Message From The Principal

It has been a busy summer getting FDSH ready to welcome back students and staff, and we cannot wait to have our halls and classrooms filled again! The custodial staff has been hard at work this summer, and the building looks wonderful.

There will be a number of changes this year at FDSH this year. For one, we are excited to welcome the new staff at the Senior High and to welcome some returning staff to new positions. Although I am not a new face at FDSH, I will be moving into a new position as Principal, so I wanted to share a little information about myself. I am an FDSH alum, and am a graduate of UNI (BA) and ISU (MA). I spent 23 years teaching language arts and social studies, first at the middle school level in Davenport, Iowa, and then at Fort Dodge Senior High. I am starting my second year in administration. I am the mother of three Dodgers: Annie (FDSH class of 2017 - entering her junior year at the University of Iowa), Jacob (FDSH class of 2020), and Molly (FDSH class of 2024). I have been married for 25 years to my husband, Jason, another FDSH alum. My roots run deep here, and I am excited to continue building on that tradition.
Dodger Stadium Expectations:
The Fort Dodge Senior High varsity football team plays its home opener against Mason City August 30 at 7 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. Admission will be $6 per person regardless of age. We also want to remind students, parents, and community members who plan to support our team of the expectations at Dodger Stadium:

- All kindergarten through 6th grade students must be accompanied by an adult to enter the stadium
- 5th and 6th grade students are required to sit in the west stands with an adult
- 7th and 8th grade students must show their student identification and then will be allowed to sit in the designated section of the east stands
- All fans are expected to be kind, be responsible, be respectful and be safe.

Dodger pride is a deep tradition and following these expectations will allow all spectators to have a positive and memorable Dodger Stadium experience. We hope to see you cheering on the Dodgers this season!
Another change in our building this year is that we are adjusting the bell schedule within the school day. In order to reintroduce grade-alike homerooms and provide a time for an MTSS structure in the day, we are blocking Thursdays and Fridays. Thursdays, we will meet with periods 1-4 only for 84 minute periods. Fridays, we will meet with periods 5-8 for those same 84 minute periods. On Thursdays and Fridays, students will have a 34 minutes homeroom/MTSS period in the afternoon. We are excited about the opportunity this gives us to provide targeted interventions to students in real time. We are also eager to get students back with a consistent homeroom advisor.

This year is going to be all about challenging each other and ourselves. Dodgers can do anything when we put our minds to it. Therefore, we want our students to reach higher than they’ve ever reached, dream bigger than they’ve ever dreamed, and be better than they’ve ever been. Our administrators, teachers, and support staff are here for them as they make that journey. Our singular purpose is to create an environment that allows our students to find their success. Together we will make this year one that is challenging, rewarding, and filled with growth and discovery.

Ms. Staci Laird
FDSH Principal
IDPH Requires 12th Grade Immunization
The Iowa Department of Public Health requires students entering 12th grade to have a meningitis immunization. If your child still needs this vaccine, please ensure he or she receives it prior to school starting on August 27th. If you are unsure whether your student has met this requirement, please contact the school nurse.
Fort Dodge Senior High

Newsletter

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DODGER DATES

August 7: 6:30pm: FDCS Foundation Meeting @ Cent. Adm. Bldg
August 12: 6:00pm: Board of Education Meeting @ Central Office
August 22: 7:45pm: Fall Sports Pep Rally @ Dodger Stadium
August 26: 10:00am: Freshman Orientation @ Senior High

August 27: First Day of School

District Compliance

It is the policy of the Fort Dodge Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ancestry, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, physical attributes, religion, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, veteran’s status, actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, services, and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact Steph Anderson, Director of Student Services-Elementary and Dr. Kirsten Doebel-Secondary, Central Administration Office, 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, (574-5678) or contact the Civil Rights Midwestern Division for U. S. Department of Education Office, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544. (Alternate for Section 504 is Lynnae Harvey, Director of Special Needs, 515-574-5675).

The District’s Compliance Coordinator for Affirmative Action is Lesa Negus, who can be reached at 574-5657 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

The District’s Designated Investigator of Physical/Sexual Abuse of Students by School Employees are Steph Anderson (Director of Student Services-Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services-Secondary). They can be reached at 574-5678 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. The alternate is Corey Moody. He can be reached at 574-5469 or 819 North 25th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

The District’s Officers for Harassment Complaints and Allegations are Steph Anderson-Elementary and Dr. Kirsten Doebel-Secondary, Director of Student Services. They can be reached at 574-5678 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.