



# Ferguson Hall Freshman School

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Dear Ferguson Hall Families,

Welcome to Ferguson Hall Freshman School! We will be working hard this summer to make sure Ferguson Hall is ready for an exciting new school year. We have included some important dates and information for you to consider as you plan your summer activities. Please update your contact information in the [OneView Portal](#). We communicate primarily through email, so it is important that this information is accurate.

Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions. We look forward to working with you next year!

### Office Staff

Principal

Jaimie Sweet

Assistant Principal

Jonathan Webb

Administrative Assistants

Sherrie Pepera and Brenda Spears

Counselor (A-H)

Lauren Spencer

Counselor (I-Z)

Lindsay Danver

Special Education Supervisor

Todd Bandow

Nurse

Jennifer Dimeff

### Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available for free each day in the Ferguson Hall cafeteria with many options a la carte. To access meal accounts and menus please visit the [food service website](#).

### Important Dates - **These are subject to change pending additional guidance from the State of Ohio**

- 6/7/21** - Ferguson Hall office closes for the summer
- 7/28/21** - Ferguson Hall office reopens (Summer Hours: 8:00 AM - 11:30 PM & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
- 8/11/21** - Freshman Orientation (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM) - BHS Gymnasium  
Freshman will participate in a half day orientation where upperclassmen (Creek Crew) will lead fun activities, help explore the building, and provide support for the upcoming year.
- 8/11/21** - Parent Orientation (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM) - BHS Auditorium  
We will share what you can expect at Ferguson Hall, discuss social media, explore Snapchat and Instagram, suggest how you can help your child make positive choices online, discuss graduation requirements, and answer any questions you have about 9th grade. We will have student volunteers to watch and play with younger children while we meet.
- 8/11/21** - School open for visitors (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)
- 8/12/21** - Open House (3:45 PM - 5:45 PM)
- 8/16/21** - First Day of School

Here is a copy of the approved [school calendar](#) for the 2021-2022 school year.

## Ferguson Hall's Dress for Success Norms

Education is about more than learning academic content. At Ferguson Hall, we pride ourselves on nurturing civic-minded, globally competent, compassionate and creative problem solvers who can navigate real world challenges. Part of navigating the real world is understanding the importance of context. Choosing the right attire for different contexts is an important life skill. Ferguson Hall's Dress for Success Norms encourage students to keep their focus on learning, maintaining age-appropriate expectations, and providing an environment that allows students to feel comfortable and express their individuality appropriately. Ferguson Hall staff have taken great strides to ensure that these Dress for Success Norms are gender-neutral. We strive to enforce these rules respectfully and without judgment. With these interests in mind, Ferguson Hall has derived its Dress for Success Norms.

1. Clothing must completely cover students from mid-thigh to top of chest in non-see-through materials.
2. The front and back of a shirt (or top of any kind) must be connected over both shoulders.
3. Clothing must cover all undergarments.
4. Hats, hoods, and head coverings (except for those worn for religious purposes) are not allowed (including sunglasses and makeup that covers the face.)
5. Clothing must be free of obscene, violent, or inappropriate words and/or logos.
6. Clothing that could be used as a weapon (wallet chains, spikes, belt chains) are not permitted.

When a student's outfit does not meet the Dress for Success Norms, he or she will be asked politely to address the issue. This can be done in whatever way the student feels works best for him/her. Options include:

- Adjusting the fit of the clothing (if possible to do so and still meet the guidelines).
- Putting on something that is already at school (e.g. PE clothes, a jacket, etc.)
- Calling home and requesting a change of clothes.

Ferguson staff will address non-compliance with the Dress for Success Norms in a respectful and professional manner; our intent is not to shame students for their wardrobe choices. We would expect that no student should need to be asked more than twice, in one school year, to adjust their attire to meet the norms. Having to ask more than twice becomes an issue of disrespect rather than an issue about dress. We appreciate parent and student cooperation in our efforts to make our Dress for Success Norms and their enforcement fair, balanced, and gender-neutral.

## Summer Reading Information

ALL incoming students are REQUIRED to read [Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie](#). Please check our [website](#) for the assignment. This is the book that English teachers will be focusing on at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Students who will be taking Honors English 9 are **also** REQUIRED to read [Great Expectations](#). Below is additional information about [Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie](#) to provide you with an overview of the content included in the book.

[Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie](#), written by David Lubar, published in 2005, has been awarded many accolades. The advertised age level for the novel is 12-17. It is most appropriate for 13-15 since the main character of the novel is 14 - a high school freshman. This young adult novel is highly praised because of the absence of profanity, sexuality, and many other controversial topics. However, the author does discuss the issues of bullying and attempted suicide. Both topics are addressed thoughtfully and are not graphically depicted. Please refer to chapters 25 and 26 if you have any concerns about the topic of attempted suicide and would like to have conversations with your child, to prepare them for this content.

Honors students: If you have not received your Honors English 9 assignment, please check our [website](#) for more information.

Thank you for your understanding and your willingness to encourage your child to read this summer. We want to set our students up for success in the classroom!