

## Superintendent's Message

## Dear Franklin School Community:

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the winter season. I wanted to take a brief moment to update you on some of the latest district news. You will see more detailed information from Mrs. Renwick within this newsletter, but we are proposing a Capital Project with a vote on February 7. It is clear to me that our community values our district and has absolutely no desire for our students to attend school in any other configuration. Therefore, it is important for us to protect our investment in our building and facilitates to ensure sustainability over time. This mindset is similar to that of a homeowner who recognizes the need to maintain the infrastructure of their house over the course of its life span.

While other districts may have turf fields, tracks, gymnasiums, auditoriums and large group instruction rooms as part of their plans, this is not the case in Franklin. We are looking to fund the replacement or repair of essential items like windows, roofs, network wiring, floors, restrooms, and our electric and security systems. Since we have not pursued a Capital Project in nearly ten years, all of the proposed work is needed. These aspects of our building ensure a safe environment that is conducive to learning. Creating such an atmosphere allows our students to thrive and grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

A series of Capital Project public meetings will be held in the coming months to discuss the details. Feel free to join us at any one of the meetings with feedback and/or questions. We hope that you will take some time to learn more about our plan and vote in February. We truly appreciate the support the community has shown the district in the past and look forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of our students. Feel free to give me a call anytime with questions, concerns or ideas.

Happy New Year to you and your family.
Respectfully,
Brad Zilliox, Superintendent

## Veterans Day Program

On Thursday, November 10, our veterans gathered at the Franklin Central School to celebrate with breakfast and a wonderful program presented by grades PK through 6. We would like to thank all of our veterans, especially those who are serving now and could not be present.

You are in our thoughts and we are so very thankful for you!


## Protecting Our Community's Investment

The Franklin Central School District has a long standing tradition of investing in our facilities based on academic, athletic and community needs. School facilities are used by school related groups and community organizations on a daily basis. In addition to daily student instruction, we host concerts, recreational and sporting events, drama productions and community dinners. It is extremely important that we protect our community's investment and keep our school district up to date and in top condition for our students and community. Some of the infrastructure components of our building have reached the end of their useful life and other components are showing signs of deterioration and need to be replaced. For this reason, the Board of Education is presenting a capital project vote on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, that will help ensure the longevity of our facilities.

## PROPOSED UPGRADES

## ENERGY CONSERVATION

- Window replacement-many windows are original to the main building (1930's); others have not been replaced since 1953. Existing windows are extremely drafty and are not energy efficient.
- Roof resurfacing and replacement-roofs were last replaced/resurfaced in the 1990's. Certain sections of the roof are beginning to leak and others are showing signs of moisture.
- Masonry repointing and repair of exterior brick-mortar and bricks deteriorate over time and need to be replaced.


Window replacement


Roof Resurfacing


Masonry Repointing and Brick Repair

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Network wiring and electrical system upgrades-our historic building currently has network and electrical limitations. We do not currently have capacity to support modern teaching methods or add additional computers to our network. In addition, certain areas of our building have outdated electrical wiring that is no longer code compliant.
- Additional wire closets-add two additional wire closets to provide enhanced computing capabilities to all academic

- Security camera replacement-our current equipment is outdated and we do not have capacity to add additional cameras as needed.
- Enhanced security light system—add blue flashing emergency lights in high noise areas (gym, cafeteria, band room) and to the exterior of the building.
- Interior door lockset replacement-replace interior door locksets throughout the building.
- Public announcement system replacement-our current system is outdated and unreliable. Due to the age of the system we have difficulty getting parts for repairs.
- Phone system replacement-our current system is outdated and unreliable.
- Exterior door access control-add exterior access controls to all exterior doors.



## MAINTENANCE

- Renovation of restrooms and locker rooms-many restrooms are original to the building and are non ADA-compliant. Shower valves and lockers in the locker rooms are broken and need to be replaced.
- Carpet and floor tile replacement-carpeting and floor tile is worn and needs to be replaced. We also have several areas of asbestos floor tile that need to be abated and removed from the building.
- Bus Garage Lift Replacement-the bus lift is approximately 25 years old and is deteriorating. Due to the age of the lift we have difficulty getting parts for repairs.
- Parking lot resurfacing-the parking lot was last resurfaced in the 1990's and is deteriorating.


Renovate Restrooms


Replace worn and damaged


Replace broken lockers


Replace Bus Lift


Resurface Parking Lot
floor tile \& carpet

## Understanding the Costs

The New York State Education Department provides a separate funding source in the form of building aid to districts to help maintain school facilities. Our District currently has a building aid ratio of $81 \%$, meaning that we get back $\$ 0.81$ of every $\$ 1.00$ spent to upgrade and/or maintain existing facilities. Franklin also has an allotment of approximately $\$ 337,000$ from the NYS Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014. This funding is earmarked for Information Technology and security related upgrades. In addition, the District has a capital reserve fund in the amount of $\$ 250,000$ that will be used to offset the costs of this project.

If approved, construction would likely begin in the summer of 2018. The project would be completed in phases over the next three to five years. Breaking the project into phases allows the District to accelerate State Aid and helps limit the impact to local taxpayers. State aid for projects of this nature is typically paid equally over fifteen years. Any local tax increase would likely appear in the 2019-20 fiscal year and would continue for fifteen years to match the state aid cycle. The following chart provides a simplified illustration of the tax levy impact, with an estimated project cost of $\$ 5.5$ million.

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| Annual Tax Increase—Basic STAR | $\$ 16.75$ | $\$ 25.12$ | $\$ 33.49$ | $\$ 41.86$ |
| Total Tax Impact (15 years)—Basic STAR | $\$ 251.25$ | $\$ 376.80$ | $\$ 502.35$ | $\$ 627.90$ |
| Annual Tax Increase—Enhanced STAR | $\$ 8.38$ | $\$ 12.56$ | $\$ 16.84$ | $\$ 20.93$ |
| Total Tax Impact (15 years)-Enhanced STAR | $\$ 125.70$ | $\$ 188.40$ | $\$ 252.60$ | $\$ 313.95$ |

## MORE INFORMATION

A series of public meetings will be held in January and February 2017 to discuss the project. Feel free to join us at one of the following meetings with feedback and/or questions:

| Date | Time | Sponsoring Organization | Meeting Location |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wednesday January 11, 2017 | 12:30 p.m. | Franklin-Treadwell Senior Citizens Group | Franklin United Methodist Church |
| Thursday January 12, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. | Franklin Central School | FCS-Room 206 |
| Tuesday January 17, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Franklin Educational Foundation | Rich Farm House, 574 Main St., <br> Franklin |
| Wednesday February 1,2017 | 6:30 p.m. | Franklin Rotary | Franklin United Methodist Church |

Questions can also be directed to Mrs. Kellie Renwick or Mr. Brad Zilliox at (607) 829-3551.


## Voter Qualifications

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
- Any other evidence of residency


## SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

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


## Absentee Ballots

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

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,
Welcome back, and Happy 2017!
I am very fortunate to work in a school with such a family-like atmosphere. I continue to be amazed by the support shown all students by teachers, staff, families and community members in both academic and extracurricular endeavors.

We had a very successful parent/teacher conference day in November. While these were designated opportunities for you to contact your child's teacher(s), I encourage you to seek feedback often. Do not hesitate to ask questions or seek clarification regarding our curriculum or your child's academic progress.

Our music programs provided accompaniment to the Senior Citizen's Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The winter concert in December was a wonderful composite of choir and band selections. We have an incredibly talented group of young musicians.

Several clubs have been active as well. Honor Society members assisted with the Thanksgiving feast, AVP held an Advanced Workshop in November, the Warpants! gaming club meets regularly, the Robotics Club began both a basic and intermediate group and our Ski Club is hoping for lots of snow! We offer many opportunities for students to get involved and hope your children will take advantage of as many as possible.

Basketball season is in full swing! Come support the Purple Devils as they compete in the Tri-Valley League. We are passionate, proud, positive fans both home and away. I am often complimented by our competitors regarding our spectator behavior. Thank You!

My resolution this year is to continue to get to know my extended school family. Please introduce yourself when we meet.

Best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year! Sincerely,
Mrs. Julie Bergman, Principal

## Board Seat Vacancy

Beginning July 1, 2017
5-year term
Interested individuals should contact the
District Clerk, Donna Dean, at 607-829-3551, extension 302 for more information.

## Band and Chorus Notes

All the FCS band students have been hard at work getting ready all fall for our many recent performances. Here are some of the recent events our instrumental students have been involved in:

- Congratulations to Cora Van Kingsley who was selected for and performed in the Zone 8 Area All-State Band on November 18 and 19! The festival was held on the SUNY Oneonta campus. Cora was selected based on her previous year's NYSSMA solo score.
- The Marching Band performed at the O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade in Delhi for the first time on December 2. The parade was well attended and thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out that day!
- The Senior Band performed a couple selections for our Senior Citizens at the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 16, as well as for morning program on December 5.
- Lastly, all the FCS instrumental groups performed in the annual FCS Holiday Concert on December 7. The Elementary Band played a varied program including a march, a canon, and the standard Jingle Bells. The Jazz Band played some standard jazz tunes which included Mack the Knife, In the Mood and Baby, Its Cold Outside. Lastly, the Senior Band performed pieces which included an overture, the final performance of our marching band piece Funkytown, a trumpet feature piece entitled Trumpet Shout-Out and a holiday medley that included the standard fare of holiday songs.

 try the hammered dulcimer.


The 3rd graders and Miss Sickler do the Virginia Reel


Grades K-6 at the assembly
On November 21 and 22, we had a guest musician visit Franklin! Mark Rust presented folk instruments to music classes and played an assembly for K-6th grade. Students enjoyed playing and hearing the fiddle, banjo, guitar, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and the spoons! The third graders learned traditional American folk dances such as the Virginia Reel and made guitars out of milk cartons!

## Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Wednesday, November 16 the Franklin Central School held the 27th Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon. The students and staff served approximately 96 senior citizens from the community. Mrs. Karen Terry and the cafeteria staff outdid themselves again with an amazing meal. A great performance was put on by the kindergarteners, senior chorus and senior band. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Cafeteria staff, Custodial Staff, Office Staff, Band/Chorus Departments and Students for making this event a great success!


Franklin Central 607-829-3551, ext. 112 School Yearbook

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Order yours today Still only \$20
(After January 31st price goes up to \$25) Mail to: Franklin Central School, P.O. Box 888,

Franklin, NY 13775
Attention: Sue Patrick
Mail back this form with your check Name

Address \& Phone


## Library News

The fall Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to all of the parents, students, staff, and community members who supported the Fair, which ended in late November. We look forward to seeing you in the spring with dates as yet to be announced. Keep reading and thank you!

## Girls' JV Basketball Wins Walton Tip-Off Tournament



The Girls' JV Basketball team won the Walton Tip-off Tournament played on November 28 and 30. They defeated Margaretville in the semi-finals 29-20 and went on to beat the host, Walton, in the championship game 31-28.

## Guidance News

Who can believe the school year is almost half over? Here are some friendly reminders:

## SENIORS

Keep sending those college applications, many schools in our area have rolling admission and you can continue to explore options. By this point I would advise you submit your FAFSA very soon if you have not already. Good luck as you receive your decision letters and award packages.

## JUNIORS

Start to consider taking the SAT before the end of the year. The test is offered March 11, May 6, and June 3. For those of you considering the ACT, that is offered March 3 and May 5. Please visit guidance if you have any questions about these college admissions tests.

## SOPHOMORES

Start giving serious thought to CTE program selection if this is something you have been considering. We will be sending those selections to BOCES soon.

For the rest of our Franklin CSD students, continue to put forth your best efforts, strive for high academic success, respect one another, and remember the Guidance office is always here for you!

Kindergarten News


Kindergarten sang turkey songs for the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon


Kindergarten visited the Fire house and EMS training room to learn about what they do


## First Grade

First Grade has been busy learning about the systems of the human body. They have constructed models of the skeletal system, the digestive system and the respiratory system. The students are enjoying learning many fun (and sometimes, gross) facts about their bodies.

The class is working hard to master all of the addition facts. Math vocabulary such as number bonds, equal, number sentence and doubles is becoming part of our daily conversations. I am really proud about how well these First Graders are solving word problems and explaining their work. Several students have even taken the initiative to share word problems that they have created at home!

We had a lot of fun sharing the Whip Nae Nae (cardio version) at Morning Program. Our class tries to get up and get moving frequently. We also shared drawings we made of our families at Morning Program.

Our favorite part of the week remains Tech Tuesday. The class is given a challenge and some materials. Each child or group spends time thinking, building and creating their own ways of solving each problem. One very popular challenge was building a car that would safely transport their pet rocks. They had to use only paper, lifesavers, straws, and tape. You can see photos of the students working on many of these challenges on our classroom webpage.

Our class did an awesome job collecting food for our local food pantry. Thank you, all for your help and support.


## Ski Club

Our 1st Annual Ski/Snowboard Club Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Thank you all who came out and gave your support. Thank you to McDonald's of Walton, Sidney and Oneonta; to Walmart, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Denny's and BJ's of Oneonta for their support of donations. Not only will the children benefit financially from this experience but bringing the Community and the FCS staff together for laughs and good food is always great for life lessons.

Thank you to all club members and their parents for all their wonderful help. Keep Smiling, see you next year!

## Substitutes Needed!

Are you looking for a part-time job that allows you to have a similar schedule as your children? Are you looking for a way to supplement your income? Are you an empty nester, grandparent or retiree who misses daily contact with children? If so, we have the perfect job for you, Franklin Central School is looking for substitutes in all areas:

- Teaching Substitutes
- Non-teaching Substitutes (Aides and Monitors)
- Cafeteria Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- Bus Drivers

We provide on the job training, and will help interested candidates obtain the necessary licenses and endorsements to become a bus driver. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check. Bus drivers must also pass a drug test and annual physical. Applications are available on the District website or can be obtained by calling 829-3551.

## Emergency Closings

The school will make an attempt to contact parents using our PowerSchool phone system at times when emergency closing is necessary. Please be advised that the phone system or electricity may not be in service and therefore the school will be unable to make these calls.

The following radio and television stations will announce school closings:

- WCDO-101 FM and 1490 AM Sidney
- WDLA-92.1 FM and 1270 AM Walton
- WSKG-91.7 FM
- WDOS-730 AM and WZOZ-103.1 FM Big Cat 95.3 Oneonta
- WBNG-TV Channel 12 and WBNG.com
- WKTV Channel 2 and WKTV.com


## Scholar Athletes

Congratulations to the Franklin Girls’ Varsity Soccer team for qualifying for the NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award. In order to receive this award $75 \%$ of the team's roster must have a GPA of $90 \%$ or higher. After averaging all 19 players on the team, the team GPA was 92.272 !


All players who attained a $90 \%$ or higher individual GPA will receive a Scholar Athlete pin. These individuals are: Christina Worden, Malorie Jordan, Julie Archibald, Madelyn Ackley, Alyssa Nowhitney, Kirsten Brownell, Paige Fairchilds, Jessie Davis, Ali Eichler, Sabra Warner, Kristen Cronk, Molly McLaughin, Lacey Cox and Lily Bevilacqua.


New York State also awards individual Scholar Athlete Pins for players on a team that did not reach the $75 \%$ of roster threshold. For the Franklin Boys' Varsity Soccer team these individuals were: Peter Niebanck, Joe Nowhitney, Collin Campbell and Tyler Gregory.

Congratulations to all student/athletes, their coaches and their parents! Well Done!

## Congratulations!

## Writers In The Mountains



Congratulations to the winners of the fifth annual Matilda Friedman essay contest. The contest was sponsored by the Writers in the Mountains organization. This year's topic was \#RomeoandJuliet. The students explored how Shakespeare's iconic story might have turned out differently if social media had been available to the characters. The students also wrote how social media impacts their own lives today.

The members of Writers in the Mountains were impressed with all of the submissions from the sixth grade class. Madeline McLaughlin won first place. Isabella Hotchkin and Mike Cox took second and third. Aidan Morrell received an honorable mention.

The students were honored at a reception in Arkville where they read their essays in front of Heidi Friedman, Matilda's daughter. Madeline, Isabella, and Mrs. DeCarlo were guests at the WIOX radio station where they spoke about the contest on the radio.


## Choose MyPlate

## 10 tips to a great plate

## Making food choices for a healthy lifestyle can be as simple as using these 10 Tips.

Use the ideas in this list to balance your calories, to choose foods to eat more often, and to cut back on foods to eat less often.

1
balance calories
Find out how many calories YOU need for a day as a first step in managing your weight. Go to www.Choose MyPlate.gov to find your calorie level. Being physically active also helps you balance calories.
enjoy your food, but eat less
Take the time to fully enjoy your food as you eat it. Eating too fast or when your attention is elsewhere may lead to eating too many calories. Pay attention to hunger and fullness cues before, during, and after meals. Use them to recognize when to eat and when you've had enough.

3avoid oversized portions Use a smaller plate, bowl, and glass. Portion out foods before you eat. When eating out, choose a smaller size option, share a dish, or take home part of your meal.

4foods to eat more often
Eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or $1 \%$ milk and dairy products. These foods have the nutrients you need for health-including potassium, calcium, vitamin D, and fiber. Make them the basis for meals and snacks.

5make half your plate fruits and vegetables Choose red, orange, and dark-green vegetables like tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli, along with other vegetables for your meals. Add fruit to meals as part of main or side dishes or as dessert.

6switch to fat-free or low-fat (1\%) milk
They have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but fewer calories and less saturated fat.

7ake half your grains whole grains To eat more whole grains, substitute a whole-grain product for a refined product-such as eating whole-wheat bread instead of white bread or brown rice instead of white rice.

8foods to eat less often
Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt. They include cakes, cookies, ice cream, candies, sweetened drinks, pizza, and fatty meats like ribs, sausages, bacon, and hot dogs. Use these foods as occasional treats, not everyday foods.

9

## compare sodium in foods

Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose lower sodium versions of foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals. Select canned foods labeled "low sodium," "reduced sodium," or "no salt added."

10drink water instead of sugary drinks Cut calories by drinking water or unsweetened beverages. Soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are a major source of added sugar, and calories, in American diets.
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Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

## Drama


"Escalator": Demitri Jaromack, George Machala, Nicketa Utter, Zoe Warren, Leah Hyzer, Matthew Serrao. (Not pictured: Emma Lobdell)

Detectives
Boots and Bits are on the case! Madeline McLaughlin, Isabella Hotchioin, Amira Dean, and Alyssa Jaromack.


The cast of Elementary Drama takes a bow!
Congratulations to FCS Elementary and High School Drama Clubs on their fall show! They came together to put on a triple feature the first weekend of November. Elementary Drama presented Jekyll \& Little Miss Hyde as well as Boots \& Bits: World's Greatest Detectives. High School Drama concluded the night with their presentation of Escalator. The drama clubs are thankful of all who came out and supported these shows.

Elementary Drama Club will be doing their spring show on February 17-18, and High School Drama Club will be doing theirs on April 8-9.


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## CURRENT RESIDENT OR

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## Upcoming Events

JANUARY
2 No School-New Year's Day Observed (Offices Closed)
12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Offices Closed)
24-27 NYS Regents Exams
30 No School for Students-Staff Development Day FEBRUARY

7 Capital Project Vote (12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.), Board of Education Special Meeting, immediately following the polls closing
9 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
17-18 Elementary School Drama, tentative
20-24 No School-President's Day Recess MARCH

7 Senior Band Dinner Concert/MIOSM Concert
9 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
14 Elementary Music and Senior Chorus MIOSM Concert, 7:00 p.m.
28 NYS ELA Testing, Grades 3-8
APRIL
4 National Honor Society Induction, 1:00 p.m.
6 Jr. National Honor Society Induction, 2:00 p.m.
10-14 No School-Spring Recess
14 No School-Good Friday (Offices Closed)
24 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

