

6th-7th Grade Back to School Email 2016-17

July 11, 2016

Dear Farragut Families,

I am looking forward to seeing my new students, returning students and having all of you as part of our Lower School student body. I have compiled some information as you prepare for the **start of school on August 22nd**. Please do not hesitate to email Patti Croft, my Administrative Assistant at pcroft@farragut.org or call our office at 727-346-2494 if you have any further questions.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Back to School Night for 4th-7th Grade: Thursday, August 18th

- **5:00-6:00 pm Visit the Roy M. Speer Student Center**
 - Meet Athletic Coaches, Parents' Group Reps, Admiral's Athletic Club Reps, After School Activities Directors, Drill Team Director, Naval Pride and Tradition Director, School Nurse, Music Teacher, Spanish Teacher, Chinese Teacher, STEM Teacher
 - Get locker assignments
 - Update paperwork
 - Pick-up your 6:00-7:30 pm Scheduled Classroom Visitation schedule
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 - Beginning promptly at 6:00 pm, experience a shortened rotating class schedule. Each subject teacher will present an overview of their class and classroom expectations. Schedules should be picked up in the Roy M. Speer Student Center.

Parent's Group Back to School Social: Sunday, August 21st

- All parents are invited!
- 6:30-8:30 pm at The Club at Treasure Island
- This is a great opportunity for parents to meet each other and ask faculty and staff questions.
- Dress is resort casual and the event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- Childcare is provided at no cost to PreK-7th graders who are currently enrolled.
- Please RSVP to parentsgroup@farragut2.org and include number of attendees with names and number of children with names and ages.

Overnight Field Trip

I am excited to announce that this year our 6th & 7th graders will be going on a two day/one night trip to Tallahassee on February 2-3, 2017. Students will be visiting the New Capitol Building, stopping at the House and Senate Chambers, touring the Historic Old Capitol Building, and visiting other sites along the way. More information regarding cost and itinerary will be coming at a later date.

IMPORTANT FORMS

Enrollment Forms

Please make sure all forms have been turned in prior to the start of school. Your child will not be able to start school unless all enrollment requirements are complete and submitted. **Forms can be found on your FOCUS portal.**

Athletic & Medical Forms

If a student is participating in a sport at Admiral Farragut Academy, it is required by law to complete and submit the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) forms. No student will be able to try-out or participate in athletics without these forms submitted. Both the athletic and medical forms can be found on your FOCUS portal under "Health Office Documents and Forms".

Immunizations

Please be aware there are **additional immunization requirements for students entering 7th grade.** Students will not be allowed in school until Farragut's Health Office has proof the student received the immunization.

ORDERING TEXTBOOKS

All 6th & 7th grade students need to order their textbooks, workbooks and pay e-tech book fees with MBS Bookstore. MBS Bookstore will be available for ordering beginning July 15th. From July 26th - August 9th they will be running free shipping on orders over \$99.

[Click here to watch video on how to order your books.](#)

[Click here to order books.](#)

STARTING SCHOOL

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Students in 6th & 7th grade may be dropped off at the Lower School car circle located off of Country Club Road or at the front entrance of the school on 5th Avenue North

between 7:45 am and 7:55 am. **Students need to be in their classrooms by 8:00 am.** Students will be released at 3:00 pm and may be picked up at either location.

Supervision After School

There will be no direct supervision after 3:15 pm. We do have security, residential staff, and athletic coaches that supervise the campus, but they do not have direct supervision of your children. Students may remain on campus until 5:30 pm, but they must remain in approved areas. Students who go out of bounds (creek, waterfront, etc) without permission may be restricted or required to be picked up immediately after school. The Student Center will be available for students wishing to utilize the facilities. Utilization of the Student Center is also subject to appropriate behavior.

Bring Your Own Devices

Because our school is moving to a more digital atmosphere, including e-techbooks and computer submissions, students in 6th and 7th grade may bring their own laptop or tablet to complete their class work. Google Chromebooks and Tablets are the recommended devices for our school. Students are able to access all of our apps and programs with ease using these devices. Students are responsible for the security of their personal devices. We will have a supply of Chromebooks on hand for those students that are unable to bring in their own device.

UNIFORMS & APPEARANCE

Uniform Requirements

Farragut khaki shorts, skorts or pants, Farragut polo, white ankle socks, solid brown leather belt, tennis shoes (no high tops). On P.E. days, students will be required to bring Farragut P.E. t-shirt and Farragut P.E. shorts. Students in band, Naval Pride & Tradition, and Drill Team will be required to purchase Farragut salt & pepper uniform. All required uniforms should be purchased in the Ship's Store.

Standards for Hair

Extreme hairstyles or hair color are not permitted. All hairstyles must be neat, clean, and well kept. Boys' hairstyles may not be below the collar of the shirt, below the eyebrow or cover no more than half the ear. Girls need to wear hair close to the head. If hair is long enough, it needs to be worn in a ponytail. Hair that is not long enough for a ponytail needs to be worn off the face. Hair accessories must be simple.

Uniform Fitting & Purchasing

[Click here to schedule an appointment at the Ship's Store.](#)

- Your confirmation status will initially be shown as pending; however, within 24 hours your appointment date and time will be confirmed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- [School Supply List](#) (all supplies and lock for locker should be brought to school on the first day)
- [Summer Reading List](#) (3rd grade and up)

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in August!

Sincerely,
Anita Fine
Head of Lower School