



10 May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that we are just two weeks away from the end of the 2018/2019 school year. We are busy wrapping things up, and I thought it may be helpful for you to see everything calendared for the rest of the year. At the same time, though I hate to bring up anything negative, I want to make you aware of a couple of issues in the hopes that together we can make a positive change for the remainder of the year and into the future.

The first concern has to do with cell phones at school. We want our students physically and mentally present in our classes with the goal of learning what our teachers are teaching. This has become increasingly difficult with students distracted by smart cell phones, whether being wrapped up in social media, text messages, and/or videos outside of Content Keeper, our network security filter. Our school site council has been discussing this for months and we would like to make a change to our policy, collecting phones at the beginning of the day and locking them up while returning them at the end of the day. This will be one of the things I address at our transition meetings on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

A second concern involves Juuls and vaping. This has become a national issue, one that our students are curious about and researching as well as experimenting with, both at school and outside of school. The vaping industry targets our youth, and they are, unfortunately, responding. We suspend outside of school for students found to be in possession of paraphernalia and participating in vaping on campus and will work to better educate our students and staff in the coming year. Check out <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>13</b> 7/8 Grade Wet and Wild Trip 5:30 am- 9:00pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sneak Peak Student of the Month Banquet 6:00 pm MPR	<b>16</b> Fairbanks Choir Concert <b>FMS</b> MPR 6:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Final Saturday School
<b>20</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Finals 2,4,6  <b>Transition Meetings:</b> 6:30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm 5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>21</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Finals for periods 1, 3, 6 7-8 Grade Finals for periods 1, 3, 7 8 <sup>th</sup> Chromebook Turnin 2:06pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Safelife Graduation 9:00am <b>Transition Meetings:</b> 6:30pm 6 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm 7 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Grades DUE	<b>22</b> 6 Grade Finals for 2, 6, 8 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Finals for 2, 4, 6 Promotion Practice and Activity Day <b>Promotion Dance Guest Pass Due</b>	<b>23</b> 5/6 Rewards Day for grades, effort, behavior, and attendance. 5-7 <sup>th</sup> Chromebook Turnin 8:00 am 8 <sup>th</sup> Yearbook Distribution Awards Assembly @10:30am <b>8<sup>th</sup> Promotion</b> 7:30 pm	<b>24 Half Day</b> 5-7 <sup>th</sup> Awards Assembly 9:00am Yearbook Dist.  <b>HS Graduation</b> 7:30 pm	<b>25</b>

The end of the year is always bittersweet, as we push and push our students to achieve to the very last day of school despite their push back because they feel summer around the corner. We have a wonderful Fairbanks community, and we couldn't do all we do without your support. Over the summer, we will continue to improve on our practice as we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year which begins Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>!

Wishes for a wonderful summer!

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