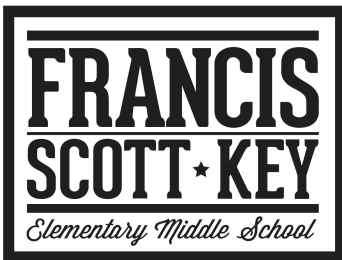


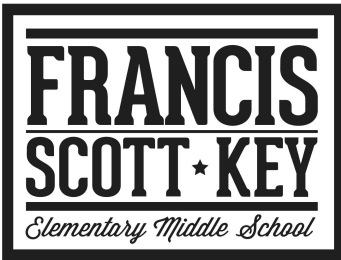
2021-2022 FSK Welcome Letter

We are excited that you will be joining the Francis Scott Key (FSK) community for the 21-22 SY and beyond! As a result of our ever-changing world due to the pandemic, the information below is a subject to change:

First day of School	Monday, August 30th
New Bell Schedule	8:30am- 3:10pm
All Students-Pre-K through 8	
Updated AM and PM Building Entrance	<p><i>**Due to the enrollment increase in our lower grades, all students will be outside until 8:30am (unless eating breakfast, see below)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades Pre-K and K will enter and exit at entry #1 near alley be picked up from the gym in the morning. *Parent/Guardian pick up mandatory* ● Grade 1 will enter/exit at entry #2 near the playground ● Grades 2 and 3 will enter/exit from entry #4, the doors to the left of the main entrance ● Grades 4 and 5 will enter/exit from entry #5 the side doors to the right of the main entrance ● Grades 6 will enter/exit from the bus loop entry #6 ● Grades 7 and 8 will enter and exit from the side of the building, entry #7 <p><i>*If there is inclement weather or the temperature is below 32 degrees, students will be allowed to come into the main hallway and/or cafeteria before 8:15 am</i></p>
Breakfast and Lunch	Baltimore City offers free breakfast and lunch to all students. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 8:15-8:30am. (enter the front doors and turn right. Make your next right, the cafeteria is on your left.) Both menus can be found online at Baltimore City Public Schools website. For Lunch, children are allowed to bring their own packed lunches.
Uniforms	Pre- K through 5 th grade students are required to wear light blue (tops) and beige bottoms (skirts, jumpers, slacks or shorts). A light blue or navy cardigan can be worn over uniform shirts as temperatures vary in the building throughout the year. Students in grades 6-8 wear dark blue tops and beige bottoms. A more detailed uniform document will be posted on Bloomz and our website https://wearefsk.org/uniform-transportation-information/
COVID Protocols	<p>While subject to change, here are some basic protocols that we anticipate to launch the SY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mandatory mask wearing for everyone inside the school building ● COVID Testing will take place <p>I will be hosting a COVID Protocol Parent Town Hall on Tuesday, August 24th at 6pm to discuss more. Log-In Information: https://bcps-k12-md-us.zoom.us/j/87047027729?pwd=SnptcFNnNThPWnBDUmJEeUEvcTJqZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 870 4702 7729 Passcode: 094336</p>



Visitors at FSK COVID Protocols	While nothing is official, I anticipate that City Schools will have restrictions on visitors. I will share more information through the summer and at the COVID Protocol Town Hall scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, August 24th.
Checking in at the Main Office	<i>*Subject to change based on City Protocols*</i> All parents and visitors must check in at the main office. If you are dropping off belongings, we will have the student called to the main office. If you must move through the building, you must receive a visitors badge... <i>please bring your ID!</i> We are asking that you limit late arrivals and early dismissals as much as possible. Both circumstances are impactful on our instructional delay and we hope to limit disruptions as much as possible this SY.
Classroom Supply Lists	Supply Lists will be posted on our website: https://wearefsk.org/back-to-school-21-22/
Communication	FSK uses an online communication system called Bloomz. Administration and teachers will use the platform to send information to the school community/class community. Since the platform syncs with Infinite Campus (IC), we have found that it makes most sense to perform the sync at the middle/end of the first week of school. You will get info on how to sign up for Bloomz and what to expect before the launch. We will also post on our website during the summer @ https://wearefsk.org/ Be sure to follow Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle on Facebook
City Schools Calendar:	Check Out the 21-22 City Schools Calendar: https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/calendar
Summer evening play date for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarteners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 7/28, 5:15-6:45 pm at the FSK playground • Thursday 8/12, 5:15-6:45 pm at the FSK playground *Bring a water bottle and a snack! Email us at FSK076@gmail.com with any questions.
New Parent Pre-K and K Orientation August 12th 10-11:30am or 4-5:30pm at FSK (2nd Playdate to follow 4pm session)	In order to ensure a smooth transition for new Pre-K and K families, we will be hosting two in-person parent information sessions. Please RSVP here: Pre-K and K Summer Orientation <i>Zoom Option (for families that can not make it)</i> https://bcps-k12-md-us.zoom.us/j/83930550717?pwd=Z1JOUtaZzNBVWxBSmNEbnQ4ekMwUT09 Meeting ID: 839 3055 0717 Passcode: 801812
Rising 6th Graders Orientation Tuesday, August 17th 9am-12pm	We will host our annual 6 th grade orientation on Tuesday, August 17 th from 9am-12:00pm. You will have a chance to see the school, meet your teachers, and learn more about what FSK has to offer during the Middle School years! Please RSVP here: 6th Grade Summer Orientation <i>Zoom Option: (for families that can not make it)</i> Join Zoom Meeting https://bcps-k12-md-us.zoom.us/j/87333529898?pwd=UHJSRytJVldFV2xwN3Q3bENrRkNZUT09 Meeting ID: 873 3352 9898 Passcode: 542195



<p>FSK “Peek at your Seat” and Supply Drop Off at FSK</p>	<p>Pending City Schools Guidelines, we will host a “Peek at your Seat” and Supply Drop off at FSK on: Thursday, August 26-9am-4pm. More information will be sent out via Bloomz, email, and posted on our website.</p> <p><i>*Please ensure that you label the supplies for easy distribution on opening day. This is NOT a time to have conversations with teachers and staff, they will be busy with Professional Development and room preparation*</i></p>
<p>Opening Day PTO Meet and Greet</p>	<p>As we have done in the past, we plan on holding a PTO Meet and Greet during the opening day of school (Aug 30) Pending protocols, this will take place in the café or outside. More information to be released as we work out the details.</p>
<p>Monthly PTO Meetings</p>	<p>We are slated to hold monthly PTO meetings on the 3rd WED of each month. Due to the start date, our first PTO meeting is slated to take place on WED, September 8th. More details to follow.</p>
<p>Do You Need Before and Aftercare?</p>	<p>Contact PJ Mathews and Andrea Moore at aluprogram@gmail.com.</p>
<p><u>Save the Date:</u> Back to School Night-September 22nd 6:00-8:00pm</p>	<p>More details to follow</p>
<p><u>Save the Date:</u> Locust Point Festival (LPF)</p>	<p>The LPF is set for Saturday, September 11th at Latrobe Park. Look for more details about this event on our Facebook Page and beyond! It’s a wonderful fun-filled day where FSK hosts the kid’s games and activities table.</p>

If there are questions that arise, please email us at FSK076@gmail.com and cbasmajian@bcps.k12.md.us.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we’ll see you soon!

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