



Grade 8 Update

Semester 1- September 2025

Welcome back, Firebirds!

We are thrilled to welcome students back for another exciting year at Fultonvale. The energy in our halls and classrooms has been incredible, and we look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and community. Each month, families will receive an update like this one, highlighting important information, celebrations, and reminders from our school team. As always, school dates and events can be found here in our [School Calendar](#).

Important Information & Updates

During our first week, we hosted our *Welcome Assembly*, where students met our staff and reflected on what it means to be a Firebird. As we start the year, we ask that families please review the following expectations and policies with their child:

Assessment and Reporting

Students are expected to complete all assigned work. When a student does not complete work by the due date, teachers work with students to provide support and opportunities to get the work submitted. This may mean giving up time at breaks, or being assigned lunch time in the reflection room, in addition to other supports teacher provide.

Assignment marks are posted on PowerSchool so parents can track progress. If a student does not hand in the assignment after support has been provided a temporary NHI code is entered. This indicates that the student has not handed in the assignment, and it is impacting their overall grade. This impact could be significant, as the assignment is recorded as a 0 with an NHI code. If you notice an NHI in PowerSchool, this is a great time to work with your child to get the assignment completed. At the end of the reporting term, if the assignment is still not handed in, the NHI could become a permanent score of 0.

Cell Phone & Technology Use

[Fultonvale Personal Mobile Device Policy](#)

Chromebook Care & Responsibility

We want to highlight the importance of caring for school Chromebooks. These devices are essential learning tools for all students, and it takes significant time and money to repair or replace them. We are working with students to take extra care and responsibility with these school devices. Please remind your child to:

- Handle Chromebooks carefully and respectfully.
- Avoid picking at or removing keys.
- Use care when transporting Chromebooks
- Ensure they are put away and charged for the next student
- Let a staff member know when they open a device and see there is damage, it will help us to monitor where and when it occurred, and who is responsible.

Continued misuse can result in fewer Chromebooks available for everyone. By treating them responsibly, we ensure that all Firebirds have access to the technology they need.

Junior High Staff Update

Our junior high team is excited to partner with families this year. Below is an overview of who is teaching what, which digital platforms they use for learning, and the best way to connect with them if you have questions:

SUBJECT	TEACHER	CLASS INFORMATION
Math 8	Ms. Jody Slemko	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: jody.slemko@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
English 81	Mrs. Jami Engel	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: jami.engel@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline

English 82	Mr. Craig Buchert	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: craig.buchert@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Science 8	Mr. Craig Hill	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: craig.hill@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Social 8	Mrs. Jami Engel	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: jami.engel@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Health 81	Mr. Kyle Hazlehurst	Platform used: Google Classroom (Hazlehurst) Contact Method: kyle.hazlehurst@eips.ca Course Outline: Outline
Health 82	Ms. Jody Slemko	Platform used: Google Classroom 82 Contact Method: jody.slemko@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Physical Education 8	Mr. Kyle Hazlehurst	Platform used: No platform Contact Method: kyle.hazlehurst@eips.ca Course Outline: Outline

Art 8	Mrs. Liz Dreidger	Platform used: Google Classroom (if needed) Contact Method: elizabeth.driedger@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Drama 8	Mr. Craig Buchert	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: craig.buchert@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Recreational Fitness 8	Mr. Shaun Brzezicki	Platform used: Google Forms – dates and permission form links Contact Method: shaun.brzezicki@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline
Construction Technologies 8	Mr. Kyle Hazlehurst	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: kyle.hazlehurst@eips.ca Course Outline: Outline
Leadership 8	Mr. Craig Hill	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: craig.hill@eips.ca Course Outline Course Outline
French as a Second Language 8 & 9	Mr. Craig Buchert	Platform used: Google Classroom Contact Method: craig.buchert@eips.ca Course Outline: Course Outline

Together, we are committed to creating a safe, caring, and supportive environment where every Firebird can learn, grow, and thrive. By working in partnership with families, we can

ensure that students feel connected, capable, and ready to take on new challenges. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Next Update – October!

Your FTV Staff