

August 19, 2021  
2671 Thornton Rd.  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
360-383-9850

# Horizon Middle School

Principal – Christine McDaniel

Vice Principal – Tim Keigley

## Dates to Remember:

### August 19<sup>th</sup>

Horizon Office opens  
Hours: 8:00-4:00

### August 25<sup>th</sup>

Schedules available on  
Skyward

### August 25<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation  
6:00-7:00 pm

### August 30<sup>th</sup>

Fall Sports Begin  
Time TBD

### Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> grade Tdap  
Immunization Notification  
must be in prior to the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Day of School

### September 1<sup>st</sup>

First Day of School

### September 20<sup>th</sup>

Picture Day

## School

### Start and End Times

Doors Open: 7:35 am  
Classes Begin: 8:00 am  
School Is Out: 2:30 pm  
Activity Bus: 4:40 pm

## Welcome Horizon Hornets!

We are looking forward to meeting each of you and starting this school year off right. We have some changes in our daily schedule and many new faces, so it should be an exciting start. This past year was a challenge for everyone on our beautiful planet, however I believe the biggest challenges were faced by our children. Prolonged isolation is never a positive experience and many of our students spent this past year alone for the bulk of their day. The staff at Horizon are committed to taking time to build relationships with students and we know there will be adjustments for our students as they return to a typical school day/week/month/year. I am a firm believer that we cannot get to academics until we have attended to the whole child and their well-being.

I hope you enjoy these last few days of summer break and we'll see you on September 1<sup>st</sup>!

Mrs. McDaniel  
Principal

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & New Student Orientation Night Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders, new students and students who were fully remote last year are invited to our student orientation night. During the orientation your student will be able to check out classrooms, pickup their schedules, receive school information and acclimate to the middle school. Class schedules will be available on Skyward Family Access on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**First Day of School:** As students arrive on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, our doors open at 7:35 am and class starts at 8:00 am. Students will start their day in their Advisory class listed on their schedule. Our first day will be a blue day, indicated by a "B" on your schedule. The bell schedule and blue and gold day schedules are enclosed.

**STUDENT PICTURES**  
**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> /**  
**Retakes Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

✓ **Complete the following enclosed forms and return to the Horizon Office ASAP:**

- 1 - Student Housing Questionnaire
- 2 - Health Inventory

✓ **On Skyward Family Access complete ASAP:**

- 1 - Annual Student Information Update
- 2 - Verify email for information during the school year

To the Parent or Guardian of:

# HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS:**

This program provides information on your student's grades, attendance and lots of other helpful information which you can access through the Ferndale School District Website ([www.Ferndalesd.org](http://www.Ferndalesd.org)), under the Family tab and Skyward Family Access. Below is your parent and student login and passwords.

*Parent Login:*

*Parent Password:*

*Student Login:*

*Student Password:*

## **STUDENT MEAL PLAN**

The USDA is currently funding meals at no cost for ALL students. Families should still apply for free and reduced priced meals to access other income-based benefits.

Every eligible form that is *not* submitted means lost resources for our schools. The application is highlighted in the top right hand corner of the Food Service page in Skyward.

## **BUS INFORMATION**

### **INFOFINDER**

This is a great tool. You can look up your student's bus info by going to <https://www.ferndalesd.org>

Click: DEPT/PROGRAMS

Click: Transportation,

Click: Bus Routes

Click: *Link for infofinder*

(When you put in your address, your student's bus information will pop up.)

### **ACTIVITY BUS**

There are four activity buses, which run Monday-Thursday. There is no Activity Bus on Friday's or on Early Release days. Routes are limited and they do not go down every street so it may be too far to walk.

### **BUS PASSES**

The bus driver will only accept bus passes that come from the school. Students need to bring a written note to the school office in the morning to receive a bus pass. The bus will not drop students off at an address that they do not already service. Please call with questions.

Transportation Dispatch: 360-383-9236

## **FALL SPORTS 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

We are thrilled to announce, this school year, Horizon Middle School with the Whatcom County Middle School League (WCMSL) is planning to offer four seasons of athletics to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Our first athletic season, Fall sports, begins Monday August 30 and ends on October 27. Fall sport options include cross-country, football, boys soccer, and girls softball. We encourage all interested students to participate whether they are new to the sport or experienced. It's a terrific way to grow and develop healthy routines, positive relationships, teamwork leadership, athletic skills and show school spirit.

Horizon is a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and will be following WIAA COVID-19 safety requirements along with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State Governor's Office to ensure safety for our student athletes, coaches and spectators.

If your student plans to participate in a Fall sport, please go to our Horizon Middle School athletic website page as soon as you can to sign-up, to complete annual athletic eligibility forms online and to view our athletic eligibility checklist. On our athletic webpage, you will also find information on middle school athletic season dates, practices, after-school activity bus, co-curricular code and who to contact if you have questions or need help completing registration and required eligibility.

If your student does not have a physical on file with HMS, we recommend you make an appointment with your health care provider as soon as possible, for it is a pre-requisite to participate.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- Backpack (we do not have lockers)
- Pencils (2 dozen)
- Pens (blue or black)
- Notebook & paper or spiral notebooks
- PE Attire – Comfortable clothes and athletic shoes
- Teachers will let you know if there are additional items needed.



# Horizon Middle School

*"Home of the Hornets"*

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School Year 2021-2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are asking you to review and update your child's demographic and health data for two reasons. First, it provides more current information about your child in the event that your child has a health concern or emergency while at school. Secondly, all Washington school districts must comply with new regulations from the State Department of Health.

Please review the enclosed sheet of demographic information that we currently have about your child. If there are any items that need to be updated, make the change(s) on the form. Next, fill out the blank Health Inventory form listing any of your child's significant health concerns. (If you check that your student is without health insurance, that information may be shared with Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA) and/or your school's Family Community Coordinator in order to assist you with this matter.) You may also download additional blank Health Inventory forms from the district's website (in **"PARENTS" – "ENROLLMENT FORMS"** section).

We are also enclosing a Student Housing Questionnaire for you to complete. Please return all three completed forms to the Horizon school office.

In addition to the above, we are asking that you log into **Skyward's Family Access** (Ferndale School District's Home Page – [www.ferndalesd.org](http://www.ferndalesd.org) ; **LOG IN**), and complete the online *2018-19 Annual Student Information Update* (instructions are included on reverse side of this letter).

We appreciate your help. Please contact the Horizon school office or school nurse if you have a question about this request.

Christine McDaniel  
Principal  
Horizon Middle School

## Annual Student Information Update in Skyward Family Access

1. Go to Ferndale School District Website: Ferndalesd.org



2. Find the "Family Tab "

FAMILIES

3. Find "Skyward Family Access"

A screenshot of the Skyward Family Access login page for Ferndale School District. The page features the Skyward logo at the top, followed by the district name. Below this is a login section with fields for 'Login ID:' and 'Password:', a 'Sign In' button, and a 'Forgot your Login/Password?' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Login Area:' dropdown menu currently set to 'Family/Student Access' and a version number '05.21.06.00.05'.

4. Enter your Skyward Family Access login and password. If you do not remember this information, click on the "Forgot your Login/Password? Hyperlink. Your login and password will be emailed to the email address that you provided your school. *(Contact your child's school for further assistance. Summer months, contact the Ferndale School District Office at 360.383-9200)*
5. Select your student from the Family Access drop down list under "All Students" if you have more than one student in the district.
6. Select 2021-2022 Annual Student Information Update tab:
7. Verify, update (if necessary) and complete the online information as instructed in each step in Skyward Family Access under Student Annual Information for the new school year. It is important you update emails, phone #'s, addresses, emergency contacts and other information through Skyward.
8. Under Food Service please complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Form

A screenshot of the 'Food Service' section in Skyward Family Access. It includes a 'Current Account Balance' box showing 'HARLAN: \$11.25' and 'Lunch Type: FREE'. Next to it is a 'Today's Lunch Menu' box with the text 'No lunch menu details are available for the current date.' To the right of these boxes is a link for 'Applications', which is circled in red. There is also a 'Lunch Calendar' link.

**FERNDAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PO BOX 698, Ferndale WA 98248**

**Student Housing Questionnaire**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

*The answers to the following questions can help determine the services the student may be eligible to receive under the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435. The McKinney-Vento Act provides services and supports for children and youth experiencing homelessness.*

**1—Do you rent/own your home/apartment/etc?** ☐ **Yes** (Do NOT complete form) ☐ **No**, please answer #2

**2—If you do NOT rent/own your home/apartment/etc, is it due to a loss of housing or economic hardship?**

- ☐ **No** (Do NOT complete remainder of form)  
☐ **Yes** (Please complete remainder of form)

**Where is the student currently living?** Complete this section ONLY if your answer to Question #2 was Yes:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a motel  | <input type="checkbox"/> A car, park, campsite, or similar location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a shelter  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Housing                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving from place to place/couch surfing                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With another family   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a residence with inadequate facilities (no water, heat, electricity, etc.) |   |

ADDRESS OF CURRENT RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Unaccompanied (not living with parent or legal guardian) ☐ Living with parent or legal guardian

**PRINT NAME** of parent(s)/legal guardian(s)/unaccompanied youth: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Signature of parent/legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- OR - \* Signature of unaccompanied youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided here is true and correct.

District Liaison: Kim Bunch, Student Services, 360/383-9432, [kim.bunch@ferndalesd.org](mailto:kim.bunch@ferndalesd.org)

**For School Personnel Only:** Forward completed questionnaire to building FCC (elementary) or District Liaison (MS/HS)

- ☐ (N) Not Homeless ☐ (A) Shelters ☐ (B) Doubled-Up ☐ (C) Unsheltered ☐ (D) Hotels/Motels





## STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

Please complete and return  
to the Horizon Office

Information on this form is to be filled out (updated) for each new school year.  
Please complete this form and return to your school as soon as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL HEALTH CARE PLANNING

☐ **Diabetes** (EK) **Date of diagnosis:** \_\_\_\_\_ **My child has:** ☐ insulin pump ☐ insulin pen ☐ insulin vial/syringe

☐ **Seizure Disorder** (NP) My child needs **emergency** medication for seizures. \*Name of medication: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Special Health Care Planning** – My child has special health care needs such as – tube feedings, breathing tube, catheter, intravenous tubes or other. Treatment order **required**.

Please describe your child's condition(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Mobility Aids** – My child requires special mobility aids such as a wheelchair, walker. \_\_\_\_\_

### LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS

If mild or moderate asthma or allergies, see box below, "Health Conditions"

☐ **Life threatening** (OB) condition requiring \*epinephrine auto injector ☐ Allergy ☐ Asthma

Allergen(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Other** life threatening condition: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALERT TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** The nurse **must** know of **LIFE THREATENING** conditions (for example severe allergy with anaphylaxis, diabetes, severe asthma) **prior to the start of school**, as these require an Individualized Health Plan (per RCW 28A.210.320). Contact your school to begin the process for a student health care plan and/or medications at school

### HEALTH CONDITIONS

Check any of these conditions which your child has or has had:

☐ ADD/ADHD (NB)

☐ Cancer (T\_)

☐ Mental Health (P\_)

☐ Allergies (E\_) mild or moderate (circle one)

☐ Developmental Condition

☐ Neuro/Brain Injury (N\_)

☐ Asthma mild (RB) inhaler **not** needed at school

☐ Hearing or Vision (Y\_)

☐ Muscle/Bones (M\_)

☐ Asthma moderate (RC) inhaler **needed** at school

☐ Heart Problems (C\_)

☐ Other

☐ Blood Disorder (B\_)

If you have checked any of the above medical conditions/concerns, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Medication requires Authorization for Medications at School form and medication prior to attending school.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

If the parent/guardian and Licensed Health Care Provider named on the registration record cannot be reached at the time of an emergency and if immediate observation or treatment is urgent in the judgment of the school authorities, I authorize and direct the school authorities to send my child (properly accompanied) to the hospital or Licensed Health Care Provider most easily accessible. I understand that I will assume full responsibility for the payment of any service rendered.

**The above checked health conditions may be shared with school personnel on a "need to know" basis.**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# HORIZON BELL SCHEDULE

## 2021 - 2022

<b>Doors Open</b>	<b>7:35</b>	
Advisory	8:00-8:34	
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:37-9:25	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:28-10:15	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:19-11:07	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b>	11:07-11:37
	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:40-12:28
	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:31-1:19
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:10-11:58
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b>	11:58-12:28
	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:31-1:19
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:10-11:58
	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:01-12:49
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch</b>	12:49-1:19
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:22-2:30	

### EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

Doors Open	7:35
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:00-8:26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:29-8:57
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:00-9:28
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	9:31-9:59
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:02-10:30
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:33-11:13
Lunch Pick-Up	On way to buses

## New Communication Information



### Our school is using ParentSquare!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are excited to let you know that this year we'll be using ParentSquare to communicate with you at the school, and in your classrooms and groups.

ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for everyone at school to connect.

With ParentSquare you'll be able to:

- Receive all district, school and classroom communication via email, text, or app
- View the school and classroom calendar and RSVP for events
- Easily sign up to volunteer and/or bring items
- Securely receive report cards, IEPs and other important student documents

### Activate your Account

You will soon receive an invitation email or text to join ParentSquare. Please click the link to activate your account. It takes less than a minute.

You can use ParentSquare on any device. You can download the free mobile app for iOS or Android or use the desktop version at [www.parentsquare.com](http://www.parentsquare.com).

Our goal is for every family to join ParentSquare and engage with our school community. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

Thank you so much!

**Something New is Coming!**  
**Ferndale School District**  
**is starting to use Parent Square!**  
**You will start receiving messages**  
**via phone and email! Please take**  
**a moment to read this**  
**information~**

## Please complete your Free and Reduced Lunch form by Oct. 13th



Applications for Free & Reduced Lunch can be found on your Skyward Family Access account under the Food Service tab and also at the following link on the Ferndalesd.org website:  
<https://www.ferndalesd.org/deptprograms/child-nutrition/free-reduced-lunch-application>

### It's more than a meal application.

Filling out the School Meal Application may help provide:



This organization is an equal opportunity employer.





## 2021-2022 Calendar

Aug 31	First day for Teachers
Sep 1	First day for students
Sep 1	K-5 Early Release, Conferences
Sep 2	K-5 Early Release, Conferences
Sep 3	K-5 Early Release, Conferences
Sep 6	No School, Labor Day
Sep 15	K-12 Early Release
Oct 6	K-12 Early Release
Oct 27	6-12 Early Release
Oct 28	K-5 Early Release
Oct 28	6-12 Early Release, Conferences
Oct 29	K-5 Early Release, Report Card Prep
Oct 29	6-12 Early Release, Conferences
Nov 11	No School, Veteran's Day
Nov 24	K-12 Early Release
Nov 25 - 26	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Dec 8	K-12 Early Release
Dec 20 - 31	No School, Winter Break
Jan 12	K-12 Early Release
Jan 17	No School MLK Day
Jan 21	No School, Treaty Day
Jan 27	K-5 Early Release, Report Card Prep
Jan 28	No School, Semester Break
Feb 2	K-12 Early Release
Feb 3	K-5 Early Release, Conferences
Feb 4	K-5 Early Release, Conferences
Feb 18	No School, Mid Winter
Feb 21	No School Presidents' Day
Mar 23	K-12 Early Release
Mar 24	6-12 Early Release, Conferences
Mar 25	6-12 Early Release, Conferences
Apr 4 - 8	No School Spring Break
Apr 20	K-12 Early Release
May 11	K-12 Early Release
May 25	K-12 Early Release
May 30	No School Memorial Day
Jun 3	K-5 Early Release, Report Card Prep
Jun 14	Last Day for Students, K-12 Early Dismissal
Jun 15-21	Snow Make-up Days as needed

### SEPTEMBER 2021

M	T	W	T	F
	31	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

### OCTOBER 2021

M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

### NOVEMBER 2021

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

### DECEMBER 2021

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### JANUARY 2022

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10	11	12	13	14
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24	25	26	27	28
31				

### FEBRUARY 2022

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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

### MARCH 2022

M	T	W	T	F
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

### APRIL 2022

M	T	W	T	F
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

### MAY 2022

M	T	W	T	F
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

### JUNE 2022

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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	



6-12 Early Release  
 Snow Make-up Days as needed

No School