



Greetings 9th Grade Families:

Your student's first introduction to FHS will be our 9th grade orientation on Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm (you should have received a postcard invite in the mail). This hour long session will be hosted by the FHS LINK Crew. Students will be introduced to what LINK Crew is and LINK Crew Mentors will take the 9th graders on building tours.

LINK Crew is the FHS transition program that welcomes 9th grade students and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of the high school experience. LINK is built on the concept that students can help students succeed. Each 9th grade student will have a LINK Mentor that will serve as a positive role model and help guide each 9th grader to discover what it takes to be successful. LINK Crew's goal is to provide a structure in which students make real connections with each other and understand that people at school care about them and their success.

LINK Crew activities will continue throughout the year including the continuation of 9th grade orientation on the first day of school Tuesday, June 6.

We will be providing our 9th graders a new experience this year as part of their LINK Crew experience. FHS will be partnering with Youth Frontiers, Inc to provide students a day long 9th grade Respect Retreat on Tuesday, November 1. The goal of the retreat is to continue the community building where students work together to examine issues of self respect, respecting each other, and standing up for the value of respect. This day long event is targeted specifically for 9th grade students. For more information about Youth Frontiers, Inc and their retreats please visit their website: [www.youthfrontiers.org/respect-retreat/](http://www.youthfrontiers.org/respect-retreat/).

You should have received a registration form for the 9th grade retreat in your back to school packet. Please complete and return the form during either of the FHS Schedule Pick-Days (Tuesday, August 23 or Wednesday, August 24) or during the 9th Grade Orientation on Wednesday, August 31.

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