



Summer Information for MS Families New-to-FA

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Middle School at Friends Academy! We are excited for you to join our community.

Most onboarding/orientation information will be provided in early-to-mid August, but we wanted to take time to share a few important details as we head into summer.

SAVE THE DATE - Monday, August 28th, 11am-1:30pm

Orientation for ALL fifth-grade families and NEW families in grades 6, 7, and 8

We look forward to welcoming you to campus to re-tour our middle school spaces, meet returning families, and learn about middle school schedules, technology, lockers, etc. We will end with lunch and festivities for all.

Summer Reading and Math Lists

Grade-level summer reading and math lists are nearly ready, and you will receive notification when they post online. A physical copy of our all-middle school community read, *Clues to the Universe* by Christina Li, will be sent to the address we have on file for you, or may be picked up at school prior to June 12th.

Musical Instruments and World Languages

You should have recently received this [Google form link](#) to help with your child's placement in World Language* and Instrumental Music classes. Please complete the form if you have not yet done so.

*Please note that incoming 5th graders only will wait until November to make their language choices, and will begin the year with a World Language Sampler. You may, however, indicate an initial language interest on the form.

Questions about the middle school music program should be directed to Laura Backley at laura_backley@fa.org. Questions about middle school world languages should be directed to christine_saunders@fa.org.

5th & 6th Grade Physical Education and 7th & 8th Grade Fall Athletics

5th and 6th graders take Physical Education class as part of their regular schedule. No sign-up is required.

7th and 8th graders participate in seasonal Athletics, with practices as part of their regular schedule. Sign-ups for Fall Athletics for all 7th and 8th graders occurs when they return to school in August. No earlier sign-up is required.

Required Forms

Friends Academy uses a program called Magnus Health for uploading most required medical forms, emergency contact authorizations, permission slips, and other information. Soon after July 1st, you will receive information via email with instructions for accessing your Magnus account.

School Uniforms

Our dress code provides both flexibility and choice in what students can wear on a typical school day. We partner with [Lands' End](#) in order to make purchasing necessary clothing items seamless. You may read more about our Friends Academy Dress Code [here](#).

Class Lists - August

Middle School advisory placement information is emailed to students and families a week or two prior to the start of school. Course section rosters and schedules are provided as school begins in August.

School Supplies

Nearly all school supplies are provided by the school, and students receive those supplies during the first week of school. Information toward personalizing lockers, cubbies, or other storage areas will be sent home in August.

Summer Contact Information

The Middle School office is closed for portions of the summer. The easiest way to reach us is by emailing Mrs. Saunders at christine_saunders@fa.org or leave a voicemail message at 516-393-4239 (Email is preferred and likely to obtain a faster response.)

With our best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Christine Saunders
Middle School Principal

Christine Botti
Middle School Dean