



FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018—2019 WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

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One **COMMUNITY** One **VISION**
One **VOTE**

Ewing Public Schools

REFERENDUM '18
VOTE October 2, 2018

WELCOME BACK!!



Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Fisher Middle School. Our mission at Fisher Middle School is to promote the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of the unique middle level learner. We promote students to SOAR all day, every day. We expect that students learn to be safe, take ownership of their actions, achieve at their highest capability, and act respectfully towards every adult and student. At Fisher Middle School, we strive to provide students with the opportunity to reach their highest learning potential. We believe in creating an atmosphere of collaboration among all community

members, working together as a team to ensure our students achieve high levels of academic and developmental success. We look forward to meeting all parents at our Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. We will also have a Title I informational night for parents in the auditorium at 5:30 p.m. on the same night. We look forward to a great 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Maggy Hanna

FMS Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 5th—1st Day of School

Sept. 10—School Closed—Staff Development

Sept. 11th—Red, White & Blue Day

Sept. 12th—Picture Day

Sept. 13th—Back to School Night

Sept. 19th—School Closed—Yom Kippur

Oct. 2nd—Early Dismissal—Parent Conference

Oct. 18th—Picture Make-up Day

FMS SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

SOAR all day, every day!
SOAR to your highest potential!

- * **Safety:** Always be safe!
- * **Ownership:** Take responsibility for your actions!
- * **Achievement:** Work to your highest potential!
- * **Respect:** Show respect to all adults and students!



STUDENT DROP-OFF AREA

Pupils should not arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. Doors do not open before

8:00 a.m. Students who are driven to school by their parents should be dropped off in the circle. Upon arrival, students are to wait outside.

Students are not to be dropped off or picked up in the parking lot. They should be picked up on the circle between 3:05 and 3:25 p.m. **Passing other vehicles is not permitted at either time.**

FALL PHOTO DATES



Lifetouch has set dates for student photos to be taken this fall. The date has been set for **Wednesday, September 12th**. The make-up date and re-take date has been set for **Thursday, October 18th**.

If you want your child's picture re-taken, you need to have him/her bring the full packet back to school on October 18th.

Please be on the lookout for more information regarding available package options.

EMERGENCY DRILLS



Throughout the school year, we will be practicing various emergency procedures by holding fire, evacuation, and lock down drills. If you hear your child talking about these events, please remember they are only drills. Should a real emergency situation occur, parents will be notified as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact the school with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this.

REMINDERS:

Fall Sports:

If you are planning on participating in a fall sport and have not returned your athletic participation packet, please submit your packet to the Fisher Middle School nurse as soon as possible. Packets can be accessed on the Fisher webpage.



Students cannot participate until they have been cleared by the nurse.

6th Grade Immunizations:

All incoming 6th grade students are required to receive both the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines before the first day of school. Please forward your child's shot records to the Fisher Nurse's office prior to the first day of school.

HOMEWORK/BULLETIN:

You can access team homework via Fisher Middle School's webpage: www.ewing.k12.nj.us

On the Fisher page, click on Homework Center where you will be able to access your team and elective(s) homework. This will be posted by approximately 4 pm daily.



Also, the daily parent bulletin with the Fisher happenings will be posted daily onto the school webpage.

Please check them regularly!

BUS SAFETY RULES



This excerpt is taken directly from the National Safety Council. Please review these bus safety rules with your children:

School buses are the safest way for students to travel, but children also need to do their part to stay alert and aware of their surroundings to prevent injury. NSC urges parents to teach their children the following safety rules for getting on and off the bus, and for exercising good behavior while riding.

Getting on the Bus:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness
- Do not stray onto the street, alleys or private property
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus
- Use the handrail when boarding

Behavior on the Bus:

- If seat belts are available on the bus, buckle up
- Don't speak loudly or make loud noises that could distract the driver
- Stay in your seat
- Don't put your head, arms or hands out the window
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags
- Get your belongings together before reaching your stop
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat

Getting Off the Bus:

- Use the handrail when exiting
- If you have to cross in front of the bus, first walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the driver
- Make sure the driver can see you
- Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing
- When the driver signals, look left, right, then left again. Walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes
- If your vision is blocked, move to an area where you can see other drivers and they can see you
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver signals it is safe
- Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times