



## Brave Welcome

We are excited to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year at Flathead High School. The 2019-20 school year brings an end to our construction project. Students will enjoy new classrooms, flexible spaces, and a new gym. There's lots to check out during our Brave Welcome days, August 21-22!

Students and parents can take care of all steps during their class's allotted times during our Brave Welcome. Lockers, schedules, class fees, activity participation fees, spirit packs, lunch accounts, PE uniforms, FHS clothing from our student store, and parking permits can all be finalized during this time.

Freshmen and new students should allow an hour to complete all the steps. We will have print copies of schedules for freshmen; all other students are asked to access their schedule and locker assignment online through Power School. Power School opens on August 22.

With 410 9<sup>th</sup> Graders, we are dividing the time by last name to alleviate congestion and waiting. Freshmen families please park in the south parking lot and enter through Commons, where we will be set up to help you. Come to FHS during the following times:

Grade 9	Commons Area	Wednesday, August 21	Last Names A-G:	10-11:30
			Last Names H-O:	12-1:30
			Last Names P-Z:	1:30-3:00

Grade 10	Main Office	Thursday, August 22	1:00-4:00 PM
Grade 11	Main Office	Thursday, August 22	9:00-12:00 AM
Grade 12	Main Office	Thursday, August 22	7:00-9:00 AM

**Senior locker privilege:** Line up outside the east Commons doors. 5:00 AM is the earliest students may congregate on campus. We will open the doors at 7:00 AM on August 22. You will be given instructions at that time on how to select your locker.

Any student who is unable to attend on their scheduled time and day is welcome any time August 23 or later during school hours.

### **Payments:**

We can process cash, check, and credit card payments. The lunch account is paid separately from the other items in the list below.

Class fees – Art, VoAg, Vocational	\$15
Culinary Pro Start – additional certification fee	\$30
PE Uniform-All freshmen are required to purchase one. Older students can reuse ones from previous years. Two semesters of PE are required for graduation.	\$15
Activity fee (includes participation fee and activity ticket)	\$60
Activity ticket	\$25
Spirit Pack	\$30
Lunch account –Any dollar amount can be deposited, allowing students to use their ID number to pay for meals each day	
Flathead gear will be available for purchase (optional)	
Yearbook (optional)	\$60

### **Communication via Bright Arrow**

Informational and emergency communication will occur via our Bright Arrow phone and email system. We send emails and voice messages throughout the year. It is critical that we have current mailing and email addresses as well as phone numbers. Updating your information will be part of the Brave Welcome process.

### **Freshman Day**

The first day of school for 9<sup>th</sup> graders is Wednesday, August 28, a day for **Freshmen only**. This day is designed to help ease the transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is full of activities to help Freshmen become acquainted with FHS. All buses will run on the regular time schedule. This is a regular school day and attendance will be taken. Classes that would regularly meet off campus or at the Vo-Ag center will meet in the Commons.

### **Student I.D.**

All students will be provided a student identification card at no charge. Students may use last year's ID until they are issued a new student ID after picture day. Students who do not have an ID card can use their student ID number found on their schedule until they receive an ID.

### **Lunch Account**

Students can deposit money into their account at the cafeteria and then purchase food by accessing their account. Free and reduced lunch forms are available at the cafeteria or in the main office, and all information is kept confidential.

### **Pay Fees Online (There is a \$2 fee for this service)**

This program allows you to make most school-related fee payments online via credit card at your convenience. Class fees, yearbook purchases, activity fees plus many other expenses can be paid directly from your home computer using a major credit card. Here's how!

1. Using your computer at home login to [www.MySchoolFees.com](http://www.MySchoolFees.com).
2. Select [REGISTER] and register with MySchoolFees as a User. Select your student's school and enter your Student's ID (included on your child's schedule). When you return to MySchoolFees.com you will use your email address and your password to re-enter the site.
3. Select "student items". Your student's fees will be listed.

### **School Pictures**

School pictures for grades 9, 10, and 11 will be taken on September 11 & 12 in the high school auditorium foyer. If a student does not plan on purchasing a class picture, they will still need to have their photo taken in order to receive a student ID and be included in the yearbook. Dress code applies, ask at the main office if you have questions. Senior portraits for the yearbook are due November 22, 2019. Information can be found in the Student Handbook.

### **Parking Permits**

Any student parking on school property during school hours will be required to display a parking permit. Permits will be issued free of charge (first permit) at the FHS office at the beginning of the school year. Students must bring a current vehicle registration in order to secure a parking permit. If you obtained a permit last year, it is valid for the current year. Permits are non-transferrable between vehicles. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for lost or additional permits. **We encourage students to use the parking lots. Flathead parking permits are not valid in the residential parking district.** Residential parking permits are available at City of Kalispell offices.

### **Flathead Parent Group**

Interested in getting involved at FHS? The Flathead Parent Group meets the first Wednesday of each month with their first meeting Wednesday, September 5th, at 12:00 noon in the FHS conference room. The Parent Group is a volunteer organization whose mission is to encourage and support the student body, staff, and families of FHS. Last year we hosted parent education events around social media use and on the dangers of vapor devices.

### **Follow Us on Twitter & Facebook**

Stay connected to FHS happenings through social media. Our Facebook page is "Flathead High School." Find us on Twitter at @Flathead\_High. We love posting news about our students and staff.

### **Open House – Flathead Family Night**

We will be hosting our open house on Wednesday, September 11, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The evening will kick off with a free dinner in the commons. Please mark your calendars – more information to follow!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. Our main office line is 751-3500, or stop by the main office.