#### Yondr Pouches are Coming to Franklin



Dear Franklin Families,

For the 2025-26 school year, Franklin will be a phone-free space for all students to foster a more focused and engaging learning environment using a program called Yondr.

While we believe that phones have great utility, we have found that learning and social behavior improve significantly when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates. Along with our belief that school climate benefits from a phone free environment, Portland Public Schools passed a new district-wide cell phone policy requiring students to have their phones away all day. In order to meet the requirements of the district policy, every student will secure their phone and smartwatch in a personally assigned lockable Yondr pouch upon arrival at school. At the end of their school day, students will have access to unlocking stations to open the pouches. Students are responsible for bringing their assigned Yondr pouch to/ from school daily. Limited exceptions will be based on specific medical needs.

Research supports phone-free schools:

- Improved academic performance
- Increased student engagement
- Enhanced focus and concentration
- Reduced distractions and disruptions
- Stronger social interactions and collaboration among students

If you haven't read "The Anxious Generation" yet, it's an important read. (The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness is a 2024 book by Jonathan Haidt which argues that the spread of smartphones, social media and overprotective parenting have led to a "rewiring" of childhood and a rise in mental illness.)

The decision to implement Yondr pouches, as a tool to help us all meet the new policy and improved practice, was made after conversations with Franklin High School stakeholders that included educators/staff, parents, and students. In the upcoming weeks, we will be providing more detailed information as we fine tune our new cell phone policy and procedures. In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in the adoption of Yondr at Franklin HS.



The cost for the initial purchase and startup for Yondr pouches is sizable. We will add the cost of Yondr pouches on our fall suggested donations sheet and we will be collecting donations all summer for this cause. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to help cover the start up costs please use this link or the QR code to make a donation. Thank you for your support.

Go phone free Lightning!

Dr. Zulema Naegele, Principal

#### YONDR



#### **IMPACT OF PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS**

Studies, legislation, feedback, and survey results underscore the impact of phone use on adolescents.





#### SURGEON GENERAL WARNS THAT SOCIAL MEDIA MAY HARM CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

The report by Dr. Vivek Murthy cited a "profound risk of harm" to adolescent mental health and urged families to set limits and governments to set tougher standards for use.

The nation's top health official issued an extraordinary public warning on Tuesday about the risks of social media to young people, urging a push to fully understand the possible "harm to the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents."

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**



A cross-sectional study of almost 500 adolescents (age = 11-15) found a **positive association** between **social media use and poorer sleep quality, anxiety, and depression**; this association was even more pronounced for adolescents who had higher levels of emotional investment in social media.

Social Media Use and Display of Depressive Symptoms Online by Adolescents and Young Adults

The mere presence of **smartphones diminishes the attention resources** for engaging with the task at hand. Defined and protected periods of separation from devices are recommended to reduce interruptions and to increase available cognitive capacity.



Adrian Ward, et.al., "Brain Drain," Journal of the Assoc. for Consumer Research, 2017

#### **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE & BEHAVIOR**

- After a ban on phones in high schools, students in the lowest quartile improved by 14.23% of a standard deviation.
- Banning cell phones could be a low-cost way for schools to address educational inequality.



Beland and Murphy, "Ill Communication," London School of Economics, 2015



An observational study of middle school, high school, and college students shows how easily young people are distracted by technology... Observers recorded minute-by-minute activities over a 15-min period and found that participants averaged less than 6 min on their main task before being distracted by technology such as checking their social media and texting with friends.

"Rates of teen depression and suicide have skyrocketed since 2011. It's not an exaggeration to describe iGen as being on the brink of the worst mental-health crisis in decades. Much of this deterioration can be traced to their phones."

- Jean M. Twenge, The Atlantic (2017) Have Smartphones Destroyed a Generation?



#### LEGISLATION

Since 2018, all legislation highlights mental health as the main concern when focusing on cell phone use and adolescents. The impact is global and so is the growing conversation.

<u>California</u>, <u>France</u>, <u>Australia</u>, <u>Canada</u>, <u>Israel</u> and <u>China</u> have all passed legislation to limit or prohibit student cell phone use.



86% of school leaders indicated that parents would support a policy limiting cell phone use during the school day.

"Cell Phone Use Policies in US Middle and High Schools." JAMA Pediatrics, 2021



Of teachers identified more teaching and learning time in their classrooms after implementing Yondr

Wyong HS: 2021 Yond: Impact Study

#### YONDR'S IMPACT

We received responses to our annual surveys from **over 1,200 school partners**, and after implementing the Yondr Education Program:

84%

Saw a change in student engagement

72%

Saw a positive change in student behavior

68%

Saw a positive change in academic performance

Of our most recent impact survey of over 370 of our school partners: 86% saw a positive impact in student safety and wellness.

"The changes have already been profound. There's so much more joy and interaction, and I can't count the number of parents who have asked me, 'How do I buy this for my home?'"

"We reclaimed the classroom learning environment. Kids spoke to one another in the cafeteria. We had two lockdown situations and without student phones we were able to deliver critical info to families without misinformation being spread. We also keep the building more secure and calm because of it. My CEO said it was her most important purchase of the year."

- Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter HS, New Jersey





#### **CELLPHONES & SCHOOL SAFETY:**

A quick scan of the headlines highlights what we all know—students are facing a social, psychological, and academic crisis. Mental health experts believe that cell phones are at the root of this issue and emphasize the urgent need to limit the time young people are spending online.

In 2023, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released an <u>advisory</u> on social media and youth mental health stating that up to 95% of young people between ages 13-17 report near constant use of social media. Excessive use—over three hours daily—raises risks of depression, anxiety, body dissatisfaction, and exposure to harmful content. And students' use of smartphones in school leads to lower grades, increased cyberbullying, and a higher rate of behavioral incidents.

#### PARENTAL CONCERNS: IS MY CHILD SAFER IN AN EMERGENCY IF THEY HAVE A CELL PHONE?

Many parents recognize the tremendous benefits of a phone-free education, but still have some concerns over safety. They worry about being able to contact their child in an emergency or how their child can call 911.

While these concerns are more than understandable, top safety and security experts agree that smartphones do not improve student safety and can create dangerous distractions themselves. These safety experts warn that cell phone use during emergencies can actually hinder response efforts in many ways.

"The last thing we want is students on their cell phones in the midst of an emergency," says former Akron Public Schools Safety Director and Yondr School Safety Partner, Don Zesiger. "They should be taking direction from the principal, the teachers, and the leaders in the school to get them to a place of safety."

Zesiger also emphasizes the importance of a phone-free school policy to mitigate misinformation and its consequences.

#### HOW CAN CELL PHONES CAUSE HARM DURING AN EMERGENCY?

- **Distraction**: Phones can distract students from listening to first responders.
- Communication Jamming: High call volumes can disrupt emergency coordination.
- Noise Risk: Phone use might reveal students' whereabouts.
- Online Tracking Risks: Assailants could use social media to find additional victims.



"Fake social media posts threatening violence create panic and anxiety in all of us," says Zesiger. "Law enforcement researches all threats as if they are real and exercises due diligence to make sure our students are safe. This requires a tremendous amount of time and resources. A phone-free school limits the opportunity for bogus social media threats to occur during the school day and allows students and teachers to stay focused on learning."

#### COLLABORATING WITH PARENTS ON CELL PHONE SAFETY

When administrators and parents are aligned on the benefits of a phone-free school policy, they foster a safer, more focused learning environment.

- Safety vs. Convenience: Instant communication isn't always safer. Parents will be more supportive of a policy when they understand this critical distinction.
- Effective Communication Plans: There are a number of ways to unlock Yondr pouches in emergencies—via classroom bases, go bag bases, or safety shears.

  Assure parents that every student maintains possession of their own Yondr pouch and phone, and it will be immediately accessible once the student is safe.
- Follow Safety Procedures: Encourage parents to speak to their child about what to do during an emergency, and explain how they will be able to text/call as soon as they are in a safe location.



#### DON ZESIGER, YONDR SCHOOL SAFETY PARTNER

Don Zesiger, retired as the Director of Safety for Akron, Ohio Public Schools, implemented Yondr and many other innovations across Akron schools to enhance safety and create a more positive educational experience for students.

Don is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, has 38 years of law enforcement experience, retired as the Chief of Police in Tallmadge, Ohio, and still holds an active peace officer commission through the Summit County Sheriff's Office that allows him to continue to work part time as a school resource officer. He is a dedicated professional that is passionate about providing for the safety and security of students and staff.

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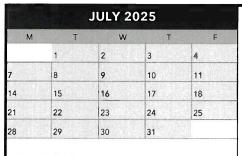
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+	Day/evening conferences (no school for students): 11/24, 11/25		Planning day (no school for students); Planning days always occur after the end of a quarter: 8/20 (Half-Day), 8/25, 10/31, 1/27, 4/6
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#### Major Religious Holidays and Cultural Events 2025-26

Schools work to avoid scheduling special school events on major religious holidays and cultural events to be inclusive of all students. This includes the scheduling of field trips, back-to-school night, outdoor school, assemblies, major tests, PTA and site council meetings, student performances, etc. This list of holidays/events does not include all students' traditions and there may be other dates to avoid scheduling conflicts for students.

Sep. 22 - 24 Rosh Hashanah*	Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday
Oct. 1-2 Yom Kippur*	Feb. 17 - Mar. 18 Ramadan*
Oct. 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	March 2-3 Purim*
Oct. 21 Diwali	Apr. 3 Good Friday
Nov. 28 Native American Heritage Day	Apr. 5 Easter
Dec. 14 - 22 Hanukkah*	Mar. 19 - 22 Eid al-Fitr*
Dec. 25 Christmas	April 1-9 Passover*
Dec. 26 Jan. 1 Kwanzaa	May 26-27 Eid al-Adha*
Feb. 17 Lunar New Year	June 19 Juneteenth

\*Observance of Jewish and Muslim holidays begin at sundown on the first day listed and end at nightfall on the last date specified.



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- News
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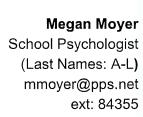


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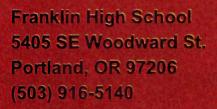
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#### Franklin High School PTSA

#### 2025-2026 Volunteer Interest Finder - Return form to FHS main office

Our school is a more welcoming place when many of us contribute. Please let us know which volunteer activities appeal to you. Sharing your talents/interests on this sheet is not a binding commitment! It would be truly amazing if every family was able to spend a few hours each year in service to our school.

\*Please Note: You can also fill out this form online (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2cm7kvmt">https://tinyurl.com/2cm7kvmt</a>) under the PTSA tab on the FHS webpage.

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Available for occasional eve	ening opportunities
STUDENT ENR	ICHMENT & ACTIVITIES
dances, celebrating honor students, onboard. We take turns twice each year staffing the PTA C	udent registration, tending to our grounds, chaperoning ling prospective students and volunteering at the library. Clothing Center, which provides critical services to families in and staff during Appreciation Week. Supporting these diffeel connected to the school.
Which student activities would you be interes	sted in helping with?
FUNDR	AISING
library equipment and fees for special events groups, the college and career center, SUN, the in a variety of ways - our direct appeal to FHS far spring plant sale, restaurant partners, and passive	tat help finance items like computers, classroom and . The PTSA budget also supports club activities, affinity he library, teacher appreciation and more. We raise money milies, business sponsorships, the winter wreath sale, the we donations through Fred Meyer Rewards and Bottle Drop. I in? Do you have connections with local businesses?

Thank you for supporting our students and staff! Any comments or questions, please contact presfhsptsa@gmail.com

#### FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL'S

#### SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Extra Curriculars and After School Programming for ALL 9th - 12th grade students!

Monday through Thursday from 3:30PM - 5:30PM

What to look forward to:

40+ student led clubs

Adult ESL Classes

Free After School Snack Program

Annual Harvest Festival

Tutoring Program

Family Nights

Affinity Groups

20+ Community Partner
Programs

Community Movie Nights

Volunteer Opportunities

BIPOC Assembly

College and Job Preparation

Student Internships

Resources and Support

...and much more!



#### \*\*COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SUN PROGRAMS THIS YEAR \*\*

- 1. If you already created online accounts for SUN, they are saved for you! Just scan the QR code.
- 2. Not registered yet? Scan the QR code to create a parent account using your email address. Then, set up a <u>student profile</u> and select a class of interest for your student.

Questions? Contact Genavie Reyes, Franklin SUN Site Manager, greyes@impactnw.org





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# SUN Community School @ Franklin HS

greyes@impactnw.org / 971- 570-1384 SUN Coordinator: Genavie Reyes

**SUN Extended Day Coordinator:** Cassie

Betancourt Acevedo, cacevedo@impactnw.org

# After School Programming

below are availble for students to drop in / apply for throughout the 3:30PM - 5:30PM. Programs listed Monday through Thursday from SUN Programs are available whole school year.

SUN ROOM is SS-110

# Resources

clothing items, and snacks! The esources around utilities, food, students and families to local SUN Team can also connect supplies, hygiene products, SUN provides free school and financial support.

# Community Partners

academics, emotional well-being, cultural enrichment, and life skills. offer support in areas such as Community Partner Programs

Program meeting times vary from lunch time to after school.

# **Extra Curriculars**

student created and led with the All clubs and affinity groups are Get involved in your community! Students can start any club of their interest by completing a support of a staff member. form in the SUN Room.

# LIST OF PARTNERS

**AYCO** - African Youth

BACKPACK

SUPPORTS StreetRoots

IN HOUSE

- Jobs 101
- Indian Education
- IRCO Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
- Latino Network
- Colegio de Padres
- **McKinney-Vento Homeless**

- Program
- Program

- Community Organization
- **ASPIRE** Mentor Program **Confidential Advocates** 
  - CORE

free pantry items

Backpack with

students/familes

that Franklin

FHS School Social Resource Guide

TUTORING Intended for Email a list of resources to

Worker

qualifiable

drop in, meet **Jutor**, or work

with a peer students to

> ALL students program for

to grab a

Free snack SUPPER

**Futoring and** 

Supper

semester -

positions each

Limited paid

can sign up for

- Pathways to Trade

**Culturally specific** 

foods can be

requested

ImpactNW Energy

contact.

ndependently Located in the

> quick snack after school

positions each

volunteer Multiple

Library on Mondays,

Available

**Futoring and** 

semester -

Assistance -

- Slavic Program
- Escalera

Student picks up,

One backpack

per household

takes home, and

account shares SUN Instagram

> Wednesdays, & Thursdays from

- Program Program dates will returns backpack
  - Step Up
- SUN Youth Advocacy

and are still being

be once a month

- The I AM Academy
- YEP Youth Empowerment

## CLUB INFO

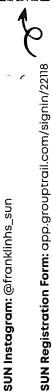
- SUN Room (SS-110) Pick up club
- long as they have a 3 students and 1 staff member on create a club as Students can
- created throughout Clubs can be board.
- and in February for Annual Club Fair is held in September the school year

recruitment.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Family Harvest Festival in October
  - Classes- Fall Winter, and Adult ESL Spring
    - Movie Nights Community
- BIPOC Assembly Family Nights
- College Prep Plus more!!!





Remind App for SUN Updates: Remind.com/join/sunprogram

Located in the Cafeteria from 3:45-4:15.

September & in

January open in

Thursday Monday through

hours minimum

Required 30

Supper

Applications

or text @sunprogram to the number 81010





## How to complete a SUN Registration form through Grouptrail

- 1.Scan the QR Code on the SUN Flyer Use your phone or device to scan the QR code provided.
- 2. Enter Your Email Address and submit.
- 3. Next, Check Your Email Look for email titled: "SUN Community Schools Hub".
- 4. Open the Email & Click the Link- This will take you to the Registration Form.



#### Steps for Filling Out the Registration Form:

#### **Parent Information**

- 1. Enter:
  - Your email
  - Your first and last name



#### Student Registration Form (Only complete the \* ones)

- Enter Student Information:
  - First and last name
  - Date of birth (DOB)
  - Gender
  - Language
  - Race/Ethnicity
  - School: Select Franklin High School
  - Type of Participant: (choose from the drop-down)
  - Primary Method of Transportation
  - Secondary Method of Transportation
  - Current Grade Level
  - Household Contact Information



#### 4

- Enter Contact Information:
  - Guardian's first and last name
  - Guardian contact number
  - Emergency contact name
  - Emergency contact phone number
  - Relationship of emergency contact to student

#### **Forms**

- 1. Read and complete the:
  - Non-Discrimination Agreement
  - Behavioral Agreement
  - Photo Release Agreement





Final Step

Submit the Form



Come out before the game for food trucks, games, concessions, music, and exclusive merchandise!

Free entry until 6:00 PM — after that, a game day ticket is required for entry.

Don't miss the fun — bring your friends, rep your school, and get ready for kickoff!

**Event Sponsored by:** 





### FAB Needs Your Time, Not Your Money!

In today's economy, school systems rely heavily on booster clubs like Franklin Athletic Boosters (FAB) to help fund athletic programs. Since 2018, FAB has supported essential projects across 17 high school sports teams, largely through parent and student involvement in **concession sales** and by supporting PIL with **ticket sales**.

#### Meet the Incoming '25/'26 Executive Board & Committee Chair Members!

• President: Cobalt Coy

• Vice President: Kendra Tipton (& Co-Volunteer Coordinator)

Treasurer: Yin Bo YamSecretary: Coco Aid

• Co-Concession Managers: Daryl Faulkner / Jody Michaelson

Co-Volunteer Coordinator: Rebecca Pilcher-Cleland

And there is always room for more (e.g. Social Media Coordinator - hint hint!)

#### How to find us:

- Website = FranklinAthleticBoosters.com
- Stack Team App = Franklin HS Booster Club
- Facebook = Franklin Boosters
- Instagram = Franklin\_Athletic\_Boosters\_PDX
- Email = info@franklinathleticboosters.com

Keep an eye out for an announcement on Stack Team App, Facebook, IG, and the Franklin HS Bolt for how you can volunteer.

-The FAB Team

#### BREAKING NEWS

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