



# FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL

# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Home of the Golden Falcons

## October

- 23 Photos: Temple
- 27 Conference Day (No School)

## November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends (MS/HS)
- 3 M.S. Play @ 7:30 p.m. in MS/HS Auditorium
- 3-4 Junior High Area Allstate @ Akron
- 4 M.S. Play @ 2:30 p.m. in MS/HS Auditorium
- Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. at Temple
- 7
- 10 Veteran's Day (No School)
- 16 Photos: Fenner Retakes
- 17 1/2 Day (Elementary)
- 17-18 Senior High Area Allstate @ SUNY Fredonia
- 21 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

## December

- 1 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends (Elem)
- 4 Photos: Temple Retakes
- 5 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- Photos: Underclassmen Retakes
- 7 Winter Concert: Grades 9-12 @ 7 p.m. in Aud.





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## Changes in English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards and Testing

In mid-September, the New York State Board of Regents approved New York's Next Generation Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. The revision of the standards were conducted over two years with a number of stakeholders involved. The substantial revisions were made to reduce repetition of standards across all grade levels and to ensure clarity, appropriateness and vertical alignment.

Revisions in the New York State Next Generation English Language Arts came in the early grades with the implementation of the standards. The New York State Department of Education "created an Early Learning Standards Introduction that provides greater guidance on how the standards can be implemented in PreK through Grade 2. This introduction offers guidance and context for the standards, as well as guidance regarding developmentally appropriate practices, teaching all student, cultural appropriateness and ensuring the needs of students are supported."

The English Language Arts revisions also included expanding and clarifying reading expectations across all grade levels (PreK-Grade 12). The revisions were put into place to make sure educators and parents could better understand the reading expectations for each grade level.

Additionally, revisions were made in the English Language Arts Standards to guide educators on ways to support students with disabilities and English language learners.

The New York State Next Generation Mathematics Standards also saw a number of revisions. Each high school course is now listed in a standards document with specific standards that make up the course.

Clarification to the standards were also revised so that educators, students and parents more clearly understand the expectations. In addition, some standards were consolidated to reduce redundancy among grade levels.

A glossary of verbs associated with the mathematics standards is now available. The list contains verbs that appear throughout the revised standards and can be found at <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/nys-next-generation-mathematics-p-12-standards-glossary.pdf>.

Full implementation of the New York State Next Generation English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards are slated for September 2020. The State assessments will measure students using the Next Generation Standards in Spring 2021. For more information, please go to <https://www.engageny.org/next-generation-learning-standards>.

Source: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2017/board-regents-p-12-committee-approves-next-generation-learning-standards>



**Mrs. Judith Roach**  
Director of Instruction and  
Staff Development

### From the Guidance Office

Our 2017-2018 High School Back-to-School Bash was a success! We had a great turnout and gave away over 60 prizes to students. Our theme this year was "Be Inspired!"

The College Consortium was here in September. Over 21 Colleges and Universities were in the Media Center talking with students about 200+ degree programs. As students went around talking with representatives and asking questions, they were given tickets to put in towards a drawing for a chance to win one of two \$50 Amazon Gift Cards. The winners of the gift cards were Evan R. and Haley P. In addition, we also asked students to figure out which college Mr. Jordan attended. The only clue given was that their mascot was the Golden Griffin. Students put their guesses in a drawing and Sean C. was the winner, with the correct guess - Canisius College. He won a \$20 Gift Card to Tasta Pizza.



### Falcons on Campus – Alfred State Trip

30 students visited Alfred State on October 5. They toured the campus, checking out the classrooms and residential halls. The students were able to get an overview of the college's 70+ programs in Agriculture, Allied Health, Applied Technology, Architecture, Business, Engineering Technology, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Sciences.

We've had several college representatives visit, such as SUNY Brockport, Penn State Behrend, Washington & Jefferson College, and Mercyhurst University. Be sure to check out the Guidance calendar on our Guidance webpage to see what other colleges will be visiting!

Seniors should be working on college applications as well as completing the FAFSA. Links to both can be found on our Guidance webpage.

Check out the Guidance web page and calendar for upcoming events.

### Please Recycle!

Pepsi Co. and Mr. Muscarella's classroom have partnered together to offer work-based learning opportunities for the CDOS program. The class is going to use the returned bottles to fund a scholarship for a graduating senior in our program. Please look for the blue recycling bins throughout the Middle/High School building. The bins are designed to collect returnable bottles and cans.



### Congratulations: Boys' Modified Cross Country

The Boys' Modified Cross Country team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the McQuaid Invitational in Rochester, NY.



### Senior Night for the Girls' Tennis Team

The team finished 4-4 in the league. Each senior was represented by an underclassman. Kyra K. for Hannah W., Ashley P. for her sister, Haley P., Nicole Y. for Katie E., Lauren A. for Kaylee C., Macy Y. for Hannah B., and Aubin B. for Mikaela B. Each underclassmen made a tennis ball poster and gave a speech about their senior. The team won their match 4-1 over Frewsburg on Senior Night with some of the best tennis they played all season.



## Homecoming

From the games to the parade, spirit week dress up days, to the bonfire, pep assembly and dance, lots of fun was had and memories were made.



## Honor Society and Homecoming

Falconer's Honor Society students were at it again, creating the balloon arch for Homecoming. Every year, these senior students are responsible for building the balloon arch for the Homecoming festivities. This is a time-honored tradition, and it is utilized for the announcement of the homecoming court, the revealing of the Homecoming King and Queen, and for pictures during the Homecoming dance.

Students worked together throughout the day to create a perfect arch of spirals. The arch looked wonderful again this year, sporting our Falconer colors and recognizing our senior court. Congratulations to every student selected for court this year, but an extra special congratulations to this year's Homecoming king and queen, Andrew Y. and Chelsey V.! It was the perfect weather to recognize the court, and a perfect evening with our football team bringing home the win! A heartfelt thank you for every Honor Society senior who took the time to blow up balloons, construct the arch, and to make it look classy.



## Reality Check Take 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jamestown's Now's Chalk the Walk



Falconer's Reality Check participated in Jamestown Now's Chalk the Walk event on Saturday, September 9. The group used the large space they were given in front of Quick Solutions on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Jamestown to create a map of New York State. The purpose of the artwork was to educate the community that tobacco use among teens is still an issue. To emphasize this, two pressing facts were used: the average age of a new smoker in New York State is thirteen, and tobacco retailers near schools have three times more tobacco marketing than other stores. These two facts are meant to shock the community that young people are still starting to smoke at

an alarming age and that the tobacco industry purposely puts more tobacco marketing in stores where young people are likely to shop. Brittney M., Spencer B., Jacob T. and Emily C. participated in the event and won second place. For more information on Reality Check and how you can join please see Mrs. Gunnell at the High School.

## FBLA...A Look Back at Nationals

The road to earning a spot in national competition for a Future Business Leader of America is never an easy one. Simply competing at the district and state levels are quite the challenge, but making it to nationals is a feat that should be cherished. After placing in the top four at the New York State Leadership Conference in April, Sydney K. and Emily J. earned the opportunity to present their American Enterprise Project at the National **Leadership** Conference in Anaheim, California. Keith Kresconko served as chaperone and escorted these talented young ladies on their cross-country journey.

After months of fundraising, planning, and practicing, Sydney and Emily presented their project to a panel of judges. They were overwhelmed to discover that they were in competition with a total of 74 other competitors from the United States, China, Europe, and the US Virgin Islands. The young ladies were disappointed to discover they had not qualified to present in the final 15, but they agreed that they were proud of the hard-work and dedication that they put into their performance.



In addition to this team competition, Emily also qualified for the Local Chapter Annual Business Report and FBLA Principles & Procedures competitions. She also served New York as a state voting delegate in the election of the 2017-2018 national officers. What a great opportunity it was for Falconer FBLA to gain experience in competition, election procedures, and to enjoy all the sights and sounds that their

### September Middle School Students of the Month



Student of the Month  
**Kaitlyn M.**  
(6<sup>th</sup> grade)



Kiwanis Terrific Kid  
**Marlei A.**  
(6<sup>th</sup> grade)

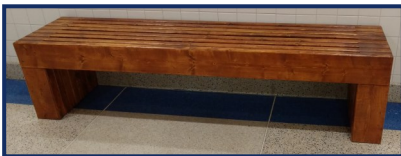
### New MS/HS Cellphone Policy

This year the MS/HS has adopted a stoplight cellphone policy. Every area is zoned by color. Green indicates students can use devices when they feel they need to. Yellow denotes students can only use devices when staff allows. Red restricts all devices and they should be away. Please check a student handbook for more details.



### Bench Made

A bench made from 2" x 6" material was constructed by Mr. Franzen's Residential Structures Class last year to provide additional seating in the lobby.



### Local Politicians Inspire Falconer Students

Junior and Senior High students attended a Civics Forum on October 10 with area local government officials. NYS



Assemblyman, Andrew Goodell, County Executive, Vince Horrigan, and County Legislator, Lisa Vanstrom, each shared their path to a political office and the importance of becoming involved in local government. Moderated by Seniors, Hannah B. and Kathryn J., this forum is a continuation of the Middle School and High School Social Studies Department's goal of connecting their students with the curriculum and its application to real world experiences.

### Big Read for October Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

- Pick up a copy of the book in the library (many are available)
- Read it by the end of the month
- Come to the Frankenstein Fiesta at the end of the month in the Media Center to hang out with other people who read the book too!



### September 3B's Class Winners



There's a tie! Congratulations to Mr. Helt's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and Mrs. Roth's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!

### September 3B's Certificate Winners



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



4<sup>th</sup> Grade



5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Dental Care Visits

Fenner Elementary School was excited to invite local Orthodontist, Dr. Douglas Marshal Larson, from Larson Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentist, Dr. Jan Carlson, to visit on Tuesday, October 17. All the students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade were able to learn about dental care and best hygiene practices with a fun filled classroom presentations. Presenters included Dr. Larson, Dr. Carlson, Dental hygienist -Mindy Weaver and Dental Assistant -Tammie Eddy. Lakewood Pediatric Dentistry graciously donated 300 dental hygiene packets with toothpaste, brush, and floss. Fenner staff strongly



believes maintaining healthy teeth support overall health and helps to prepare students for learning! Falconer Central School would like to thank Larson Orthodontics and Lakewood Pediatric Dentistry for their time and support.

School Social Worker- Sarah Wagner, School Nurse- Stephanie Buccola, Dental Hygienist - Mindy Weaver, Dental Assistant- Tammie Eddy, Pediatric Dentist- Dr. Jan Carlson, Principal- Gary Gilbert, Orthodontist- Dr. Douglas Marshal



Mindy Weaver, Tammie Eddy, Dr. Jan Carlson, and Dr. Douglas Marshal Larson in Mrs. Payne's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.



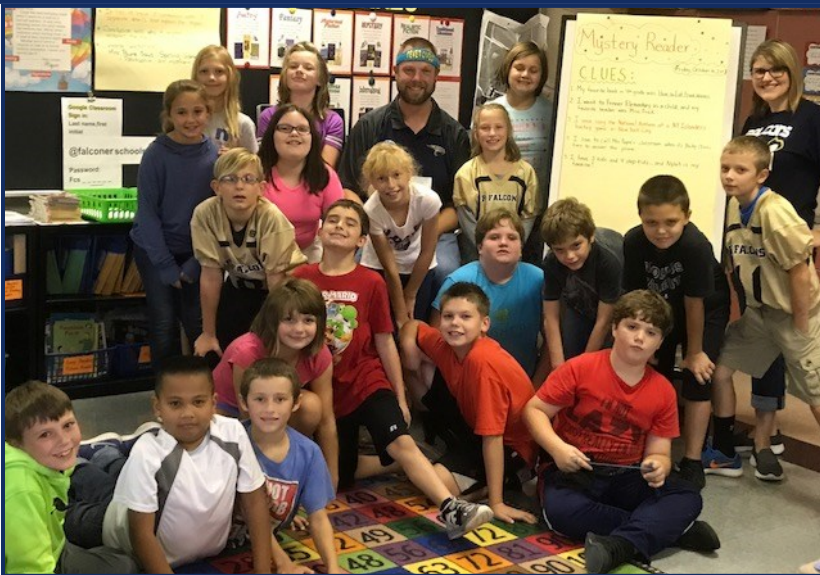


### Celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month

This September marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Library Card Sign-up Month. The American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the United States reminded families that the most powerful card they will ever own is a library card. Crime-fighting DC superheroes, the Teen Titans, teamed up with the ALA to encourage all students to sign up for a free library card.

In September, the Fenner A.I.S. teachers held an assembly celebrating Library Card Sign-Up month. They explained the importance of owning a library card and

challenged all students and staff to get a "powerful" card of their own. Students were given until the end of the month to bring in a library card. Students that brought their library card to school received a small prize. Special congratulations to Mrs. Roth's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, Mr. Helt's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, and Mrs. Pawlak's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class on having the highest percentage of participation for their grade level. Each class received a superhero treat. Remember, having fun isn't hard when you've got a library card.

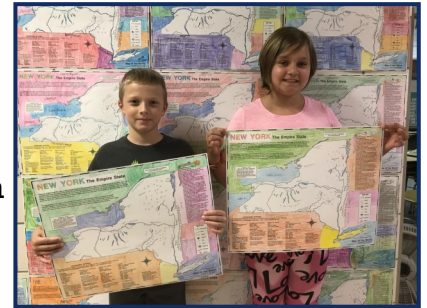


### Mystery Reader

The students in Mrs. Payne's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class had a surprise visit from Mr. Bianco in October. He was their first Mystery Reader! He read The Day Roy Riegels Ran the Wrong Way and The Book With No Pictures. Mrs. Payne welcomes Mystery Readers throughout the year.

### New York State Maps

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been working on maps of New York State. Pictured here are Brayden M. and Haven K., from Mrs. Payne's class.



### Vegetable Garden Harvest

Last years' 5<sup>th</sup> grade planted a vegetable garden for the second year in a row. Mr. Gilbert's parents sent in a variety of started plants. Mrs. Hale, with help from the Biodome Project in Jamestown, shared many heritage plants from seeds that were donated from "Seed Saver Exchange." The students grew pumpkins from seeds that they harvested from a pumpkin at Halloween.

The garden was very productive, and this years' students have harvested many vegetables and have enjoyed fresh veggie platters, coleslaw, and zucchini. There are also seven pumpkins that will soon be sent home with students. We are looking forward to including more students in our gardening project next spring.





In June, the reading teachers at Temple and Fenner encouraged all students in UPK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge. The goal was to read continuously over the summer and record minutes read on a beach-themed calendar. More than 100 students conquered the challenge to read weekly over the summer.

Research shows that students who read throughout the summer come back to school ready to learn reading skills on a higher level; those that do not, must start out re-learning skills that they had previously mastered.



Temple's Reading Champions were rewarded with a special assembly where they received gold medals and certificates. In addition, they were treated to an ice cream sundae. As an extra bonus, those who completed the challenge were entered into a drawing to win two bikes, which were generously donated by the Jamestown Post Journal. The winners were Camden B. and Madalynn D.

Fenner students were rewarded with a Hawaiian Luau. Students received certificates, made volcano ice cream sundaes, watched a movie and took a "hang ten" picture with their Hawaiian leis.



A special thank you to the families that encouraged their readers to complete the summer reading challenge. It is the reading teachers' hope that even more students will participate in the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge. Look for more information to come home in June.

### September Cheer Bear Winners



Mr. Bianco's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Penhollow's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Collin's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class



### September 3B's Award Winners

UPK, Kindergarten,  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



### September Students of the Month



Alannah ate lunch with her friend, Sienna, in Mrs. Hannon's office.



Ayden ate lunch with his friend, Ethan, in Mrs. Hannon's office.



Jessa ate lunch with her friend, Hannah, in Mrs. Hannon's office.



Kolton ate lunch with his cousin, Bella, in Mrs. Hannon's office.



Lauren ate lunch with her friend, Elayna, in Mrs. Hannon's office.



Jacob ate lunch with his friend, Jordyn, in Mrs. Hannon's office.





### Get Well Soon

All of the Kindergarten classes at Temple made Get Well Soon cards and pictures for Michael Seeley, the husband of 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Nicole Seeley, who is battling Leukemia at Cleveland Clinic.

### Picture Menu Created

Mary Lynch, from Personal Touch, created visual pictures for the students at Temple to help with their lunch choices. Pictured are Mrs. Lynch and students from Mr. Bianco's class.



### UPK Orientation

Mrs. Robinson & Mrs. Long led a successful UPK orientation for parents and students in the beginning of September.



### Fire Prevention

In the beginning of October, Falconer Volunteer Fire Department visited Temple to put on Fire prevention assemblies for all the students. Students also tried on gear and looked at an ambulance, fire truck, and ladder truck.



### First Grader's Act of Kindness

In September, students at Temple celebrated the culmination of the Summer Reading Challenge at a special assembly! Names of all students who completed the Reading Challenge went into a drawing for two brand new bikes and helmets, donated by the Post Journal (bikes) and KMart (helmets). One of the bikes was won by Camden B. from Mrs. Boughton's first grade class. Camden already has a nice bike of his own at home, and he decided he would like to donate the bicycle he won for someone else to enjoy. A new name was drawn from our summer readers group! Due to Camden's generosity, Noah L. from Mrs. Garrison's third grade class is now the proud owner of the bicycle! We are so proud of both boys for taking on the Summer Reading Challenge! Camden, thank you for your huge act of kindness! You have put big smiles on many faces by being such a cheerful giver!

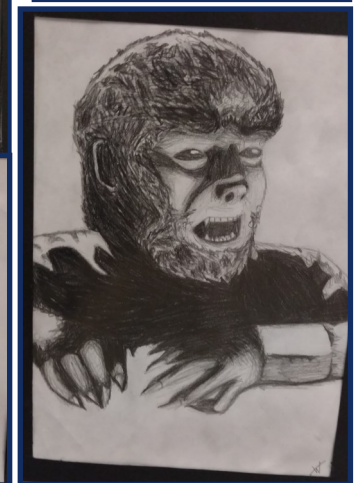
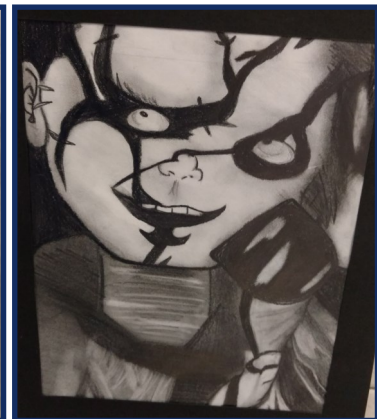
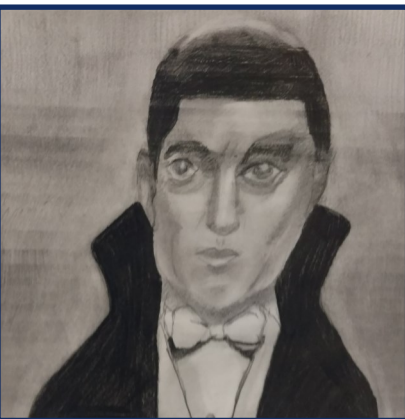
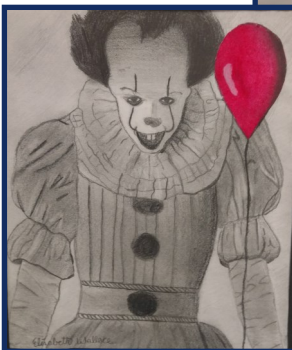
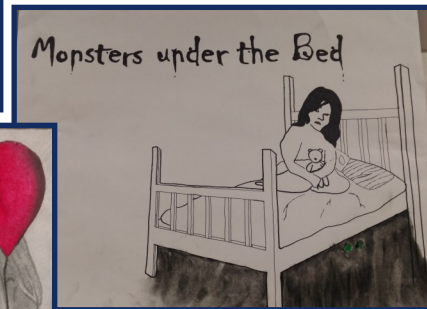


### Thank you Axemen and Community!

The Axemen, a local group of firefighters who ride motorcycles, came to Falconer on Wednesday, September 27th. They donated a huge box of school supplies to each of the schools in the district. This is the second consecutive year they have made a donation to our district. We would like to send a huge thank you to all of the Axemen and everyone in the community who donated.



Kindergarteners are focusing on using simple geometric shapes to create a castle painting. First Graders made a hand collage after learning about color theory, the color wheel, and the warm and cool colors. Second graders have been busy on a big Keith Haring figure painting. They are currently learning about color theory, primary colors and color mixing in this fall landscape painting. The remaining projects were completed by MS/HS Students.





800 Meter Relay Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place)



2 Mile Run/Walk Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place)



Dodgeball Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place)



Temple Elementary Participants



Predicted Mile Team

**FCS Takes 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Battle of the Businesses**



Tug-O-War Team

Jamestown's YMCA's 30<sup>th</sup> year of Battle of the Businesses was Falconer's 4<sup>th</sup> year of participating. Although the team was unable to redo last year's first place win, they finished a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place, trailing 2<sup>nd</sup> by only 7.5 points. FCS participated in all events and won 3 events, 2 Mile Run/Walk, DodgeBall, and the 800 Meter Relay. Great job to all who participated!



Volleyball Team



Bowling Team



Go Cart Race



Softball Team

### Mission Statement

The Board of Education, collective staff, and community of the Falconer School District are committed to preparing our children to be productive members of society. Through continuous evaluation and improvement, this partnership will provide a quality educational environment for students to meet the graduation requirements.

### Alma Mater

Falconer High School here's to you best in the land. 'Neath the old gold and blue, we will proudly take our stand. In classroom study, field, or track with you dear as our guide, no honor ever shall you lack. I'll win your pride.

### Board of Education Agendas, Additions/ Deletions, & Minutes

- To access any of the above documents, go to:
- [www.falconerscsd.org](http://www.falconerscsd.org)
  - ⇒ District Home Page
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  - ⇒ Board of Education
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  - ⇒ Click on Meeting Date

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### After-Prom Information

Have **cans or bottles**? Take them over to Don't Trash it on Work Street and mention Falconer After-Prom and they will add them to our account.

It takes many people to make this party a success and many man power hours so please try to attend our meetings and help out in any way you can!

**Contact Rosie Digirolamo at 665-6624 and push 1.**

### Head Phone Reminder:

Most students need a pair of headphones to use while at school. PLEASE send in a set with your student.



### Falcon Productions Presents: The Middle School Play



[https://www.pioneerdrama.com/Images/Title\\_Art/SUPERHERO.png](https://www.pioneerdrama.com/Images/Title_Art/SUPERHERO.png)

November 3, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. and November 4, 2017, at 2:30 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

Adults - \$7  
Students and Senior Citizens - \$5  
All tickets are available at the door.

Please support Drama at FCS!

### From the nurses office:



If your child is ill please be sure to call the health office in the morning. You can also leave a message at night if you know your child has a appointment or is going to be late.

Also please be sure to update contact information including phone numbers. If there is an emergency, we need to be able to get in touch with all parents/guardians.