Greetings Ferndale High School Family and Friends,

I wanted to take this time to welcome you back to Ferndale High School for the opening of what promises to be a wonderful school year! This is a time of great anticipation of what is to come, and we are excited to start another school year with you!

Please review the hard copy of your student’s emergency card in this mailing and make any necessary changes. Sign and return all emergency forms during freshman orientation or student registration on your assigned date listed below. If your emergency form is correct, please sign it and return it during those times as well. All required forms must be turned in before student schedules will be released.

We know everyone is excited to find out what classes they have and who their teachers will be this year. We will be handing out student schedules during student registration sessions in late August (please see dates below). It is critical that you attend the appropriate session so that you are well prepared for the new school year. Please contact the office if you are unable to make your scheduled time.

In addition, school pictures and ID photos will be taken during your scheduled registration time in order to reduce the number of times students are pulled out of class. Picture forms are included in all student packets.

**Freshman Orientation** is being held on **Tuesday, August 20, from 9AM to 11AM**.
Our experience has shown that many freshmen come to high school not understanding the critical role that ninth grade plays in their high school career. Please make every effort to have your child in attendance for this event. Freshmen will receive their schedule and locker information on **Wednesday, August 28, 2019**. This will allow the counselors enough time to ensure accurate scheduling for all students. **Let’s get off to a great start with the Class of 2023!**

**Registration & Picture Day Schedule**

**11th & 12th Graders**
- Students with last names starting with A-M: Tuesday, August 27th, Report: 9AM-11AM
- Students with last names starting with N-Z: Tuesday, August 27th, Report: 11AM-1PM

**10th Graders**
- All 10th grade students: Wednesday, August 28th, Report: 9AM-11AM

**Incoming 9th Graders (Pictures & Schedules)**
- Wednesday, August 28th, Report: 11AM-1PM
**Student Schedules**

Any student that is unable to attend their designated registration and schedule pick up time will be able to access their schedule on MiStar beginning Sunday, *September 1, 2019*. Please make sure that Emergency forms are turned in on the first day of school in the Assistant Principal’s Office. Also, please note that schedule changes are limited to the following reasons:

- Schedule is missing a core class
- Class level problem (Regular, Honors, AP)
- Other

Check your student email account after August 28, for a Google Form that you will need to complete if a schedule change is necessary.

**Other important dates to note:**

- **Curriculum Night**  
  Thursday *September 12th*  
  *(Times TBD)*

- **Senior Parent Night**  
  Thursday, *September 12th*  
  *(Times TBD)*

*Please note that these events are on the same night and senior parents will be able to attend both.*

- **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**  
  Wednesday, *October 16th*  
  Thursday, *October 17th*  
  *(Times TBD)*

New this year will be the addition of a School-Based Health Center through Honor Community Health, a non-profit organization that offers comprehensive and integrated primary, behavioral health and dental care in Oakland County. The center will be located in the school and staffed with licensed and board certified professionals. Enclosed you’ll find the forms that you will need to complete before your son/daughter can be seen in their office. Staff members will be available to collect the forms during Freshmen Orientation and Student Registration. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Ande Ball, School Engagement Coordinator, at 248-658-8491 or ande@honorcommhealth.org.

Finally, there is one last reminder that I have for you. Each year our school receives additional state and federal money titled 31A. This additional money is used by the school district to fund things like security and student intervention programs in our buildings. Each year our 31A allotment from the government comes from our amount of students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch. This year we are asking that each family fill out a free and reduced form regardless if they think they are eligible or not.

If you have any questions regarding the required forms or the lunch forms, feel free to call Carrie Hall in our Food Service’s office at 248-586-8703

I’m looking forward to a fantastic school year. Go Eagles!

Sincerely,
Lisa Williams, Principal