-12:24	14		8th Period	11:30-11:56 (Lunch)	26
8th Period	12:28-12:54 (Lunch)	26		9th Period	12:00-12:44	44
9th Period	12:58-1:42	44		10th Period	12:48-1:32	44
10th Period	1:46-2:30	44		Activity	1:36-2:30	54
Pep Assembly				SEL Schedule		
Period	Time	Minutes		Period	Time	Minutes
1st period	7:30-8:18	48		SEL	7:30 - 7:56	26
2nd Period	8:22-9:10	48		1st period	8:00-8:48	48
3rd Period	9:14-10:02 (HR)	48		2nd Period	8:52-9:40	48
4th Period	10:06-10:32 (Lunch)	26		3rd Period	9:44-10:32 (HR)	48
5th Period	10:36-10:54	18		4th Period	10:36-11:02 (Lunch)	26
6th Period	10:58-11:24 (Lunch)	26		5th Period	11:06-11:24	18
7th Period	11:28-11:46	18		6th Period	11:28-11:54 (Lunch)	26
8th Period	11:50-12:16 (Lunch)	26		7th Period	11:58-12:16	18
9th Period	12:20-1:08	48		8th Period	12:20-12:46 (Lunch)	26
10th Period	1:12-2:00	48		9th Period	12:50-1:38	48
Pep Rally	2:04-2:30	26		10th Period	1:42-2:30	48