

WELCOME BACK Eagle Family! My name is Candice Perkins, and I am honored to serve as your **SY26-28 FDHS PTSO President** for my second term. This role is a privilege I do not take lightly because I know the work of the PTSO is truly a team effort. Please click [here](#) to read my Welcome Back email included in the FDHS Administration email sent earlier this month. It was wonderful meeting so many new and familiar families at New Family Orientation on August 21! A special THANK YOU to our presenters and evening facility team for helping make everyone feel welcome.

Each Sunday (unless Monday is a holiday), I'll share **"What's Going On at FDHS"**: highlighting important updates, academics, athletics, activities, events, and opportunities to support our scholars and school. The PTSO is a partnership of **students, families, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, businesses, and community partners**. This year, I look forward to **YOU** playing an important role in helping us continue to elevate our collective impact and make a difference in the FDHS community.

Tomorrow, Aug 24:

- PGCPs New Student Orientation (This orientation is **for new students ONLY**)
 - A few important reminders:
 - FDHS is a uniform school. All scholars are expected to report to school in the required uniform. Scholars are expected to report at **7:30 AM** with dismissal at **11:15 AM**. Helpful information on PGCPs transportation can be found [here](#).
- Eagles, **meet us at FDHS at 6:30 PM** as we officially welcome **Principal Boldon** to the FDHS community! Hear her vision for FDHS, connect with her, ask questions, meet members of our school community, and begin building the partnerships that will help make SY26-27 a great year. And, of course, your PTSO looks forward to seeing **YOU** there!

Tuesday, Aug 25: "THE MAIN EVENT"

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- PGCPs "A" Day
- FDHS is a [uniform](#) school. All scholars are expected to report to school in the required uniform.
- Helpful information about PGCPs transportation can be found [here](#).
- FDHS has been selected as the **first stop on Superintendent Joseph's Back-to-School Visit**, and we are excited to participate! A special **THANK YOU** to all of the faculty, staff, scholars, student organizations, and community partners who will be participating and helping showcase the amazing things happening at Frederick Douglass High School.
- Please remind your scholar to print/screenshot their schedules. Cellular service is limited throughout the building, so accessing [StudentVue](#) may not always be possible.
- The first day of school will be an **exciting but busy** morning on Croom Road. The PTSO put together a quick, friendly reminder to help our Eagle families prepare to travel [here](#). PLEASE remember...**SAFETY** first. Plan to leave early, plan to

follow all traffic guidelines, plan to have grace for our fellow Eagles on the road. We all want our scholars, families, faculty, and staff to arrive safely and start the school year on the right foot.

PTSO is Keeping You in the Know:

- FDHS PTSO shared **Community Calendar** can be found [here](#)
- **SY26-27 FDHS PTSO membership is open.** Did you know that, as a PTSO member, you have access to exclusive perks such as: Scholars' monthly Dress Down Pass, membership-discounted event rates, volunteer opportunities, voting rights, and so much more! The membership form can be found [here](#) (feel free to share).
 - Dress Down Passes can be picked up at our table on [Back to School Night](#) on **September 15**.
 - Detailed communication for Dress Down Usage/rules will be shared by mid-September to paid members.
- Each school year, all parents/guardians who wish to volunteer at any PGCPs school must complete the annual volunteer training and approval process. Volunteers are always needed throughout the school year; however, **all volunteers must be approved annually before participating in volunteer activities.**
 - Once you have completed your SY26-27 volunteer training and received your approval confirmation from PGCPs (subject line: “**Volunteer Application Approved: _____**”), please forward the approval email to fdhsptso@gmail.com. The FDHS PTSO tracks all approved volunteers in collaboration with FDHS administration.
 - If you have not yet completed the annual training, no worries! Please [click here](#) to review the PGCPs volunteer guidance and complete the required steps.
 - **Please note:** If you have already completed your SY26-27 annual volunteer training but your scholar attends another PGCPs school (such as an elementary or middle school), that approval is still acceptable. You do not need to complete the process again specifically for FDHS.
- Over the summer, the PTSO proudly led **Phase One of the FDHS Restroom Refresh Project!** Our FDHS foundation and “bones” are strong, but with a little TLC and teamwork, our Eagle community came together to make it happen. With the support of FDHS and community partners, we refreshed **6 student and 2 teacher lounge restrooms** with fresh paint, new stalls, repaired sinks, new trash cans, and new FDHS logo graphics. **But we’re not done!** Our next goal is to update the **restroom tile and flooring** as we continue working toward our ideal design for all of our restrooms throughout the building. [Financial contributions](#) are welcome (the **FDHS PTSO is a 501(c)(3)**), and we also welcome businesses and community members who can contribute their talents, resources, or connections. A special **THANK YOU** to our custodial team, led by **Mr. Brown**, and all of our contractors and project partners who helped bring Phase One to life. **Phase One is complete. Phase Two is next. Together, we can keep elevating FDHS!**

FDHS School News:

Principal Boldon’s Blueprint:

- [Welcome to FDHS](#)

- **Aug 21:** New Parent Orientation was a success! FDHS admin & faculty will post the information shared on the FDHS website.
- **Aug 24:**
 - New Student Orientation (7:30-11:15 am)
 - [Principal Meet & Greet \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- **Aug 28:** [Class of 2027](#) Senior Sunrise

Sept 1: P-TECH Year 1 Virtual Parent Meeting

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- **Sept 7:** PGCPS Schools Closed
- **Sept 15:** [Everything Douglass/Back to School Night](#) (food trucks will be on site)
- **Sept 16 & 21:** PGCPS Schools Closed

Athletics:

Week 0: Welcome Back Students!! Our Fall Sports are in pre-season mode with a couple of scrimmages this week. [Here](#) is our short schedule for the week. Come out and support your ***Eagles!***

As we begin SY26-27, let's remember that FDHS is bigger than any one person, organization, or department. When we communicate, collaborate, support, and show up, our scholars benefit. I look forward to partnering with YOU this year as we continue to build, connect, support, and elevate the Eagle community.

#AttendanceMatters...Let's make it an incredible year!

Sincerely,

Candice Perkins

FDHS PSTO President

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