



NEWSLETTER

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2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced

LACEY COX, VALEDICTORIAN



Franklin Central School is proud to announce that **Lacey Cox**, daughter of Donna and Steve Cox of Franklin, has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian for the Class of 2018. Lacey is passionate about making positive contributions to her school through her leadership roles as Class President, AVP facilitator and a member of the National Honor Society.

She also represents our school on the soccer, basketball and track and field teams. Lacey has been recognized with many awards including multiple highest average awards, excellent attendance awards, The Rotary Youth Leadership Award and The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. Lacey currently has been accepted to a long list of colleges and universities and is working hard to decide where she will attend in the fall.

KIRSTEN BROWNELL, SALUTATORIAN



Franklin Central School is proud to announce that **Kirsten Brownell**, daughter of Emily and David Brownell of Franklin, has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian for the Class of 2018. Kirsten is a hard-working, determined young woman who demonstrates leadership and academic success. Kirsten has displayed her leadership as a

National Honor Society member and an AVP facilitator. She represents our school on the soccer, basketball, softball, and track and field teams. Kirsten has been recognized with many awards including multiple highest average awards and the George Eastman Young Leaders award. Kirsten has been accepted to a long list of colleges and universities and is working hard to decide where she will attend this fall.

**2018-2019
BUDGET HEARING**
Tuesday, May 1, Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.,

BUDGET VOTE
Tuesday, May 15,
Main Lobby,
Noon – 8:00 p.m.

BUDGET OVERVIEW





The 2018-19 proposed budget increases total District spending by \$141,737. The proposed increase in the tax levy is 2.56% for next year. The following schedule presents a comparison of the proposed expenditures for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 budget:

2017-18 ADOPTED BUDGET	2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE OF TAX LEVY
\$6,967,898	\$7,109,635	\$141,737	2.56%

The proposed 2018-19 budget was prepared in conjunction with a detailed review of the District’s revenue sources and expenditures items. This review was completed with the District’s mission, goals and financial policies in mind. By utilizing a small increase in State Aid and maximizing a shift in student population, we are able to present a fiscally responsible budget that maintains all current educational programming.

What Will be the Effect on my Taxes?

Tax rates vary from town to town and are affected by many factors beyond the District’s control such as Assessed Values, State Equalization Rates, and STAR Exemptions. Actual tax rates will not be set until August when New York State finalizes equalization rates. The proposed increase in the tax levy is 2.56% for next year. The following example provides a simplified illustration of the tax levy impact, with all other factors remaining equal:

FIND YOUR HOUSE¹				
Value of Property	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$125,000
Proposed 2018-19 Schools Taxes	\$435.95	\$864.43	\$1,292.91	\$1,721.39
Current School Taxes	\$422.56	\$840.35	\$1,258.13	\$1,675.91
Dollar Increase	\$13.39	\$24.08	\$34.78	\$45.48

¹Total tax figures are adjusted for reductions from STAR. The projected basic STAR exemption for 2018-19 was \$421.

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- A Citizen of the United States,
- At Least 18 years of age, or
- A resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he or she offers to vote.

Voters will be required to present personal identification or, if none is available, they must sign a declaration confirming their Franklin, New York residency and that they are a qualified voter in this District. Such forms of personal identification may include, but are not limited to:

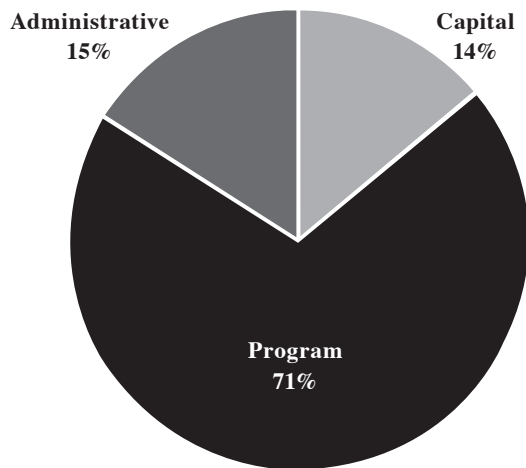
- A driver’s license,
- A non-driver’s identification card,
- A utility bill,
- A voter registration card,
- Or any other evidence of School District residency.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

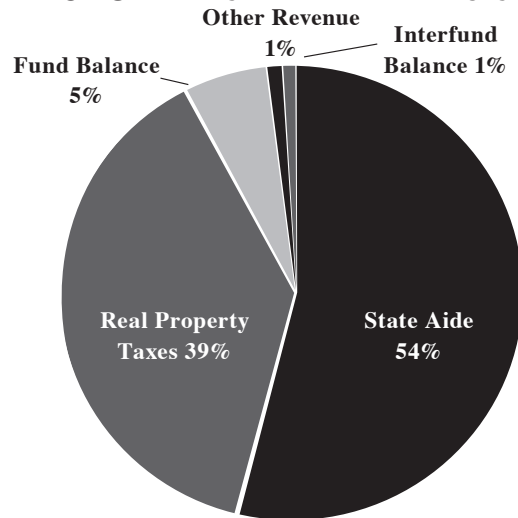
Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the District Office at P.O. Box 888, Franklin, New York 13775.

ANALYSIS OF THE 2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET

2018-19 PROPOSED EXPENDITURES



2018-19 ESTIMATED REVENUES



PROGRAM COMPONENT

This represents \$5,068,833 or 71% of the budget.

The Program Component includes all costs directly associated with the instruction of students. Included in this component are salaries and benefits of teaching staff; textbooks; classroom supplies, materials and equipment; extra-curricular activities; interscholastic athletic programs and certain BOCES services. This component also includes the costs associated with operating the District’s transportation program.

CAPITAL COMPONENT

This represents \$955,603 or 14% of the budget.

The Capital Component includes the costs to maintain and operate school facilities. Included in this component are utilities; custodial salaries and benefits; custodial supplies, materials and equipment and debt service payments.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

This represents \$1,085,199 or 15% of the budget.

The Administrative Component includes anticipated expenditures associated with the administrative, business and supervisory costs of the District. Included in this component are costs relating to the Board of Education, Office of the Superintendent, the Business Office and the Principal’s Office. It also includes certain BOCES related expenditures and legal and auditing services.

STATE AID

This accounts for \$3,884,064 or 54% of total revenue.

This category represents NYS Aid in all categories including regular operating, transportation and building aid.

REAL PROPERTY TAX

This accounts for \$2,748,571 or 39% of total revenue.

This is the local share of the budget, to be raised through the school tax levy. A portion of this amount will be paid for many residents through the NYS STAR program.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

This accounts for \$80,000 or 1% of total revenue.

This is a transfer from the debt service fund to cover the cost of obligated debt service payments.

FUND BALANCE

This accounts for \$330,000 or 5% of total revenue.

This category consists of funds accumulated over the past several years to be used to offset taxes. Also included in this category is the use of certain reserve fund money designated for particular purposes such as retirement system contributions and capital projects.

OTHER REVENUES

This accounts for \$67,000 or 1% of total revenue.

Included here are funds received from interest earnings; penalties on school tax payments, gifts and donation, and refunds of prior years obligations.

BUS PURCHASE

On May 15, residents will also vote on the purchase of one (1), 64-passenger bus at a total cost not to exceed \$120,000. If approved, this purchase will be funded with a bus bond anticipation note. The cost of this vehicle is 70% State Aid reimbursable, resulting in a net cost to District residents of \$36,000. The District replaces vehicles on a rotating cycle based on mileage and condition of the vehicle. This practice allows us to keep our fleet in good operating condition without spending excessive amounts on maintenance and repairs.



FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL 2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.
CAFETERIA**

AGENDA

The agenda will be as follows:

- Call to order by president
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Reading of official notice
- Approve 2017 Annual Meeting minutes
- Presentation of propositions

PROPOSITION 1: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Franklin Central School District be authorized to expend therefore a sum of \$7,109,635 which said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the Franklin Central School District?

PROPOSITION 2: BUS

Shall the Board of Education of the Franklin Central School District, Franklin, New York, be authorized to finance the costs of the acquisition of one (1) 64-passenger bus, not exceed a total of \$120,000 and to authorize with a Bond Anticipation Note?

BOARD MEMBER SEATS

One member for the Board of Education of the Franklin Central School District is to be elected for one five-year term most recently held by Joan Cronauer whose term expires at this time.

Candidate(s) for this position:

**Joan Cronauer
56 Cronauer Road
Franklin, NY 13775**

- 2018-2019 Budget Discussion
- Adjournment of the meeting until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.
- Voting at the main entrance of FCS on the above propositions until 8:00 p.m.

***VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 15
NOON-8:00 PM***

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Franklin School Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the spring season. Recent events have reminded us all of the importance of school security and safety, which is a top priority at Franklin CSD. For several years, New York State has required local school districts to develop safety and security plans, which are filed with local law enforcement. These plans are comprehensive and include a variety of internal protocols, procedures, plans, building level photographs, and maps. The adults in our building are fully aware of these plans and are prepared to carry them out when called upon. In fact, part of our January conference day was devoted to reviewing our updated step by step guidelines.

Additionally, our school district has a strong relationship with both the NYS Police and Sheriff's Office. Please do not be alarmed by the presence of these officers who will be visiting our school from time to time. Rather, be reassured that our district and law enforcement agencies are working together in the service of our student's well-being.

One of the things we have learned from recent events in our community is this: If you see something or hear something, then please say something. This is a call to action that can save lives. We encourage everyone to reach out to us with information concerning our students or our school. Thank you to those who have already come forward with information that is helpful to our safety efforts.

Please know that the district is taking any potential scenario seriously and will not hesitate to take action as needed. We ask that everyone be extremely mindful and cautious regarding their comments and/or communications. Please continue to touch base with me directly should you have questions, concerns, or ideas. Several suggestions for improved security have been presented to the district, which we are currently processing and prioritizing. We look forward to working with our community to continue to make our district the best it can be.

Respectfully,
Brad Zilliox

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is finally here! What a wonderful time of the year! I am grateful to put away the mittens and winter clothes and enjoy the sunshine.

We celebrated Music in Our Schools Month in March with two wonderful concerts and had several Franklin Central School students participate in the Delaware County, All-County Music program in Delhi. The Elementary Drama Club also performed. We are hopeful for better weather this year for the Memorial Day Parade, Prom is scheduled for June 9 and the senior trip is planned. We are looking to end-of-the-year field trips, field days, and awards celebrations. Congratulations to Class of 2018 Valedictorian **Lacey Cox**, and Salutatorian **Kirsten Brownell**. Before we know it, our graduation ceremonies will be underway!

The fourth quarter is here and I find myself reflecting upon our school year. We are a very fortunate district to have such overwhelming support from our parents and community. Whether it be Morning Program, class projects, blood drives, annual parent/student scheduling meetings or fundraising dinners, our families and community at large never cease to amaze me.

I truly hope you enjoyed time together with your student during Spring Break. Please continue to support your child academically, socially and emotionally. Continue to contact teachers with concerns and let me know how I may provide additional assistance. I look forward to a strong finish to the school year!

— Julie Bergman, Principal

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

In late June, construction will start on the first phase of our Capital Project. The main building will get a new roof, windows, and exterior doors. In addition, at the bus garage, a new bus lift will be installed. We expect our buildings and grounds to be bustling with workers and activity all summer long!

Due to the construction, certain areas of the buildings may not be readily accessible throughout the summer. Please adhere to all posted building closings and, for your safety, avoid any restricted areas. In addition, please note that during the summer, portions of the parking lot will be occupied with construction trailers and equipment, and available parking may be limited.

Please know that certain staff members do work throughout the summer as we prepare for school in the fall. You will be able to reach us Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Due to the construction, we recommend that you call ahead if you would like to meet with a specific staff member. Thank you in advance, for your patience as we work through the construction process. Coming in the fall . . . A Facelift to FCS!

BOYS STATE SELECTION

TYLER GREGORY SELECTED FOR BOYS STATE



Congratulations to **Tyler Gregory** on being this year's representative for the Franklin Central School District at the American Legion Boys State Program. Tyler interviewed with the American Legion and was selected from a highly qualified group of applicants. While participating in the program Tyler will have the opportunity to build the government of a mythical 51st state from the local level up to state level. He will participate in campaigns, rallies, speeches, various legislative committees, create bills, and participate in a community service project. This program will take place June 24-29 at SUNY Morrisville.

2018 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)

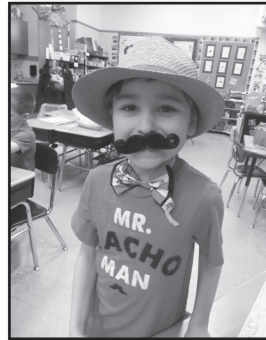
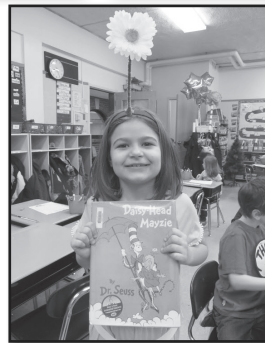
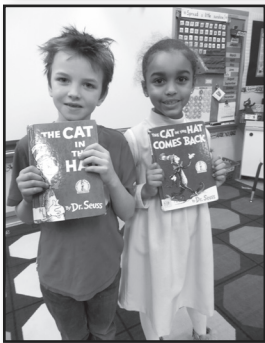
THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM!

Are you hoping to find a summer job? Spring is the time to start applying. The Summer Youth Program for youth ages 14-20 is recruiting young people who want to work for our Delaware County Summer Program! We strive to place youth all across the county in jobs right in their own communities. These jobs can give you a nice nest egg toward your first car, money for college, or savings account. Eligibility is based on family income—200% of poverty level. If you are receiving Family Assistance/Safety Net, Medicaid, SNAP benefits, HEAP, or SSI, you are automatically income eligible for the program. We also have non-income based opportunities available, so feel free to fill out an application even if you do not think you meet the income guidelines. Applications are coming out soon and will be available at the school's Guidance office and at the CDO Workforce Offices in Sidney and Delhi.



Please get your application and supporting paperwork in by the deadline of June 8. Remember, the early bird gets the worm. For more information please call CDO Workforce at (607) 561-7550 or (607) 832-5777.

DR. SEUSS FUN DAY WITH FIRST GRADE



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair
will be held
April 18-30.

All books will be
BUY ONE
GET ONE FREE!



FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Franklin Community Education Foundation is honored to present a Certificate of Excellence each month to a student of Franklin Central School who has demonstrated *scholarship, character, and excellence*. This scholarship program is designed to encourage a culture of academic excellence at Franklin Central School. Students receiving the award are nominated by a member of faculty/staff recognizing specific behaviors and actions by the student. Not only do students receive a certificate recognizing their hard work, but they also receive a cash award upon graduation.

This scholarship program has been in place for more than three years thanks to the generous annual contribution by Erna Morgan McReynolds and Tom Morgan, in memory of Wendy Brown. New for graduating seniors beginning June 2018, the scholarship amount will be increased from the traditional amount of \$100 to \$200.

Other notable programs awarded Foundation funding include: A first grade classroom STEM program, a weekend backpack program, College CLE courses, field trips, school supplies, and programs abroad. The Foundation is a proud supporter of the youth and community of Franklin, with a mission to provide and enhance academic and enrichment opportunities available.



Abigail Beckel — June 2017



Megan Northrup — September 2017



Nolan Boyles — October 2017



Matt Dyke — November 2017



Irene Cox — December 2017



Madelynn Ackley — January 2018

*Congratulations to the recipients
so far for 2017-2018!*



2018-2019 UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTICE

If you wish your child to attend the Pre-Kindergarten program, please send a letter of interest by May 25, 2018 to the following address:

*Franklin Central School
Attn: Principal's Office
PO Box 888
Franklin, NY 13775*

All eligible students will be allowed to enroll in the program based on the following criteria:

1. Student must be a resident of Franklin Central School District.
2. Student must be 4 years of age on or before December 1st. Children who are 5 years of age on or before December 1st will not be eligible for the Pre-K program, unless recommended by the Superintendent.

Should in District enrollment requests exceed eighteen students a lottery drawing will be held. All students not chosen will be put on a waiting list.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 829-3551, ext. 316.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Franklin Central School will hold Kindergarten Registration on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 3:10 p.m. Parent letters have been sent to families who, according to the school census data, have children eligible to attend Kindergarten in September. To be eligible, a child must be five (5) years of age on or before December 1. Children currently enrolled in our Pre-K program do not have to attend Kindergarten Registration.

Parents of eligible children who did not receive Kindergarten information letters should call the Guidance Office, at 829-3551, ext. 304, to receive a registration packet.

SPELLING BEE

Franklin Central School was proud to send our school champion to the 16th Annual Spelling Bee at SUNY Oneonta. Franklin classroom spelling competitions took place on February 28 and declared grade champions for grades 6, 7, and 8.

The 6th grade spelling bee had nearly the whole grade participate with 17 contestants and lasted a full 10 rounds. **Griffin Leddy** was ultimately declared the



Griffin Leddy

6th grade champion, but speller **Alyssa Jaromack** deserves honorable mention. Alyssa and Griffin battled it out for eight rounds spelling some challenging words above their grade level. Griffin took the top spot for the 6th grade by spelling the word *CONTAGIOUS* correctly. Great job 6th grade participants.

Max Meo came out on top for the 7th grade, spelling *DESPONDENCY* correct in the fourth round. Tori Decker took the top spot as the 8th grade champion by spelling *TEMPESTUOUS* correctly in the sixth round.

Griffin, Max, and Tori faced each other in the Franklin Championship Bee and went 16 rounds with a word list which increased in difficulty.

Griffin Leddy became the 2018 Franklin Spelling Bee Champion by spelling the word *DRAMATIZE* correctly. Griffin earned the right to compete against the other school champions in the area at SUNY Oneonta on March 10. Congratulations to Max Meo, Tori Decker, and Griffin Leddy!

MOLLY McLAUGHLIN SELECTED FOR HOBY



Congratulations to **Molly McLaughlin** on being this year's representative for Franklin Central School District at the HOBY Leadership Conference this spring. Molly was selected by a panel of staff members and is a great example of a motivated student who exhibits great leadership. Molly will have the opportunity to participate

in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders from all around New York State and the U.S. and explore personal leadership skills, while working closely with others. The conference will take place on June 1-3 at SUNY Oneonta. We wish you the best of luck at the conference.

Second Quarter Honor Roll 2017-18

**7TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
Madeline McLaughlin

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Isabella Hotchkin
Max Meo*

HONOR ROLL
*Robert Menyhart
Aidan Morrell
Desiree Rosenbusch
Bernard Scherer*

**8TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Kayla Campbell
Tori Decker*

*Brandon Gregory
Matthew Serrao
Zoe Warren*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Marissa Campbell
Michael Cox
Leah Hyzer
Adriahna Ransom
Thomas Rodriguez
Jacob Sanford
Angel Shaw*

HONOR ROLL
*Alan DuMond
Victor Rodriguez-Matias
Meredith Shivers
Nicketa Utter*

**9TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Jeffrey Bullis
Matthew Cox
Nathaniel Dennis
Paige Dutcher
Abby-Noelle Potter*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Gretchyn Ackley
Dhalia Van Kingsley
Megan Yager*

HONOR ROLL
*Bryce Davis
Alexander Hilgers
Cole Ruff*

**10TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Madelynn Ackley
Kristin Cronk
Molly McLaughlin
Nicholas McWeeney
Gabriel Smith*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Dylan Dewey
HONOR ROLL
*Rileigh Brown
Morgan Carpenter
Jonathan Davis
Josaline Hotaling
George Machala
Alyssa Nowhitney
Daniel Zahid*

**11TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Alexis Bellino
Collin Campbell
Rachel Cobane
Daniel Coughlin
Tyler Gregory
Peter Niebanck
Cora Van Kingsley*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Juliana Archibald
Carson Dutcher
Matthew Dyke
Ethan Hotchkin
Olivia Hyzer*

*Demitri Jaromack
Amber Jordan
Molli Opramolla
Alexandra Rodriguez
Lauren Rodriguez*

HONOR ROLL
*Siera Coloney
Sebastian Swift
Adam Thies*

**12TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S LIST**
*Kirsten Brownell
Jarrett Harper
Lacey Cox
Jordan Hull*

HIGH HONOR ROLL
*Lilliana Bevilacqua
Nicholas Chase
Megan Northrop
Jillian Parascandola
Jeffrey Sarno
Joseph Serrao*
HONOR ROLL
*Nicholas Carpenter
Cassidy Gardner
Damin McNeilly
Jennifer Meo*

KINDERGARTEN FUN!



Kindergarten enjoyed their ice cream sundae party given by SADD for collecting the highest total of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank during this year's Soup-er Bowl. Kindergarten collected 155 items!

Kindergarten loved Dr. Seuss week! We especially enjoyed a visit by the Cat in the Hat, Ellie Sickler, to read a story to the class.

Pajama Day is always fun and a great time to read, read, and read some more! Kindergarten loved all the Dr. Seuss books and stuffed animals.

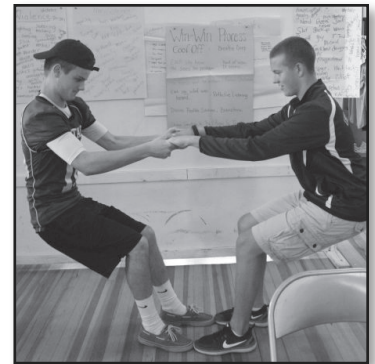


NEW AVP FACILITATORS



The Alternatives to Violence Project at Franklin Central School is pleased to welcome 10 newly trained facilitators to our growing organization. These students participated in three multi-day workshops throughout the 2017-18 school year in which they learned alternatives to violence through shared discussions, experiential activities, and interactive role-plays. They are looking forward to running workshops next year for new participants. The students have also shown commitment to building community within the school district and practicing random acts of kindness. We are very excited to have them as a part of our growing program.

Our AVP group is also planning some upcoming events to help with our mission to build community at FCS. We are planning a movie night for students in grades 7-12 on May 18 where we will be showing the movie, Wonder. We are also planning mini workshops for our 5th-8th grade classes. We would love to have community members attend our multi-day workshops. If you are interested in attending or receiving more information, please contact Noelle Granger at 607-829-3551.



GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING CORNER

With the arrival of spring, the home stretch of the 2017-18 school year is upon us. Seniors should be making final considerations for college next year and be sending in deposits. Juniors, make sure you sign up for the June 2 SAT by May 3, if you are taking them (www.collegeboard.com). Also, please be working through the College Survival Guide and Senior Information packet that you received in the junior annual meetings a few months back. Your time to shine as seniors is quickly approaching! To the rest of FCS this is the time to put your best foot forward and end the school year on a high note. Study hard, protect time for home work each night, and do your best to be successful.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Students should apply now for your working papers if you plan to get a summer job. See Mrs. Bolton for the paperwork.

CAREER EXPLORATION

It is hard to believe that spring is here. The New York State Department of Labor has an excellent resource for students and parents at www.nycareerzone.org. We also have access to career exploration through Guidance Direct, an online program, which allows students to explore careers, interests, create resumes and search for colleges. Please call our office for the access code. All students and parents can utilize this resource.

— *Brendan Coyle*, School Counselor

PROM

Prom will be held on Saturday, June 9. Ticket prices are \$40/person and \$75/couple. Appetizers and dinner are included but not required. Prom hours are as follows: appetizer 6:00-7:00 p.m., dinner 7:00-8:00 p.m., and dancing 8:00-11:30 p.m. Homecoming Court and crowning will be at 11:15 p.m. Tickets are available starting Monday, April 23. See Mrs. E. Granger for tickets.



PROM DRESSES

For those students interested in borrowing a prom dress, the FCS has a rack of gently used, clean prom dresses that are available for students to borrow. Come check out the additional new dresses for this year. Please see Mrs. E. Granger for more details.

SADD AFTER PROM PARTY INFORMATION/DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our SADD chapter is sponsoring our 10th annual after-prom party at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown. The event is open to all students in grades 9-12 on June 9th (after the prom). In the past, all students who attended received a T-shirt, food and an opportunity to win prizes. Prizes included a tablet, mini-fridge, Chromebook and TV depending on the donations we receive. Our main source of funding is Franklin Central School's participation in the SADD Strides for Safety 5k run/walk. The after-prom party is a fun activity to discourage risky behaviors and attendance at parties that may have alcohol and drugs. If you are interested in donating snacks, homemade goods or prizes to include in the giveaways or chaperoning the event call Jayne Bolton at (607) 829-3551, ext. 304 or email jbolton@franklincsd.org. We are excited to continue this opportunity for our students and community. More detailed information will be available as we get closer to prom.

SOUP-ER BOWL FOOD DRIVE



During the month of January SADD sponsored the 2nd annual *Soup-er Bowl* event where the students, faculty and staff participated by bringing in a can of soup or other nonperishable food item to be donated to the Treadwell food bank. Franklin School collected over 300 cans of food. The Treadwell food bank stated that this contributed to replenishing their food items for the families in our community that participate in this program.

This year, for the second year in a row, Kindergarten was the winner with the most donated items. The students and teachers celebrated by enjoying a sundae party hosted by SADD members **Zoe Warren**, **Nicketa Utter** and Jayne Bolton, SADD advisor.

A big thank you to everyone that participated in the 2018 *Soup-er Bowl* Food Drive.

AUTISM AWARENESS



On April 2, FCS celebrated Autism Awareness by wearing blue to school.

Light It Up Blue is a worldwide event celebrating the unique skills and talents of people with autism, and to spread awareness and understanding of autism. The classes with the most participation received an ice cream party; thank you Ms. West! The month of April is World Autism Month. The Elementary School participated in creating an autism awareness bulletin board, by coloring and cutting out puzzle pieces. On a nationwide level, the puzzle piece symbol reflects the mystery and complexity of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Also, since every puzzle piece is different in some way, a puzzle piece accurately represents the diversity of the individuals affected.

According to www.autismspeaks.org, "Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in

social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some persons with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art."

Also from the site, "Autism statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identify around 1 in 68 American children as on the autism spectrum—a ten-fold increase from just 40 years ago. Careful research shows that this increase is only partly explained by improved diagnosis and awareness. Studies also show that autism is four to five times more common among boys than girls. An estimated 1 out of 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls are diagnosed with autism in the United States. ASD affects over 3 million individuals in the U.S. and tens of millions worldwide."

Thank you faculty and staff for participating and bringing awareness to your classes!

SENIOR BAND DINNER CONCERT

The Senior Band held their annual dinner concert on March 6. The Senior Band and Jazz Band performed pieces such as *Highlights from Moana*, *MacArthur Park*, *Timber*, *Northern Spirit March*, *Around the World in 80 Minutes*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, and several others. The funds raised will go towards a trip next year to either perform or to see a performance that will enrich the FCS band students' music education. The trip is yet to be determined, but the funds raised are greatly appreciated and we thank the community for all their support!



CHORUS



Congratulations to all those students who participated in the All-County Music Festival on March 16 and 17! Junior Chorus: **Isis Lawyer, Thomas Rodriguez, Zoe Warren, Nicketa Utter, and Abby-Noelle Potter.** Jazz Choir: **George Machala.**

WINTER SPORTS SCHOLAR ATHLETES



Congratulations to the Girls' Varsity Basketball team for being a Winter Scholar Athlete team! To achieve this the honor the girls needed to have cumulatively 75% of their roster with a 90% GPA or higher. The girls' GPA was 94.780.

Members of the team are **Madelyn Ackley, Julie Archibald, Alexis Bellino, Kirsten Brownell, Kayla Campbell, Marissa Campbell, Rachel Cobane, Lacey Cox, Olivia Hyzer, and Alyssa Nowhitney.**



Congratulations to the following Boys' Basketball players for achieving Scholar Athlete Status during the winter season: **Collin Campbell, Carson Dutcher, Tyler Gregory, and Joe Serrao.** Each one of these boys had an individual GPA of 90 or higher.

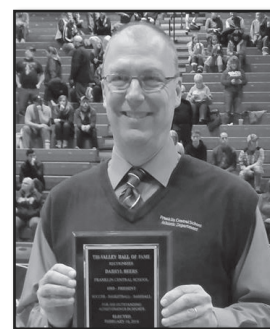
SECTION IV HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Congratulations to Julie (Veen) Decarlo for her induction into the Section IV Hall of Fame on March 3 at the Dewar arena, SUNY Oneonta. Julie, a current 6th grade teacher at Franklin, was a former student athlete at Franklin who excelled at many sports. She is also one of only six players to surpass 1000 points in basketball at Franklin. This is a well-deserved honor!



CONGRATULATIONS COACH BEERS!

Congratulations to Darryl Beers on his induction into the Tri-Valley Coaches Hall of Fame. Great work and thanks for all you have done for our district, school, and program.



NEW TO FCS MEAL ACCOUNTS



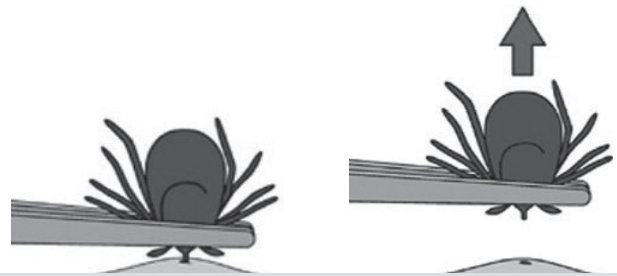
Effective April 3, 2018, FCS will update their meal payment system to Mosaic® POS. This new system will increase the level of service and provide accurate school meal accounts. We are also excited to offer MySchoolBucks! This secure online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. You can view recent purchases, check balances, and setup low balance alerts for FREE! If you have enrolled and wish to, please visit www.MySchoolBucks.com and register for a free account. We are very excited to offer this new service and are confident that MySchoolBucks will benefit you, your child and our District.

Prevent Lyme Disease



- Wear repellent
- Check for ticks daily
- Shower soon after being outdoors
- Call your doctor if you get a fever or rash

www.cdc.gov/Lyme



how to remove a tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
3. Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, iodine scrub, or soap and water.

Notes:

- Remove the tick as soon as possible.
- If tick mouth parts remain in the skin, leave them alone. In most cases, they **will fall out in a few days.**
- Don't use nail polish, petroleum jelly, or a **hot match to make the tick detach.**
- If you develop a rash or fever within **several weeks of removing a tick, see your doctor. Be sure to tell the doctor about your recent tick bite, when the bite occurred, and where you most likely acquired the tick.**

HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



The National Honor Society welcomes six new members this year. Congratulations to **Alexis Bellino, Kirsten Brownell, Molly McLaughlin, Kristin Cronk, Maddy Ackley, and Peter Niebanck.**

Current members are **Jillian Parascandola, Julie Archibald, Jen Meo, Lilly Bevilacqua, Tyler Gregory, Collin Campbell and Lacey Cox.**



The National Junior Honor Society welcomed five new members. Congratulations to **Jeffrey Bullis, Marissa Campbell, Brandon Gregory, Thomas Rodriguez and Matthew Serrao.** Current members are **Alyssa Nowhitney, Kristin Cronk, Maddy Ackley, George Machala, Paige Dutcher, Abby-Noelle Potter, Nate Dennis, Matthew Cox, Kayla Campbell and Zoe Warren.**

These newly inducted students have exemplified the qualities of scholarship, service, character, leadership, and for the National Junior Honor Society members, citizenship. Students with a 90% GPA were invited to submit an application, and the Individual Faculty Councils for each group met and evaluated the candidates in the other areas.

All current Society members have undertaken an ISP, or Individual Service Project for the year. The new inductees will choose a short-term project for the remainder of the year. Some examples of these are: helping in an elementary classroom, church dinners, helping out an elderly neighbor, community projects, Big Buddy program, and helping out at the ASP (After School Program). The Societies sponsored two American Red Cross Blood Drives this year. All members helped out by registering donors and overseeing the canteen.

Our year will end with a Clean-Up Day. We will clean up the areas around school and plant flowers. After the work is done we will enjoy a pizza party.

DRAMA NEWS



The Franklin School drama presentation, *How To Eat Like A Child*, was performed on Friday, April 13, 2018. The cast and crew ranged from 5th grade to 9th grade. These students worked very hard to make this play a success. The play was funny and our audience found it to be very entertaining. Everyone who attended gave the play great reviews. Thank you to our community, parents and administration for their support. A special thank you to Mrs. Frye-Hunt, Mr. Frye-Hunt and Mrs. Bolton for their commitment and dedication to making this play a success.

SADD CONFERENCE



The Franklin School Chapter of SADD attended the 2018 SADD Conference on March 22nd. Guest speaker was Detective Jennifer Torrez from the Oneonta Police Dept. Along with other events that day we were able to attend a martial arts class led by Harmony Martial Arts of Oneonta. SADD members front row left are, **George Machala, Madelynn Ackley, Olivia Hyzer, Josaline Hotaling, Alyssa Nowhitney, Brian Johns, Juliana Archibald, Jennifer Meo and Nathaniel Dennis,** back row are **Collin Campbell, Nicholas McWeeney and Johnathan Davis.** Jayne Bolton, SADD Adviser accompanied the group.

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UP COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 1 Annual Public Hearing, Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- 1-8 NYS Math Testing, Grades 3-8
- 3 High School Spring Music Concert (seniors will be recognized), 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Budget Vote, Noon-8:00 p.m.;
Special Board of Education Meeting (after polls close), 8:00 p.m.
- 16 8th Grade High School Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 NYS Science Performance Testing, Grade 8
- 28 Memorial Day—No School, Office Closed**
Memorial Day Parade, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 NYS Science Performance Testing, Grade 4
- 31 Academic Awards, 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 4 NYS Science Written Test, Grades 4 & 8
- 5 Athletic Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Elementary Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Prom, 6:00-11:30 p.m.
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
Stamford Parade, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Kindergarten Graduation, 1:30 p.m.
- 20 6th Grade Parent Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Elementary Awards & 6th Grade
Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30 a.m.
Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

