

FCS NEWSLETTER



FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL, FRANKLIN, NY
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school. We are very excited to begin another year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and spent lots of time with family and friends.

There have been a few changes in the District. Ms. Jonelle Rabeler has replaced Miss Sophia DeLousia as the Band Director. Miss DeLousia has returned to college to earn her Master's Degree. Mrs. Julie Bergman has assumed her duties as the Pre-K through 12th grade Principal and Chairperson for the Committee of Special Education. She comes to Franklin from Walton where she served most recently as the Elementary Principal.

Soon we will hear the forecasters predict the State Budget for New York. Then, once we hear the Governor's proposal for education the turmoil begins again. Public education foresees significant challenges. While we have seen some improvements in funding, we anticipate another difficult year. The tax cap has further constrained funding for schools. The Common Core State Standards has challenged schools to implement the standards while providing limited training or staff development. We have made solid progress in the implementation process and continue to raise the expectations for greater achievement on the part of our students.

We are committed to providing positive learning environments that promote growth and opportunity to our students. The faculty, staff and administration work hard to keep the focus on why we are here . . . our students. We want to provide them the highest quality educational experience possible. Thank you for your support for our students and our school.

Please remember to check our website, www.franklincsd.org for information regarding our programs and our school.

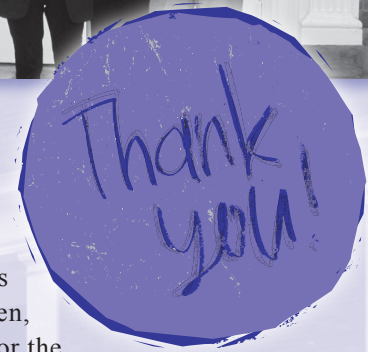
—Gordon Daniels, Superintendent

BOARD RECOGNITION



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has proclaimed October 26-30, 2015 as School Board Recognition Week.

A very special thank you to our school board members for their dedication to children, learning and community and for the many hours of service to our school as they continue to strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education.



VETERANS' DAY BREAKFAST



On November 10, at 7:30 a.m., all Veterans and their spouses are invited to come to our honorary breakfast in the Cafetorium. Following the breakfast, our students have a wonderful program to share with you.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I wanted to take time to thank you for welcoming me to the Franklin Central School District. In the few months since my arrival I have enjoyed meeting your children and many of you, and appreciate the kindness afforded me in our conversations. This community is very special and I am honored to be a part of the Franklin Central School family.

Academically we continue to implement the Common Core curriculum. Teachers are designing exciting and challenging lessons using a wide variety of teaching methods and materials. Our students are working hard! The curriculum is continuously updated and can be viewed at www.engageny.org.

We had a very busy fall. Students honored 9/11 with a patriotic assembly. Dignity Day activities took place on September 14. On September 22, secondary students enjoyed *Take 2*, a performance by very musically talented twins Adrian and Julian Woodrow, from Vermont. Our soccer teams have been competing since late August—GO PURPLE DEVILS!

Thank you to all who attended Open House on September 16. We are very proud of our school and this was a great opportunity to show you our classrooms and talk about our curriculum for the year. As always, please contact your child's teacher for additional information whenever you have questions about your student's progress, subject matters—anything!

Reminders for Halloween: please, no costumes with full masks. These often impede visibility. Also, no weapons of any kind, real or imitation, are permitted.

As the weather grows colder, I remind you send a sweater or light jacket with your child. Layering clothing is helpful in a changing climate. Additionally, we will continue outdoor recess for elementary students provided the temperature is at least 20 degrees. Please be sure to have mittens, hats, scarves and boots on hand.

Enjoy the bounty of the fall harvest.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Bergman

Principal

NEW FACES

JULIE BERGMAN — PK-12 PRINCIPAL



A native of Binghamton, I came to Delaware County 25 years ago, having taught, coached and served as an administrator for twenty years in the Delhi Central School District. Most recently, I worked for four years at the Walton Central School District as the principal of both the elementary and middle schools.

I am a graduate of Binghamton High School, SUNY College at Cortland and Texas A&M University (GO AGGIES!). My home is full of passionate sports fans, including my husband, son and three daughters.

I look forward to meeting my new Franklin Central School District *family*.

DONNA DEAN — DISTRICT CLERK/SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY



I am originally from College Point, NY and moved to Sidney in 1987. I lived in Sidney until I moved to Masonville after marrying my husband Corey, with whom I have been married to for 20 years. I have three children: Austin, 18 years, who attends The College at Brockport; Wade, 16 years and Danielle, 4 years, who both attend Sidney Central School. I love spending time with my family and friends, attending my children's sporting

events, and being involved in my community. I am a newly elected board member for the Sidney Memorial Public Library this year and am excited to learn and grow with them. I come to Franklin Central School with many years of experience in an office setting and I am very excited to continue my career at a great school.

JOHN NOLAN — TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR



I grew up in Unadilla and graduated from Unatego CSD. I am married with two children and we enjoy camping, sports and outdoor activities. I was recently employed as a School Bus Mechanic at Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton CSD before accepting the Transportation Supervisor's position. I am looking forward to my future here at Franklin CSD.

JONELLE RABELER — BAND DIRECTOR



I am excited to be teaching at Franklin Central School as the new band director for grades 4-12. I am originally from Middletown. I previously taught at Delaware Academy Central School in Delhi from 2000-2015. I earned my Bachelor of Music degree in music education from SUNY Fredonia in 1998 and my Master of Music degree in performance (flute) from The Ohio State

University in 2000. I currently live in Delhi and I enjoy spending time with my two English Golden Retrievers, Rimsky and Cedar, reading, watching football, and hiking. I look forward to working with the students, faculty, staff, parents, and Franklin community on continuing to build upon an outstanding band program at Franklin Central Schools.

Welcome!

MORNING PROGRAM



Morning Program kicked off this year's theme, *Important People*, by meeting our new principal, Mrs. Bergman. This year we plan to focus on the special and important people in our school and our community. In September, we met all of our students and learned why they feel special. We have some very amazing kids in Franklin!

October will be fun as we learn about the special people in our community. We expect visits from our Emergency Squad, Fire Department and the Highway Department. We're super excited about seeing some big trucks and learning how all of these people are important to our safety and well-being.

The year will continue along this theme as we hold our annual Veteran's Day program on November 10, at 8:30 a.m. Our veterans are very important and we enjoy honoring them every year with songs and poems.

Please feel free to visit Morning Program any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 8:30 a.m. as we sing songs, celebrate birthdays, reading progress, hear jokes and perform for our audience. Our Morning Program creates great public speakers and we also learn how to listen and be a good audience for others. We love our school and we love Morning Program!



SOCCER NEWS



The Boys' and Girls' Varsity Soccer teams traveled to Red Bull Arena on August 30 to watch a Major League Soccer game between the New York Red Bull and D.C. United. Thirty of the 32 players, three alumni, and 14 adults went on this trip. They watched an exciting game as Red Bull defeated D.C. by a score of 3-0. The excursion was funded by the teams through their fundraising efforts throughout the soccer season.

The Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams began their season by participating in the James Campbell Tournament and the Jane Flannery Memorial Tournament, respectively, both of these were hosted by Downsville Central School. The boys took home the championship trophy by defeating the host in the championship game, 3-0. They got to that point after defeating Walton 3-1 in the semifinals. The girls were co-champions as they battled Downsville to a 0-0 draw in the championship game after advancing with a win over Walton 2-0.



DIGNITY DAY

On September 14, the Franklin Alternatives to Violence Project Club hosted the 2nd annual Dignity Day for students and faculty in grades 7-12 with a focus on human connection and diversity. Duke Fisher, of Learning Laboratories, kicked off the day by sharing some inspirational stories and leading a workshop focused on making connections, learning to identify what other people need and celebrating diversity. Following the presentation students and faculty participated in small group mini AVP workshops run by our student facilitators. Dignity Day concluded with a moving presentation by Max Carey, FCS senior and AVP facilitator, about selflessness and how small acts of kindness can make a difference in a person's day. This day was planned and facilitated by the students of Franklin Central School! The AVP Club wanted to host Dignity Day to kick-off the school year with a day filled with laughter, meaning and community building for both students and faculty alike. It is the hope of the AVP club that by reaching out to each other we can continue to create a positive school community based on understanding, compassion, support and connection.



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YMCA

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

The Franklin Central School District has been working with the Oneonta Family YMCA to explore the possibility of bringing an afterschool program to Franklin. The program would be run by the Oneonta Family YMCA and centered in the school; however, before we move forward with this partnership, we are seeking input from parents, guardians and other interested community members. Please take a moment to fill out the survey on the next page. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the school or mailed to: Franklin Central School, PO Box 888, Franklin NY, 13775, ATTN: Kellie Renwick. Your input and feedback is greatly appreciated!

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS UPDATE AND INFORMATION

The Franklin School District is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality for all. If you suspect your child is being harassed or bullied we encourage parents and students to make a report so that we can help. We have an online reporting form on our homepage to report suspected bullying as an additional resource. We hope you will find it helpful. The form will go to Suzanne Swantak-Furman, school counselor and Dignity for All Students Act Coordinator. As parents you should be on the lookout for signs that your child may be bullied including; Unexplainable injuries, lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry, frequent headaches or stomach aches, feeling sick or faking illness, changes in eating habits, like suddenly skipping meals or binge eating, difficulty sleeping, declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school, sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations, feelings of helplessness, self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide. The website www.stopbullying.gov has wonderful resources about bullying for parents. In recognition of National Bullying Prevention Awareness month in October we will be doing some classroom presentations, assemblies and sending home parent resources. As always, feel free to contact Suzanne Swantak-Furman (school counselor) or Jen Potrzeba (school psychologist) in the Guidance office if you have concerns about your child.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING INTEREST SURVEY



Recently, the Oneonta Family YMCA has been invited to provide children's programming in communities outside the immediate Oneonta area. As such, we are looking for interest in the possibility of Children's Programming in the Franklin area. With this in mind, we are asking parents, guardians and other interested community members to take some time to answer the questions below, even if you are not sure whether you would be using the programs. We will be using the answers to this brief survey to help us determine whether there is a need for programming and where that programming might best be offered.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Eligible students would include Franklin Central School District Kindergarten-6th graders. The program would take place in the school building and would be run by the Oneonta Family YMCA.

- If our family were to use an After School program, we would most likely use it . . .
 - on a full week basis (M-F, with a weekly fee)
 - on a partial week basis (MWF, with a weekly fee)
 - on a drop-in basis (paying in advance for a certain number of days)
 - a combination of the above:

Based on: _____

- If our family were to use the program, we would need it to go until . . .
 - 4:30 p.m.
 - 5:00 p.m.
 - 5:30 p.m.
 - Other: _____

- If our family were to use the program, it would be for . . .
 - Homework Club
 - Enrichment activities such as: _____

- Supervision for my child while I am at work
- Socialization and playtime with friends
- Other _____

- We would be willing to pay \$40-50/week for a full week of care. NYS daycare assistance funding would be available to eligible families.
 - Yes! This is a fair price.
 - Not sure . . . depends on: _____

No.

- Please use this space to share other feedback you may have:

Thank you! Your feedback is truly appreciated. The Oneonta Family YMCA prefers to hire people from the local community in which our programs are based. If you think you might be interested in working in the kinds of programs listed above or if you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know! We can be contacted at, Lisa Zuend-Misner, YMCA Child Enrichment Director: 607-353-7074 or email lisazuendmisner@ymail.com.

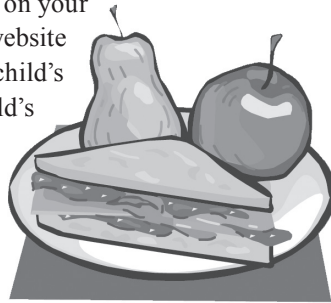
CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

LUNCH ACCOUNT INFORMATION

If you need to know how much is on your child's lunch account go to our FCS website www.franklincsd.org and enter your child's last name and ID number. Your child's ID is on their report card or call us at 829-3551, ext. 330.



GUIDANCE OFFICE

There is now local, state and national scholarship information on the Franklin Central School website, www.franklincsd.org. When you visit our website choose the Guidance link and there you will find information on these scholarships.

Remember to have your junior and/or senior sign up for the SAT or ACT. Register for the SAT at www.sat.org/register. Register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

COLLEGE IN THE HS PROGRAM

Franklin Central School continues to offer a variety of college classes totaling 35 credits through SUNY Delhi and Tompkins Cortland Community College's in the high school program! Minimum requirements to take the college classes are an 80% grade point average, mastery level on the content area Regents exam and instructor approval. Earning strong grades starting in 9th grade allow students to have this opportunity. The cost per credit through SUNY Delhi is \$50 which is 1/3 the cost of the regular tuition—a great deal! Cost of courses through TC3 is free! Financial assistance is available through the Franklin Central School Benevolent Fund with generous support of the Franklin Community Foundation. All academically eligible students can take the college classes. Please call Suzanne Swantak-Furman for more information.

2015-16 BOE MEETING DATES

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

November 12

December 10

January 14

February 11

March 17

April 20

May 12

May 17 – Special Mtg. (Immediately following the polls closing)

June 9

All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Executive Session; Open Session will begin at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)



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School Name: Franklin Central School

School Code: 17033

Thank you for supporting the District!



Franklin Central School's Elementary Drama presents:

"The Skokie Detective Charter School"

By: Philip Dawkins

Friday, November 6, 2015 &
Saturday, November 7, 2015 at
7:00 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 6-7 Elementary Drama, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Veterans' Day Program 8:30 a.m.
- 11 **No School—Veterans' Day**
- 12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Sr. Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.

- 19-20 **½ Day for Students—
Parent/Teacher Conference Day**
- 25-27 **No School—Thanksgiving Recess**

DECEMBER

- 10 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m.

- 24-31 **No School—Christmas Recess**

JANUARY

- 1 **No School—Christmas Recess**

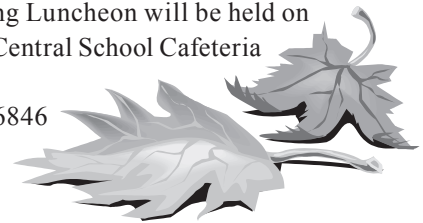
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the school library from Wednesday, October 28 until Monday, November 9. The Fair will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Friday (closed for lunch 11:40 a.m.-12:15 p.m.). EVERYTHING at the Book Fair will be discounted 30% off list price. Students, families, and community members are ALL welcome to visit the Fair. Thank you for your support!

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 18, in the Franklin Central School Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m.

Call Vivian Groat at 829-6846 for reservations.



EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The school will make an attempt to contact parents using our Power-School 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, WAAL – 99.1 FM, WHWK – 98.1 FM
- WDOS – 730 AM and WZOZ – 103.1 FM Oneonta
- WBNG TV Channel 3, *WBNG.com*

EXERCISE AT FCS

Franklin Central School will be open for walking for exercise from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m.

