



FRANK BLACK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Good afternoon Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the great weather this week! Thanksgiving break is right around the corner!

Updates

- FBMS had another **GREAT** turnout this week with UIL academics and one act play earning first place in both competitions! Debate had a breakout tournament as well with one team earning second place overall and an outstanding sixth grade student winning best speaker! One Act Play moves on to district this week. Wish us luck!
- Basketball season begins this week, girls play here vs. M.C. Williams beginning at 3:30 and boys play at M.C. Williams beginning at 3:30.
- Wednesday is an early dismissal day, students will be released at 12:40, after school care will be provided until 6:00 P.M.
- This Saturday we will be offering tutorials for all STAAR tested subjects. Students arrive at 8:30, tutorials will release at 12:00 and open gym will be held until 1:00. Bring your kids on down! Saturdays are a great day for learning! As per usual breakfast and lunch will be served.
- Today was picture day, if your student missed we will have a makeup day on December 3rd. Pictures can be ordered online, please visit the FBMS website for more information.
- Students will be taking snapshot III this week, please encourage your child to do the best they can, these short exams provide us valuable information about your child's progression towards STAAR mastery.
- We will be running an extra Magnet tour this week ***Wednesday at 1:30***. Let your friends and neighbors know about all the great things that are happening at FBMS!
- The library is up and running! Kids can access the FBMS library during lunch or after school from 3:30-4:30. ELA classes have already begun their weekly rotations through. READING IS AWESOME!

Reminders

- Don't forget we offer after school tutorials Monday through Thursday. Please make sure and check with your child's teacher or grade level dean for more specifics.
- The PTO store will be open during lunch on Wednesday. Remember that the PTO red panther shirt is the **only** shirt that kids can wear jeans with on Fridays. Get yours now!



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PTO NEWS

Yearbooks on Sale every Wednesday at lunch in November and December

Cost is \$30.00 before January 1st. After January 1st price goes up to \$35.00.

On line purchases at Balfour .com

Personalize for \$5.00 (on line purchase only)

Dedication pages must be turned in by January 1st.

- Full Page \$200
- Half Page \$100
- 1/4 Page \$50.00
- 1/8 Page \$30.00

The dedication pages can be designed and submitted on line at Balfour.com.

4th Annual - **PIE IN THE LIBRARY** Events are coming up.

Event 1

Nov 19th- at 7pm immediately following the Nov. **PTO GENERAL MTG at 6pm** there will be desserts and fellowship where you can purchase a pie or other sweets to take home! If you purchased a pie from the Pie in the Sky Company, it will be made available for pick at that time. This is FBMS Library fund-raiser. All proceeds benefit the library program. We need pies and treats for this Library Event, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba4a729a13-piesquared2>. Items can be dropped off at the main office by 4pm on the 19th labeled "Library Event". Quiche and Pizza Pie work great too as someone could buy it for dinner that evening.

Event 2

Nov 20th is a **Teacher Appreciation day**. Let's show our gratitude to our great staff in this month of Thanksgiving. FBMS PTO Teacher Appreciation Committee is serving treats in the Teacher's Lounge. We will have treats in there for Staff to eat throughout the day. Pies/Treats can be dropped off Thurs Nov 19th at the Library event or taken to main office on the 20th labeled "Teacher Appreciation". Same sign up for both events <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba4a729a13-piesquared2>

Questions? – Please contact

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Sincerely,

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