



# EAGLE FLYER



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## Welcome Back

*Submitted by Patrick O'Rourke, Superintendent*

### Eagle Families and Community-

I would like to welcome you all back for another great year. This has yet again been a very busy summer with bond related projects. Many of those projects have been completed, such as the updates in the Waldron Cafeteria, Drafting Room, and High School Gymnasium. These updates have truly transformed all of the spaces, not only improving the aesthetics, but also the functionality for our students. With that being said, there are still some projects that are finishing up, including the trophy case in the Athletic Center.



I am proud to announce that we are fully staffed. This will certainly pay huge dividends for our students. I know that the staff we hired will continue the long-standing tradition of connecting and supporting our students, while still pushing them to be the best they can be academically.

As many of you probably already know, we did have to consolidate our bus routes down to three. I would like to offer a special thanks to Stan Sillman, who put in a lot of extra time to make this transition possible. Our driving team, Jeff, Gerri, Joe, and Shelly also deserve a lot of credit for taking on new routes, and doing it all with a smile. Additionally, I am very grateful for the willingness of our families to be flexible and patient during this transition.

Memberships to the Eagle Fitness Center are officially open. Information regarding memberships can be found at [fowlerschools.net/eaglefitness](http://fowlerschools.net/eaglefitness). This website includes a membership form, a rental/reservation form, hours of operation, rates, and an FAQ section that has been recently updated. If you have any questions regarding Eagle Fitness, please email them to [eaglefitnesscoordinator@fowlerschools.net](mailto:eaglefitnesscoordinator@fowlerschools.net).

Most importantly, we have had a great start to the school year. Having the students back in the buildings brings such a great deal of energy, positivity, and enthusiasm. I look forward to a year of many exciting memories being made.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for support!

Go Eagles-



Patrick O'Rourke

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## Waldron Welcome!

The staff at Waldron Elementary and Middle School had a warm welcome for the incoming school year. Students were greeted with the sign on their first day back, compliments of the PTO!





# Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation

*Submitted by Patty Schmitt*

It is with great excitement that Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation shares with you the many ways that last year's grant money was positively used within our schools! Thanks to generous donations to the Fall Letter Campaign, we were able to support students and teachers across the district by providing financial support to purchase the items pictured.

Ms. Schueller purchased structural engineering kits for 5 - 8th grade with her grant money. As seen to the right.

Mrs. Klamer purchased novels for her high school students to enjoy!

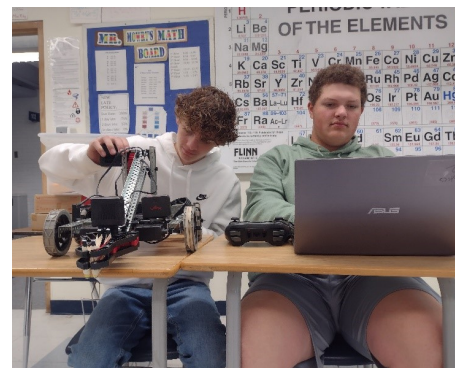
Waldron students will be enjoying new playground equipment this school year thanks to a large variety of donors, including Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation!



Look for this year's Letter Campaign to arrive late Fall. Thank you to all of our wonderful community members who continue to support our school district through the Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation! Our school family is fortunate to have such a wonderful community that contributes to our success! Thank YOU!



Mr. Mowry purchased three laptops to run the robotics equipment. As seen below.



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## Project Grant Applications

*Submitted by Kristin Phillips*

The Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation is once again accepting applications for grants for projects that will benefit the students in our district. Teachers, staff, students, community members or anyone who has an idea that would help our schools are encouraged to apply. In previous years, we've helped teachers purchase STEM kits for middle schoolers, reading materials for all ages, engineering equipment, a tuba and classroom microphones. We've averaged around \$2000 awarded each year since 2016. Deadline to request funds is October 1. The link below will take you to the grant request form. Winners will be announced in November.

<https://tinyurl.com/5n88nt5b>

If you have any questions, you can email the foundation at [fowerschoolsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:fowerschoolsfoundation@gmail.com) or contact Kristin Phillips at 517-256-0309.







## Summer School

*Submitted by Brenda Epkey*

Summer school is a great opportunity for students to acquire new information and review skills for the next school year! The students K-12 were immersed daily with math, reading, writing, and other content areas. Also, the students enjoyed and gained knowledge through multiple field trips. The group explored Abrams Planetarium, the MSU Children's Garden, Potter Park Zoo, and watched a 3-D movie all about whales at Celebration Cinema. A great adventure in learning was had by all.





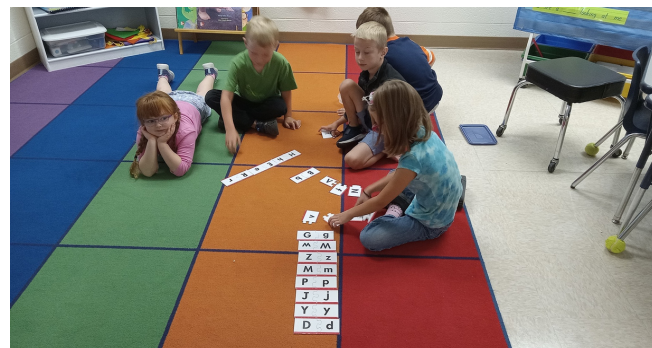
# Homecoming Spirit

All of our Kindergarten classes made signs in support of our Eagles for Homecoming which was held on September 15th. More Homecoming pictures and articles in the next Eagle Flyer!



# Kindergarten

Mrs. Schmitt's class has had a busy first few weeks of school!



# School Supply Donation

A generous donation of school supplies was made this year by Danny Mason in memory of Ellie Feldpausch. Any students who were in need of any supplies were encouraged to stop on by to grab anything that they were in need of. Thank you Danny Mason for the wonderful donation!





# Be the “I” in Kind

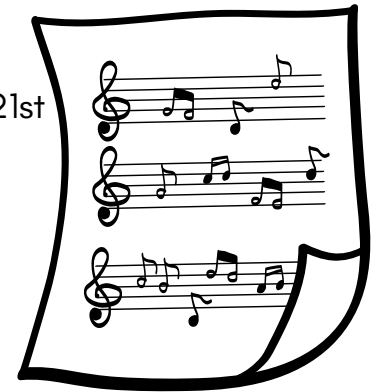
During the Open House for Waldron, students were encouraged to stop by and pose as the “I” in KIND. A few of the students who have already decided to be the “I” in kind are pictured below!



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## Christmas Program

The **K-5** Elementary Christmas Program will be held on December 21st at 7 PM in the Piggott Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!



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## Picture Day

Picture day at school is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. for Waldron Elementary and Middle School.





# FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2023-2024 Calendar



**First Day of School**  
**August 29, 2023**

**Parent - Teacher**  
**Conferences**  
**Nov. 8 & 9, 2023**

**Christmas Break**  
**Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024**

**End of the 1st Semester**  
**January 19, 2024**

**Spring Break**  
**March 25 - March 29, 2024**

**Last Day of School**  
**June 6, 2024**



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## 1ST QUARTER

Monday, August 28  
Tuesday, August 29  
Friday, September 1  
Monday, September 4

Staff Report, In-Service day  
First Day for Students  
Labor Day Weekend, No School  
Labor Day, No School

Friday, October 13  
Friday, November 3

11:30 Dismissal Half-Day, Staff PD Day  
11:30 Dismissal Half-Day, End of 1st Quarter

## 2ND QUARTER

Wednesday, November 8  
Thursday, November 9

1:30 Dismissal, P-T Conferences 2:30-5:00  
1:30 Dismissal, P-T Conferences 2:30-5:00  
6:00-8:00

Friday, November 10  
Wednesday, November 22  
Thursday, November 23  
Friday, November 24  
Monday, November 27

No School  
11:30 Dismissal Half-Day, Staff PD Day  
No School, Thanksgiving Break  
No School, Thanksgiving Break  
Classes Resume

Monday, Dec. 25-Jan. 5

No School, Christmas Break

Monday, January 8, 2024  
Monday, January 15  
Thursday, January 18  
Friday, January 19

Classes Resume  
MLK Day, No School  
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule  
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule. End of the  
2nd Quarter & 1st Semester

## 3RD QUARTER

Friday, February 16  
Monday, February 19  
Friday, March 22

11:30 Dismissal Half-Day, Staff PD-day  
No School, President's Day  
11:30 Dismissal Half-Day, End of the 3rd  
Quarter

Monday, March 25-Mar. 29  
Friday, March 29

No School, Spring Break  
No School, Good Friday

## 4TH QUARTER

Monday, April 1  
Friday, May 24  
Monday, May 27  
Tuesday, May 28

Classes Resume  
11:30 Dismissal Half-Day, Staff PD-day  
No School, Memorial Day  
Classes Resume

Wednesday, June 5  
Thursday, June 6

11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule  
11:30 Dismissal, Exam Schedule. Last Day of  
School, End of the 4th Quarter

In the event that a snow day falls on a half-day, the following school day shall be scheduled as a half-day and the rest of the calendar shall be adjusted accordingly. Additional days will be added as needed for make-up.



# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## Renaissance

*Submitted by Katie Halfmann*

Renaissance is a high school program that recognizes academic excellence by rewarding students for their achievements through special activities and incentives throughout the year. To be a member of Renaissance, a student must have a semester GPA of 3.0 or increase their semester GPA by .5; therefore, everyone is eligible for this program. In the past, Renaissance has put on a number of activities such as: Renaissance breakfast, turkey hunt, sucker tree, raffle baskets, cookies for exam week, Freshman welcome, egg hunt, cash and gift card giveaways, as well as scholarships.

This program is funded ENTIRELY by donations. All contributions are greatly appreciated and are needed to continue this program. If you would like to make a monetary or gift card contribution, please mail to:

Fowler High School Renaissance  
Attn: Sarah Sills  
700 S. Main  
Fowler, MI 48835

Please make checks payable to:  
Fowler High School Renaissance

Thank you for all of your support!  
We couldn't do it without you!

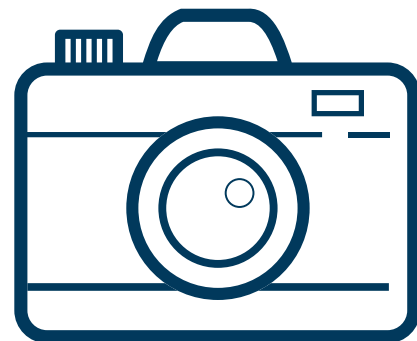


Above is a picture of one of the many events that we are able to provide the students. These events are a great chance to recognize all of their hard work and dedication to their academics.

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## Picture Day

Smile! Picture day at school is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. for Fowler High School.





# Welcoming our New Staff to the District

## **Executive Assistant** *Tiffany Martin*



Tiffany is joining our staff as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Originally from Pewamo, Tiffany graduated from PW and then attended Grand Valley State University. While at Grand Valley, she studied Human Resources Management and International Business.

After college, Tiffany moved home to work as a Bookkeeper at a local construction company. Now she lives in Dewitt with two of her three sisters and her four year old cat Bucket. In her free time, Tiffany loves to play a round of golf, travel, and spend time with her friends and family!

When asked if she had anything additional to share, Tiffany wrote: "This is a great opportunity that I have been blessed with and am excited to be involved with and become a part of the Fowler community!"

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## **Industrial Arts Teacher** *Jesse Schneider*

Jesse is joining us as the Industrial Arts, Drafting, and CAD teacher. Originally from Fowler, Jesse graduated from Fowler High School (Go Eagles!). He then attended Lansing Community College where he studied Architectural Design and Construction Management. After college, Jesse worked at Cicero and owned his own company.

In his free time, Jesse enjoys spending time with his family, camping, watching sports and movies, hanging out with close friends and tinkering around in his shop at home. Jesse has five children, Isabell (13), Madilynn (12), Sophia (10), Tobias (8), and Gemma (5), for whom he spends his free time going to their sporting events.

When asked if he had anything additional to share, Jesse wrote: "This is a job that I never really expected to land & I am incredibly grateful that I did. I am extremely excited to get started & I can't wait to see what the future has in store for FHS!!"

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## **High School Secretary** *Sarah Sills*



Sarah is joining us as the High School Secretary. Originally from St. Johns, Sarah graduated from St Johns High School. After high school, Sarah attended Concordia University where she studied Psychology and English. Sarah has worked previously at Pauli Ford and as a Stay at Home Mom.

In her free time, Sarah enjoys cooking/baking, trying new recipes and hosting family and friends for dinner/parties. Outside of work, she is often found running her kids, Lydia (15), Garret (13), Gabby (4), and Ruby (2), around to various activities/sports/dance and hanging out with friends.

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## **Transportation/Maintenance** *Stan Sillman*

Stan is joining us as the Transportation & Maintenance Supervisor. Stan grew up in Fowler and is a Fowler High School Alumni. After high school, Stan worked at T.H. Miller Excavating.

In his free time, Stan likes to spend time with his family, Heather, Madelyn (17), Braylee (14), and Bryer (11), as well as gardening. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, and playing sports. Stan has two dogs, Daisy (2½) & Walt (1½) along with a "mousing machine" cat named Muffin.

When asked if he had anything additional to share, Stan wrote: "I would like to thank the district for the opportunity and also say go Blue."

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## **Global/Social Studies Teacher** *Cole Wittenberg*



Cole is joining us as the Social Studies and Global Studies teacher. Originally from Ovid, Cole graduated from Ovid Elsie High School. He then attended Michigan State University where he studied Social Studies. Cole has previously student taught at Haslett High School and worked at Michigan State University.

In his free time, Cole enjoys fishing, kayaking, watching sports, playing video games (if he has time), and spending time with friends in family. Cole lives in Dewitt and has a cat named Stanley; along with two dogs, Lincoln and Cherry, and two cats, Dak and Milo, who live with his parents.

When asked if he had anything additional to share, Cole wrote: "I am super excited to be here and I am looking forward to becoming a part of the community!"

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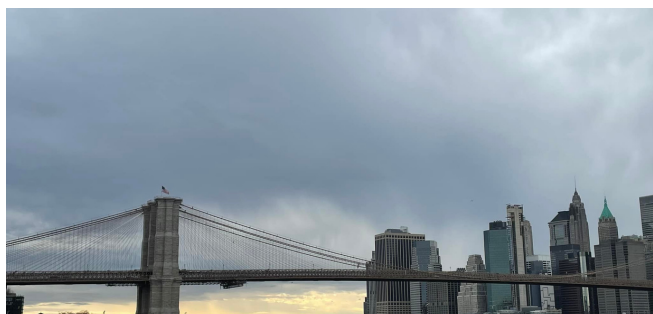


# BAND NEWS



## Band Goes to New York City

The Fowler High School Band took a trip to New York City this spring. While there, they were able to visit Central Park, Times Square, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A cruise on the water allowed the students to see the Ellis Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty.



## Christmas Program

The **6-12th** Grade Christmas Concert will be held on December 18th at 7 PM in Piggott Gymnasium.



## 2023 Summer Band Camp

*Submitted by Jake Roorda, Band Teacher*



Over the Summer the high school band held a 4-day camp at Fowler High where they were able to learn all of their new halftime show, "Blockbusters" as well as saving time for plenty of fun trips and activities. The show highlights music from famous movies of the kids' generation, their parents, and their grandparents. In addition to learning the music, the kids must also work hard to learn all of the drill and choreography that makes the show complete. Playing a musical instrument while marching and making perfect formations on the field is a very difficult task and takes hours and hours of focus, dedication, and most of all repetition. The students in the high school band always get the job done and (almost) always have fun in the process!

The band will perform their show at all home football games as well as at the Grand Ledge Marching Exhibition on October 4 and at MSBOA Marching Festival at Saint Johns High School on October 9.





# FALL SPORTS NEWS



## Eagle Spirit!

In preparation of the upcoming football season, the field was decorated with cups surrounding the football field fence. This was a great show of support for our team!



## Veterans Game

The Fowler and Perry Football teams honored Veterans and Service Members during the game on September 8th. The team wore special camouflage jerseys for the CMAC match up. During half-time, Veterans and Service Members were thanked and recognized for all that they have done for our country.



## Coming Soon!

Optional online payments for Pay to Play will be available in the future! Look out for updates!



## D3/D4 Small School Champs



Congratulations to our Lady Eagles, as seen above, for winning Small School Champs at the Chesaning Invite.

The Girls Cross Country team also placed 2nd overall at the meet, as seen with their medals to the right. This was a great accomplishment, as there were various larger schools that also attended the event.



The Boys Cross Country team, as seen above, were runner-ups in the small school division and placed 6th overall at the invite! All four gentlemen involved did a great job competing against athletes from schools of various sizes as well.



## Hope College 7 on 7 tournament Champs

Over the Summer, the Varsity football team participated in the 7 on 7 tournament held at Hope College. The Eagles worked hard throughout the entire tournament. All of this hard work paid off with a Blue Bracket Championship over North Muskegon.







# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES



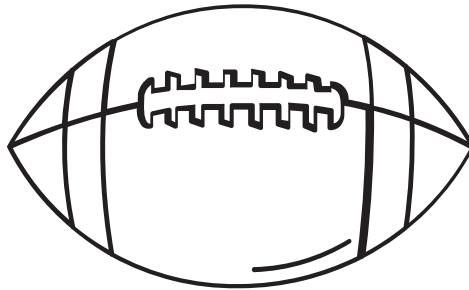
## Cross Country



9/20/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Saranac HS
9/23/2023 @ 11:40 AM	(A) TBA @ Jackson's Ella Park
9/27/2023 @ TBA	(H) vs. TBA Apples to Apples
9/30/2023 @ 1:00 PM	(A) vs. Shepherd HS Blue Jay Invite
10/03/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Bath HS
10/10/2023 @ 4:00 PM	(A) vs. Saranac HS Saranac Color Run
10/14/2023 @ 10:00 AM	(A) vs. TBA Greater Lansing @ Ledge Meadows
10/18/2023 @ 5:00 PM	(H) vs. TBA
10/21/2023 @ TBA	(A) vs. TBA Class D Small School States
10/27/2023 @ TBA	(A) vs. TBA Regionals @ Webberville

## Junior Varsity Football

9/21/2023 @ 6:30 PM	(H) vs. Portland HS
9/28/2023 @ 6:30 PM	(H) vs. Pewamo-Westphalia HS
10/06/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Frankfort Elberta Area Schools @ Ferris State University
10/12/2023 @ 6:30 PM	(H) vs. Laingsburg HS
10/19/2023 @ 6:30 PM	(A) vs. McBain HS



## Varsity Football

9/22/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(A) vs. Dansville HS
9/29/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(A) vs. Pewamo-Westphalia HS
10/06/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(A) vs. Frankfort Elberta Area Schools @ Ferris State University
10/13/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(A) vs. Laingsburg HS
10/20/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(H) vs. McBain HS *Senior Night



## Freshman Volleyball

9/20/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Pewamo-Westphalia HS
9/23/2023 @ 8:30 AM	(A) Hartland HS Tournament
9/26/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Ovid-Elsie HS
10/05/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Perry HS
10/07/2023 @ 8:30 AM	(A) Grand Blanc HS Tournament
10/11/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(H) vs. Lansing Christian School
10/14/2023 @ 8:30 AM	(A) Fenton HS Tournament
10/19/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Ionia HS

## Junior Varsity Volleyball

9/20/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Pewamo-Westphalia HS
9/27/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(H) vs. Potterville Jr/Sr HS
9/30/2023 @ 9:00 AM	(A) Dansville HS Tournament
10/05/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(A) vs. Perry HS
10/11/2023 @ 5:30 PM	(H) vs. Lansing Christian School
10/14/2023 @ 8:30 AM	(A) Fenton HS Tournament
10/18/2023 @ 5: 30 PM	(A) vs. Saranac HS

# Varsity Volleyball

9/20/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(A) vs. Pewamo-Westphalia HS
9/23/2023 @ 9:00 AM	(A) Flushing HS Tournament
9/27/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(H) vs. Potterville Jr/Sr HS
9/30/2023 @ 8:00 AM	(A) Homer HS Tournament
10/05/2023 @ 7: 00 PM	(A) vs. Perry HS
10/07/2023 @ 9:00 AM	(A) New Lothrop HS Tournament
10/11/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(H) vs. Lansing Christian School *Senior Night
10/18/2023 @ 7:00 PM	(A) vs. Saranac HS
10/21/2023 @ TBA	(H) CMAC Tournament



All athletic schedules can be found at <https://fowlereagles.net/>



# Eagle Fitness Questions & Answers

*Submitted by Patrick O'Rourke, Superintendent*

## **What is the status of the new Eagle Fitness Center facility?**

The Eagle Fitness Center is officially open, and will be accepting rentals, reservations, and memberships.

## **When will school and community groups begin to use the fitness center?**

Starting on September 6, 2023, the facility will officially be open for use in a couple of different manners. One will be as a paying member of the facility. The other option will be through a rental/reservation of the spaces. Keep in mind that there are some times that are closed specifically for school-related items.

## **How can I rent or reserve the new recreation gym, or any of our other gyms for that matter?**

Rentals and reservations can be done by submitting the Eagle Facility Rental Request Form online. Processing of your request could take up to a couple of days.

## **When will individual memberships be available for the Eagle Fitness Center for use of the cardio room, weight room, or track?**

Eagle Fitness Memberships are officially open as of September 6, 2023. You can request a membership by filling out the Eagle Fitness Membership Request Form online. Processing of your request could take up to a couple of days.

## **What are the rental reservation and membership rates for using the fitness center and our gyms?**

The rates have been set by the School Board, and can be found on our website.

## **Why is there any cost at all for using these facilities when taxpayers have already paid to build the facility?**

We absolutely appreciate the support our community members and taxpayers have provided in passing the millage and enabling the construction of our beautiful new facility. As shared prior to the millage election, membership rates and facility use rental fees are needed to offset the ongoing costs of utilities, maintenance, equipment replacement, and staffing for community use so that it does not direct funds away from student programs. Since the community has already paid for the construction of the facility, our membership rates are less than half of those typically paid at private gyms and fitness centers, and the rental rates are set on the low end of those charged and other local school districts. Nonresidents will also have opportunities to use our facilities, but will pay a higher rate.

## **How will the scheduling of our facilities be prioritized among the many potential groups and users?**

As has always been our practice in scheduling our facilities, we will generally schedule school teams and school sponsored groups first, groups made up primarily of district residents second, and groups made up fully or primarily of non-residents third.

## **Eagle Fitness Questions & Answers Continued**

### **What days and hours will the fitness center and gyms be available for use?**

Hours of operations can be found on the fitness center website. It should be noted that with opening memberships, there will no longer be drop in or staffed hours.

### **What safety and security measures will be in place, especially if the fitness center is available during school hours?**

Eagle Fitness Members that use the facility during the school day are required to submit to a background check. It is the same background check we currently use for school volunteers. We are also using a punch pad system with an individual code assigned to each member and renter for entry into the fitness center limiting access to only those who have had the background check. The portion of the building typically available to fitness club members and daytime gym users are the weight room, cardio room, track and recreational gym. The three sets of doors that separate the athletic center from the rest of the school building are set to alarm should fitness centers users pass through them during the school day. All areas of the fitness center are monitored with security cameras.

### **Have all the details been worked out to assure that the fitness center and facilities use plans will work perfectly moving forward?**

Absolutely not! While we have a clear vision that we want to make our facilities readily available to our community, and an initial plan to get that use underway, we know that there will be issues that arise that have to be worked out along the way. Just like building our new facility had a simple, black and white blueprint for its construction. There were many, many adjustments made during the process to improve and adjust those initial plans resulting in an improved, outstanding facility. The same will be true for our work to fill the new facility with programs, activities, and opportunities that meet the needs of our kids and community. The information contained in this Q&A is an overview of that initial plan. Many more details have been considered and others will continue to emerge. We are happy to get this facility open to our community and ask for your continued patience as we refine our processes to fulfill our mission to meet our student and community needs.

### **If I have additional questions. Who do I contact for the answers?**

All questions regarding the use of our facilities, and Eagle Fitness memberships should be directed to our Eagle Fitness email account at [eaglefitnesscoordinator@fowlerschools.net](mailto:eaglefitnesscoordinator@fowlerschools.net) and we will be happy to get back with you during regular business hours.







# FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS EAGLE FITNESS



## Individual Membership Rates

Type of Membership	3 Month Rate	12 Month Rate
District Resident	\$75	\$225
Non-District Resident	\$125	\$350

District residents are defined as having a home property or business in the district, or members of a current school-of-choice family.  
Includes access to the Fitness Center: weight room, cardio room, and indoor track

## Lead Led Group Rates

Type of User	Price
District Residents	\$2
District Seniors, 67-74	\$1
District Super Seniors, 75+	Free
Non-District Residents	\$3
Non-District Seniors, 67-74	\$2
Non-District Super Seniors, 75+	\$1

Includes access to the Fitness Center and Pickleball, Basketball, Volleyball Courts (with group reservation leaders) There is no charge for single session use if you are an Eagle Fitness Member.

## Hourly Facility Rental

Space	Group A	Group B	Group C
Fowler Athletic Center (All Courts and Common Areas)	\$0	\$50	\$200
Competition Court, Recreation Court, Batting Cages, HS Gym, Piggott Gym, FAC Commons, Waldron Multiroom, Innovation Center, Classrooms, Library	\$0	\$15	\$30

Group A Fowler Schools Athletics & Clubs, District Teams/Groups, Community Education Programs, School Affiliated Booster Organizations

Group B District Families or Groups, District Service or Church Organizations, Community Based Teams/Groups & Organizations

Group C For-Profit Organizations & Non-District Families, Non-District Teams/Groups, & Non-District Service Organizations

**\*For-profit based individuals, rental pricing will be negotiated directly**

*Please email [eaglefitnesscoordinator@fowlerschools.net](mailto:eaglefitnesscoordinator@fowlerschools.net) for inquiries and reservations*

# Legal Notices

## BOARD POLICY ON MEDICATIONS

Before any medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. In cases where non-prescribed medication is necessary, the school may dispense such medication only upon proper authorization by the parent. These documents shall be on file in the principal's office.

Only medication in its original prescription bottle, labeled with the date of the prescription, student's name, and exact dosage will be administered. Staff of students authorized in writing by their physician and parents may administer medication or treatment, but only in the presence of another adult.

In cases where non-prescribed medications are necessary, the school may dispense such medication only upon the proper authorization by the parents.

Staff members are to administer medication or treatment only in the presence of another adult, except in the case of an emergency that threatens the life or health of the student.

### **Civil Rights, Title VI, and Section 504 – Non-Discrimination Policy**

As required by the federal government, the following notices are given to the community of Fowler Public Schools:

Civil Rights Compliance – The Fowler Public Schools, located at 700 S. Main St. Fowler, MI 48835 & 11214 W. Kent St. Fowler, MI 48835, will receive and use federal funds and USDA donated foods. No person, because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and child nutrition programs.

Non-Discrimination Policy – It is the policy of Fowler Public Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or employment.



## COMMUNICATION PROCESS

Questions, concerns and ideas routinely arise during the school year. This outline is provided to assist in communication with the appropriate person.

Step 1: Questions or concerns regarding instructional practices should go to the teacher first. A discussion should be scheduled with the principal if you still have questions after talking with the teacher.

Step 2: Questions or concerns should be directed to the administrator or director who has responsibility in the area of concern.

Step 3: A conference with the superintendent is most appropriately held if questions or concerns have not been adequately addressed at earlier levels.

Step 4: The final level of contact with the district about a question or concern is the Board of Education.

## COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Grievance/Complaint Procedures of the Title VI and Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: If any person believes that the Fowler Public School District, or any part of the school, has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, and (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, he/she may bring forward a complaint, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator, Patrick O'Rourke, Fowler Public Schools, 700 S. Main Street, Fowler, MI 48835 & 11214 W. Kent St, Fowler MI, 48835. The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for the complaint shall discuss the complaint informally with the local Civil Rights Coordinator. If unresolved, he/she may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1: A written statement of the complaint signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator.

Step 2: The coordinator shall further investigate the complaint and reply in writing to the complainant.

Step 3: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the superintendent within (10) calendar days after receipt of the coordinator's response.

Step 4: The superintendent shall affirm or reverse the Civil Rights Coordinator's decision and, if warranted, implement the Civil Rights Coordinator's proposed resolution or a modification there of.

Step 5: If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal to the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington DC 20202.



## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act is commonly referred to as The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA generally does not apply to most private elementary and secondary schools, as they do not typically receive U.S. Department of Education funding.

The educational interests of students require the collection, retention, and use of data about individuals and groups of students while ensuring individual rights of privacy. The school District will maintain educational records of students for legitimate educational purposes.

School records are confidential and information from them shall not be released except as provided by law. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. The District may release directory information in accord with law, provided parent(s)/guardian(s) are given the opportunity to object to the release of this information. Directory information for this District includes the following information: the student's name, picture, major field of study, participation in recognized activities and sports and related information, grade placement, honors and awards received, and telephone number (for military recruiters only).

Directory information may be provided to persons or organizations for non-profit making purposes when deemed appropriate by the building principal, unless the parents of the student restrict the information in writing to the building principal.

The District shall inform students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) annually and upon initial enrollment of their rights under FERPA and Board policy with respect to student records, and of the procedures for exercising those rights. The Superintendent shall provide the appropriate training to all staff that has access to student records.

Pursuant to federal law, a form will be sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) that allow them to opt out of the disclosure of directory information to the military recruiters, and that informs the recipients that failure to complete and return the form will result in the disclosure of the information to military recruiters.

As provided in PA39, 2002 (MCL 380.1139) a school must provide armed forces recruiters and service academies with a student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed.)

The District shall protect the rights of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or data-gathering activities conducted, assisted, or authorized by the Board or Superintendent.

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The following is a description of the immunization requirements as set by the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health. See [www.mcir.org/forms/SS\\_School\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.mcir.org/forms/SS_School_Requirements.pdf).

1. Ages 4-6: 4 doses of DTP or D Tap (one dose must be on or after age 4); 4 doses of polio vaccine; 2 doses MMR vaccine on or after 12 months of age; 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after 12 months of age OR reliable history of disease.

2. Ages 7-18, including all 6th graders: 4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if one given on or after age 7; 1 dose Tdap for ages 11-18 IF 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine; 2 doses MMR; 3 doses Hepatitis B; 1 dose meningococcal for ages 11 or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher; 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine OR reliable history of dis-ease.

Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen. All doses must be given with appropriate spacing and at appropriate ages. Tdap is required at 11 years of age or older regardless of grade.

When presented with anything but a medical or religious exemption from immunization requirements, the administrator must obtain the consent of the director of local public health office to recognize the exemption and admit the student. All parents are encouraged to review their child's immunization record. If records do not meet the requirements, please contact your family physician or the local department of public health.

### IMPORTANT: FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Free and reduced lunch and milk applications are available in the school offices or online at [Lunchapp.com](http://Lunchapp.com). You will be notified if you qualify. If you have any further questions, please contact Jessica Anthony, Food Service Director at 989-593-2160 or 989-593-2250 or [janthony@fowlerschools.net](mailto:janthony@fowlerschools.net).



## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN (IPM)**

The use of pesticides in schools must be done in accordance with an Integrated Pest Management Program which complies with Regulation 637, Rule 14 of the Michigan Pesticide Act, PA 171. The Fowler district IPM plan is in accordance with the state law and available to the public by requesting a copy from the superintendent's office. Each school building has a copy for reference for interested staff and students.

In brief, the IPM plan clearly defines the procedures necessary to apply pest control methods of school. The applicant must use the following checklist:

1. Site evaluation
2. Inspection
3. Monitoring
4. Determine pest biology
5. Consider all available methods
6. Take action steps

Over the course of the school year, during appropriate application times, the maintenance department may apply a variety of pest control methods. If you live in close proximity of the school and wish to be notified of any applications, contact the superintendent's office at 989-593-2296 as soon as possible.

## **MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT**

The McKinney-Vento program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies (SEAs) must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.

The program is authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11431 et seq.), (McKinney-Vento Act). The program was originally authorized in 1987 and, most recently, reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

## **NOTIFICATION OF DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE AS TITLE VI, TITLE IX, AND SECTION 504 COORDINATOR**

The federal government has made provisions to ensure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of sex, religion, race, color, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status or handicap. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Fowler Public Schools has appointed as Patrick O'Rourke as Coordinator of Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504.

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CURRICULUM**

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction in sex education. As a component of the sex education program, reproductive health is offered in identified courses.

According to law (PA 226 of 1977), parents have the right to review the materials to be used in these courses. The local board of education, in compliance with state statute, will make the materials available for parents to re-view. Any parent who wishes to do so may contact the high school at 989-593-2250 or Waldron at 989-593-2160 to make arrangements for review of the materials.

Students in grades 4-9 will be eligible to participate in these courses. By law, parents have the right to excuse their children from participation in the reproductive health portion of the class.

Any parent wishing to exercise his/her right to excuse a student without penalty from instruction in reproductive health should please send written notice to Waldron Elementary or Fowler High School, PO Box 408, Fowler, MI 48835 before the scheduled instruction time.

## **PERSONALLY, IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**

Public Law 93.390 states: "An education agency or institution may disclose personally identifiable information from the educational records of a student who is in attendance at the institution or agency if that information has been designated as directory information." (45CFR 99.37(a)).

Accordingly, the following is designated as directory information with respect to all past and present students of the Fowler Public Schools:

1. Name
2. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
3. Dates of attendance
4. Honors and rewards received
5. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
6. Yearbook pictures and school related photographs

If you as a parent do not want this type of personally identifiable information made part of publicity, newsletters, yearbooks, and newspaper publications, please send a letter of notification designating the specific categories of directory information you do not want released with respect to your child.

In accordance with this law, a parent of a student currently in attendance in the Fowler Public Schools has ten (10) days from the date of this notice to notify the school district in writing.



## TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED

Michigan law prohibits smoking in all buildings owned by public schools around the state. This includes not only the classroom buildings, but also any other buildings such as bus garages, maintenance buildings, or administrative buildings.

## Bus Drivers Needed



**FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS IN SEARCH OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.**

FULL & PART-TIME POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE.  
ALL TESTING IS PAID FOR BY THE DISTRICT.

FOR HOURS AND RATES OF PAY, CONTACT  
FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS CENTRAL OFFICE  
AT 989-593-2296.

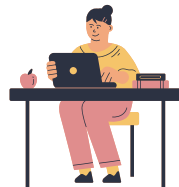
IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT  
STANLEY SILLMAN AT 989-640-0419.



## FPS Website

Did you know that our Fowler Public Schools website is updated everyday with news and announcements? To view the daily announcements at the high school, visit [www.fowerschools.net/](http://www.fowerschools.net/) and click the high school tab at the top

**[www.fowerschools.net](http://www.fowerschools.net)**



**Suicide is now the second leading cause of death for teens and young adults in the United States.**

**Suicide does not discriminate. People of all genders, ages, and ethnicities can be at risk and there is no single cause. Knowing the warning signs and how to get help can save lives.**

**RISK FACTORS CAN INCLUDE:**

- Depression, other mental disorders or substance use disorder
- Certain medical conditions/chronic pain
- A prior suicide attempt
- Family history of a mental disorder, substance use or suicide

**We can help!**

**Call 989-403-6100 for a confidential no-cost assessment.**

**Free 24/7 Walk-In Mental Health Assessments and Referrals. For more information please visit [www.CedarCreekHospital.com](http://www.CedarCreekHospital.com).**

**Outpatient Services Coming Soon!**



If you are a parent and wish to receive school notifications on school closings and more, please join only 1 of the following Remind groups:

Parent of PS/K - text @4h37h2 to 81010

Parent of 1st & 2nd Grade - text @ggabb2e to 81010

Parent of 3rd & 4th Grade - text @c33afgg to 81010

Parent of 5th & 6th Grade - text @9gc42cd to 81010

Parent of 7th & 8th Grade - text @78f87f to 81010

Parent of 9th & 10th Grade - text @2cacac to 81010

Parent of 11th & 12th Grade - text @9che4d to 81010

# Fowler Public Schools Directory

## **FOWLER HIGH SCHOOL**

700 S. Main Street | P.O. Box 407  
Fowler, MI 48835  
989-593-2250

## **WALDRON ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL**

11214 W. Kent Street  
Fowler, MI 48835  
989-593-2160

## **FAX NUMBER**

989-593-2358

## **SCHOOL BOARD EMAIL**

[schoolboard@fowlerschools.net](mailto:schoolboard@fowlerschools.net)

## **DISTRICT WEBSITE**

<https://fowlerschools.net/>

## **HS ATHLETICS WEBSITE**

<https://fowlereagles.net/athletics>

# 2023 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Monday, January 9, 2023

Monday, January 30, 2023 Board Retreat

Monday, February 13, 2023

Monday, March 13, 2023

Monday, April 10, 2023

Monday, May 8, 2023

Monday, June 12, 2023 – Budget Hearing

Monday, June 19, 2023

Monday, July 10, 2023

Monday, August 14, 2023

Monday, September 11, 2023

Monday, October 9, 2023

Monday, November 13, 2023

Monday, December 11, 2023

Monday, January 8, 2024

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