

STUDENT SERVICES

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NEWSLETTER

FALCONER MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

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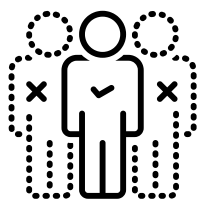
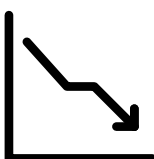
'Tis The Season To...

A Note from Student Services

... be kind to yourself and others! You deserve to feel happy, peaceful, and loved. So do the people around you. Let's spread kindness, joy, and good vibes this holiday season and beyond. This time of year can also be stressful and overwhelming. As you take a break from school, it's important to remember to be kind to yourself. During the holiday season, it's important to give yourself the same kindness you would give a friend. Small acts of kindness can have a big impact, and it's a beautiful way to show love and appreciation. The best gift you can give yourself and those around you is kindness—whether it's through your actions, your words, or the way you treat yourself.

Academics & Attendance

Students who miss more than 10% of school days (often referred to as chronic absenteeism) are at a higher risk of academic underachievement. Even sporadic absences can add up over time, resulting in gaps in learning that are difficult to close.



HS upcoming events

- 12/1 FAFSA Available (www.fafsa.gov)
- 12/10 9th-12th Grade Winter Concert
- 12/12 10th Grade Visit to HEWES BOCES
- 12/20 Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- 1/8 - ASVAB Test Administration + Career Exploration Workshop

Social Emotional Learning

The holidays are quickly approaching! For many people, these are the best times of the year. For others, the holiday season may serve as a reminder of difficult moments in the past. This time of year may also bring on heavy emotions such as stress, anxiety and grief. It's important to remember we need to take care of ourselves as best we can and help others cope as well in order to enjoy the season. At the end of the day, we are only human!

happy holidays



What's happening in Middle School



The December theme of the month is **Awareness of Others**.

Make sure to check in on your classmates, teachers, and family members who might need some extra attention or help!

Middle Schoolers on the Move!

Warm Line Collections

Donate Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Mittens by dropping them off in room 304 to Mrs. Barron.



Toys for Tots

Bring new toys to your homeroom class. The homeroom with the most toys donated gets a reward!



Come support your classmates at the winter concerts on December 12th!

GRADE 6 starts at 6:30 p.m.

GRADE 7/8 starts at 7:30 p.m.



PACT events coming soon—game day and winter painting!!

Stay in touch



Ms. Odell Grades 6-7
Mrs. Solenne Grades 8-9
Mrs. Warren Grades 10-12 (Last Names A-J)
Mrs. Barber Grades 10-12 (Last Names K-Z)
Mrs. Freeman - Social Worker
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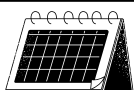
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Social Media

Social media provides a platform for you to express your thoughts and to influence people. You get to choose whether you are stirring up negativity and drama or if you are creating positivity and encouragement. For the month of December (and hopefully long after that) we challenge you to participate in POSITIVITY POSTS. Let's see if you can post about things that create happiness, gratitude, and encouragement. Let's fight the temptation to pass along rumors, drama, and sadness. We want to see what you come up with--Come by the Student Services Office to show us some of your POSITIVITY POSTS !



Looking Ahead



- 12/21/24 - 1/5/25 Winter Recess--no school
We will see you in the new year!



Resources

Community Locations to call for Counseling Services

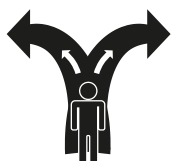
Family Services (716) 488-1971
The Chautauqua Center (716) 484-4334
The Resource Center (716) 661-1590
Child Advocacy Program (716) 338-9844
Chautauqua County Mental Hygiene (716) 661-8330
Jamestown Psychiatric (716) 526-4041



Media Center News

Computer Science Education Week is just around the corner! Activities are planned for the week of 12/9- 12/15. Head over to the Media Center to check things out!

Support



We want to remind you that the Student Services Office is here to support you! If you have any concerns—whether they are academic, career-related, social, emotional, or personal—please don't hesitate to reach out.

We genuinely care about you and your family, and we're committed to helping you navigate any challenges you may face.

Happy Holiday Activities

We have a long winter break coming up soon.
Here is a list of fun activities that are sure to keep your spirits up!



Build a Snowman

Watch Christmas Movies

Decorate the House

Give a gift

Shovel Snow

Have a Snowball Fight

Tour the Neighborhood Lights



Go Sledding

Drink Hot Chocolate

Bake Cookies

Help a Neighbor

Build a Snow Fort

Make Cards

Coloring & Crafts



College/Career



JUNIOR Checklist

- Begin College Search
- Attend College Visits
- Take SAT and/or ACT
- Create a Resume
- Focus on Grades
- Study for Regents
- Talk with College Representatives
- Explore Careers
- Get Involved
- Volunteer
- Create a Professional Email Address



SENIOR Checklist

- Start Applications
- Go to Open Houses
- File FAFSA
- Update Resume
- Ask for Letters of Rec.
- College Essays
- Apply for Scholarships
- Job Shadow
- Work Experience
- Pay Attention to Deadlines



Take time to explore colleges and careers in Xello!



Access Xello through Classlink on your Chromebook.

Tech Tips

Your chrome books should be logged off and shut down fully every night for the software to update and apps to sync with each other properly!

