



BOOT CAMP PARENT SESSION

Morgan Fitzgerald
Center for Gifted Studies



**Scan and complete
this form!**



NAMES TO KNOW



Ija Hawthorne

Principal of Fitzgerald Middle

hawthornei@pcsb.org (or) 727.999.0411



Leah Donnelly

Assistant Principal, CGS

donnellyl@pcsb.org (or) 727.314.3380

NAMES TO KNOW



Dr. Christine Dunlow
Assistant Principal, 6th Grade
dunlowd@pcsb.org



Candace Williams
6th Grade Counselor
williams cand@pcsb.org

NAMES TO KNOW



Tiffany Netzler

CGS Magnet Coordinator

netzler@pcsb.org (or) 727.401.4038

BOOT CAMP OVERVIEW

SESSIONS

1. SPEED FRIENDING
2. PUZZLES! PUZZLES! PUZZLES!
3. TEAM CHALLENGE 1
4. MS SURVIVAL SKILLS 101
5. RIDDLE ME CAMPUS TOUR
6. TEAM CHALLENGE 2

GOALS

HAVE FUN
MAKE FRIENDS

BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Fitzgerald Middle School Bell Schedule 2025-2026

6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
Interest Period (1st Period)	9:40-10:05	Interest Period (1st Period)	9:40-10:05	Interest Period (1st Period)	9:40-10:05
2nd Period	10:08-10:53	2nd Period	10:08-10:53	2nd Period	10:08-10:53
3rd Period	10:56-11:41	3rd Period	10:56-11:41	3rd Period	10:56-11:41
Lunch	11:43-12:13	4th Period	11:44-12:29	4th Period	11:44-12:29
4th Period	12:15-1:00	Lunch	12:31-1:01	5th Period	12:32-1:17
5th Period	1:03-1:48	5th Period	1:03-1:48	Lunch	1:19-1:49
6th Period	1:51-2:36	6th Period	1:51-2:36	6th Period	1:51-2:36
7th Period	2:39-3:24	7th Period	2:39-3:24	7th Period	2:39-3:24
8th Period	3:27-4:10	8th Period	3:27-4:10	8th Period	3:27-4:10
45 minute periods		3 minute passing			
25 minute interest period		2 minute passing before/after lunch			

Check your
class schedule
on Focus
starting Aug 1st!

Modified Dress Code

MODIFIED DRESS CODE

MORGAN FITZGERALD MIDDLE SCHOOL

FOCUS ON LEARNING AND GET IN THE SCHOOL SPIRIT!

TOPS!



- Solid or patterned t-shirts/polos with graphics/logos no larger than palm of hand
- School spirit wear
- Outwear free of hoods
- College gear- free of hoods

BOTTOMS!

- Uniform style pants/shorts (all colors)
- Skirts/dresses no shorter than mid-thigh
- Athletic pants (sweatpants/joggers)
- Jeans (no rips/tears/holes larger than palm of hand)



FOOTWEAR!

All shoes must have secure backs



PROHIBITED



- Pajama pants/shorts
- Tights, leggings, yoga pants
- Hats, hoodies, headwear
- Bandanas/sunglasses
- Sagging, baggy, tied, cropped, or modified clothing
- Crocs without the back strap on
- Rolling shoes

For more detailed information, see the full dress code document!

NEW

IDEAS + Tools

For

middle school

Changes in Middle School

Communication

- Middle school teachers have 150 students (versus 25 in elementary).
- Please allow teachers 24 hours to respond to emails

Gifted vs Center for Gifted Studies

- Many of our students are accustomed to being the smartest student in their class.
- The adjustment to being surrounded by gifted students can be difficult on student self-esteem.





Holding students accountable helps them become self-directed learners and independently successful humans!



Check in in the car!
Check in via text!
Check in over dinner!
Check in in the morning!

Daily Check In

- ☐ “How was _____?”
Ask about each class!
- ☐ Review agenda
All four boxes should have something written!
- ☐ “What’s your plan for getting your work done?”

Focus Portal!

Use your student's credentials to log in (R2.D2/password) or set up a parent portal account with the front office

Establish a routine for checking grades - daily/weekly

Click grades to see more detailed information about assignments



Focus



Using Agendas

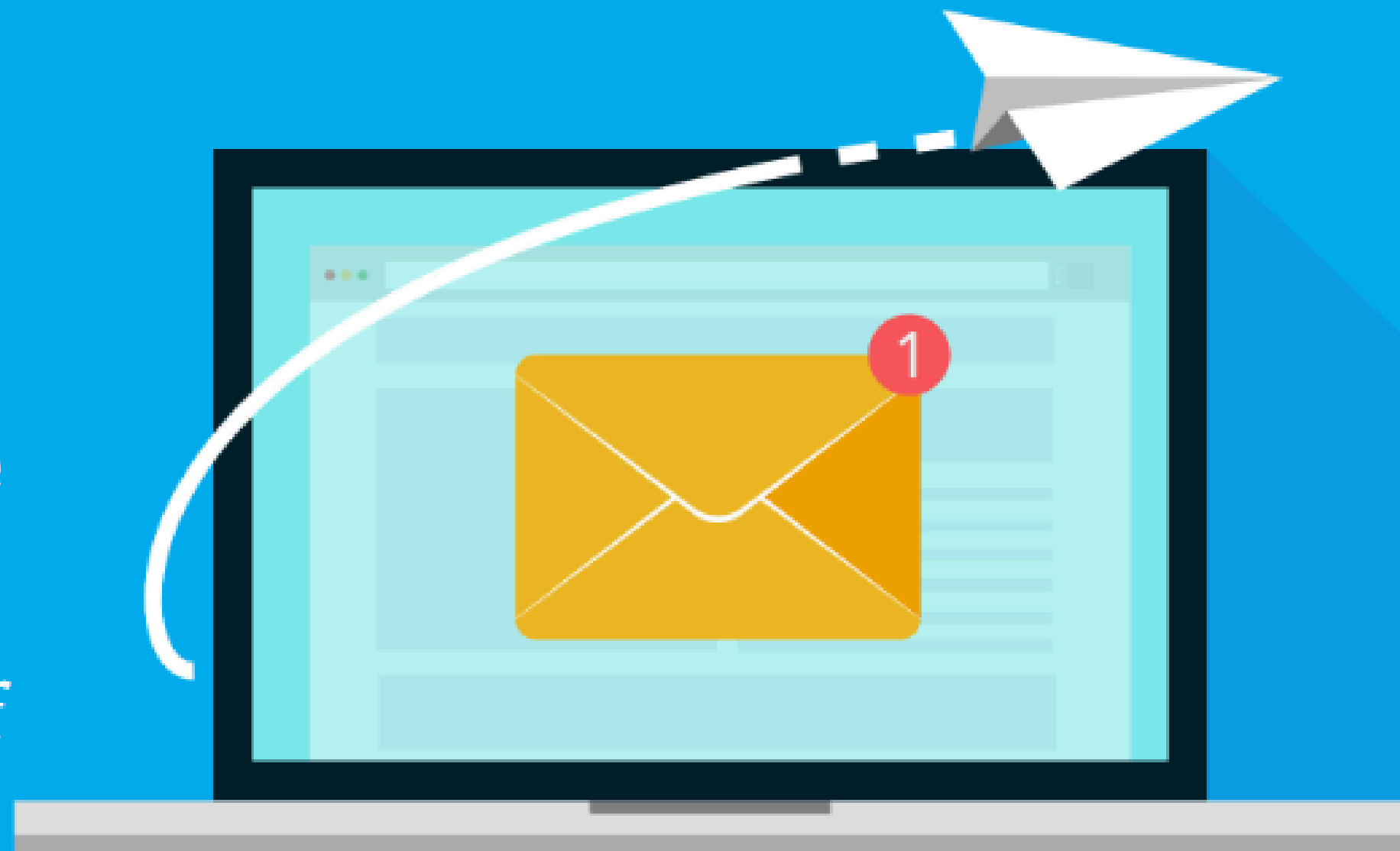
- The importance of habitual agenda use cannot be overstated
- Students should fill in all sections of the agenda - 1 for each class - EVERY day

Contacting Teachers

Students should take the reins on contacting their teachers!

Email is convenient and easy through Canvas:

- Ask questions when you're checking grades
- Remember: Check to see if they respond



Progress Reports

- Every Sunday MFMS Administration sends out a progress report. If you do not have your email updated, please see Mrs. Donnelly before you leave today.
- You can also update your email address by contacting Ms. Butler, MFMS DMT.



----- MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS -----



HOW CAN I
HELP?

- EMPOWER *TRUST THEM (AND REFUSE TO DO IT FOR THEM!)
- VALIDATE *NOTICE WHEN THEY GET IT RIGHT!
- EXPECT MISTAKES *AND ENCOURAGE THEM THROUGH!
- REMEMBER... *WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A KID
- YOU... *ARE CRITICAL TO THEIR SUCCESS - SUPPORT THEM!

E.V.E.R.Y. SCHOLAR CAN BE SUCCESSFUL!

THAT'S IT! WHAT'S NEXT?

Stay here if you have questions for us!

Check out a computer for your student in the media center.

Email me questions if you have to run - netzler@pcsb.org

Come to orientation on Thursday 8/7 @ 5:00!

Take a fun photo on your way out!