



# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENENT AND PRINCIPAL

Dear Franklin School Community,

We hope this message finds you well as we are now over a month into the 2020-21 school year at Franklin CSD. Please know that we fully appreciate all the efforts from our students, faculty/staff, parents/guardians, families, and community members to get the school year up and running in such a positive way. It has been a true team effort with everyone playing an important role in the process. We are hopeful that the year will continue to be both safe and successful as we move forward.

While we cannot predict all of the scenarios that may arise over the course of the year, we will need to be flexible in our thinking and willing to adjust as relevant information becomes available. We will monitor local, state, and national guidance and news to remain as informed as possible. A plan is in place to communicate changes and adjustments both quickly and efficiently.

We have various modes of instruction in play this school year, which includes a mix of both traditional and new technological methods. Students have the opportunity to experience in-person lessons with our classroom teachers, remote/virtual learning by accessing Edgenuity and Odysseyware, and targeted instruction through i-Ready based on individualized diagnostic testing. By incorporating a variety of strategies, we are able to maximize student development academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

Additionally, school district state aid remains in the news on a daily basis as information is gradually shared from Albany. We continually advocate for small, rural schools while paying close attention to all announcements from the governor, as well as the federal government. Our goal is to maintain and enhance our quality educational services while being fiscally responsible to our community.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas. I am proud to be the superintendent in a district that has met the challenges of the last six months with understanding, flexibility, and professionalism.

Respectfully,  
*Brad Zilliox*, Superintendent  
*Bonnie Johnson*, Principal

## NEW FACES



**MARC SPAZIANI—  
COMPUTER TECHNICIAN**

My name is Marc Spaziani, PC Technician for Franklin Central School. I am very excited to have the opportunity to assist with helping the students and teachers with their technology needs. As a graduate from Laurens Central School in Laurens where I attended from kindergarten to graduation, I know the feel of a small school and think that it is an advantage to the students as most teachers here know everyone by name and have built strong relationships with them through their school years.

My professional career started in manufacturing where for 13 years, I learned to be an electronic technician for a local business, AJS Controls, which was located in Sidney. When that business closed in 2006, I went back to college at SUNY Delhi where I earned an AAS degree in Computer Information Systems. I've spent the last 12 years working in the Information Technology field in different roles such as retail computer sales and support to help desk positions and PC technician roles such as the current position I have here at Franklin Central school.



**MARIA CATALANO—SPECIAL  
EDUCATION TEACHER**

My name is Maria Catalano. I am married with two children ages 8 and 9. I was born and raised on Long Island. My family and I moved to Walton this summer. This is my 15th year in Special Education. I have taught middle school (math, science, social studies, and English) and high school for most of my career. I enjoy playing and coaching volleyball, reading, and spending time with my family.

**WELCOME TO FRANKLIN CSD!**

## SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK



The week of October 19-23 is “School Board Recognition Week”. This week has been designated to commend school board members for their dedicated service to the children of New York State, and we are inviting you to join us in recognizing these outstanding individuals.

Please join us in honoring and giving thanks to our school board members, Stanley Swears, Joan Cronauer, Patricia Taggart, Jamie Archibald, and Linda DeAndrea.

We appreciate all that you do for our school and community. Thank you!

## 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 (must have at least a two-year degree)
- Non-teaching Substitutes (Aides & Monitors)
- Cafeteria Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- Bus Drivers & Bus Monitors

We provide on the job training, and will help interested candidates obtain the necessary licenses and endorsements to become a bus driver and/or bus monitor. 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.

## FREE WI-FI

### FRANKLIN FREE LIBRARY OFFERS FREE WI-FI TO STUDENTS

The Franklin Free Library is offering indoor spaces for FCS students to access their free wi-fi to do homework on Tuesdays: 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00; Wednesdays: 3:00-7:00; Thursdays: 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.

Students must use the hand sanitizer provided at the entrance to the library, sign in, wear masks and maintain social distancing. Tables and chairs will be sanitized between uses. An adult must accompany young students.

Please contact the Library at 607-829-2941 with any questions.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Franklin Central School District Board of Education regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Thursday (except where noted) of each month as indicated below:

August 13, 2020	February 11, 2021
September 10, 2020	March 11, 2021
October 8, 2020*	April 27, 2021
November 12, 2020*	May 13, 2021
December 10, 2020	May 18, 2021—Budget Vote
January 14, 2021	June 10, 2021

All meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Executive Session; Open Session will begin at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the Cafeteria. *Please note with COVID-19, meeting location is subject to change.*

\*Audit committee meeting at 5:30 p.m./Regular meeting executive session immediately following with open session at 6:30 p.m.

## CHILD FIND NOTIFICATION

The Franklin Central School District recognizes its responsibility to provide a free and appropriate public education to eligible students with disabilities within its geographical boundaries. The District has a “child find” process that is designed to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities residing within its geographical boundaries’ preschool through grade 12 or through age 21 if they have not received a high school diploma.

If you know a child who lives within the boundaries of the Franklin Central School District and attends school in the District who may be in the need of special education and/or related services, please contact the District’s Director of Special Education for further information regarding the referral and evaluation process. If the student is a school-age student who attends a non-public private school that is not located within the geographical boundaries of the School District, the student may need to be referred to the school district in which non-public school is located in order to receive services during the regular school year. Please contact that school district for information regarding time deadlines for requests for services.

The District’s Child Find process extends to students with physical and mental impairments that substantially limit a major life activity. Such students may be eligible for services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Section 504 is a Federal civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities and programs receiving Federal financial assistance. Please contact your child’s building principal for more information regarding Section 504 eligibility and services.

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## ATTENDANCE REPORTING ON REMOTE DAYS AND 100% VIRTUAL DAYS

Just a reminder, attendance for hybrid students on remote days, as well as 100% virtual students must be reported through the google classroom for attendance that was assigned by Mrs. Seymour. Daily student attendance is an extremely important part of our school record keeping and also impacts our state aid each year.

- Our Purple Team will only need to follow this process on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Our Gold Team will only need to follow this process on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Our 100% virtual students will follow this process every day, Monday through Friday.

Each student will need to log-in to Mrs. Seymour's classroom and complete their attendance for the day. They will need to click the assignment tab under classwork and click the response that reads: I am here and ready to learn. This indicates that students are present, will participate for 40 minutes per class, and complete all assignments for the day.

The attendance assignment tab will be open from 6:00-9:00 a.m. each day. After submitting their attendance, the student will be marked present for the day in terms of daily attendance. If a student does not submit their attendance, then they will be marked absent.

We ask that parents and guardians help support and oversee this process as much as needed in their particular situation. Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation.

## FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Franklin Central School District will once again be serving breakfast and lunch FREE to all students for the 2020-2021 school year.

All meals must meet the reimbursement guidelines of having three items, with one being a fruit or vegetable, at both breakfast and lunch.

Students are eligible to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee. However, in order to continue this program beyond the 2020-2021 school year, we do ask that the families complete the Community Eligibility Provision Application, located on our website, and return it to the school.

## CAFETERIA NEWS

FCS offers 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 not enrolled and wish to, please visit [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) and register for a free account. MySchoolBucks will benefit you, your child and our District.

## VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

November 10, 2020

Drive-By "Salute"

10:00 A.M.

- ★ FCS Students will be outside to wave to our local Veterans as they drive-by
- ★ A virtual video recognizing our Veterans will be posted on social media and the district website for viewing
- ★ The flags located on the front lawn of the school were provided by AVP and SADD

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year. We hope everybody had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. This promises to be a unique and interesting school year but we are confident with the hard work of our students and tremendous support from the community and parents our students will be as successful as ever. We hope that all of our seniors are well underway making their post-graduation plans. We look forward to working with all of you and your families in the coming weeks to assist in that process.

We wanted to introduce you to our newest member of our department, Mrs. Parry. Mrs. Parry joined the Franklin Central School team as a School Social Worker in November 2019 and is available to provide mental health counseling to students. Mrs. Parry is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in the State of New York and has many years of experience providing counseling services to children, teenagers, and adults. She has worked in a community mental health clinic, college counseling centers, and other schools throughout her professional career and possesses expertise in helping individuals struggling with a range of difficulties, including adjustment problems, depression, anxiety, interpersonal conflicts, and anger management concerns, just to name a few. Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office to make a referral for a student to be seen by Mrs. Parry, if needed.

### JUST SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- Please check regularly in the guidance office for scheduled visits from college reps and for scholarship opportunities throughout the school year. Visits will most likely be a virtual format but will still be available. Some schools may have paused their visitations, so if you would like to contact a rep from a particular school please let Mr. Coyle know.
- Seniors will have their annual guidance planning meetings throughout October.
- Don't forget to sign up for SAT exams this fall if you are planning on taking them. Many schools will be test optional for the fall of 2021. You should confirm this information about the schools you want to apply to before signing up for the test.

It is truly great to be back in person and taking this step toward restoring life as we know it. The building has not been the same without our students. Have a great school year.

## MATH WITH GRADES 4-6

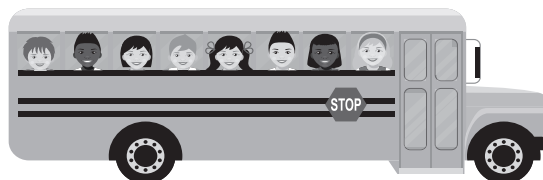
We are so happy to see and work with all of our students again! Grades 4-6 have started utilizing a new math curriculum called iReady. iReady provides all students a path to proficiency and growth in reading and mathematics. They have been working hard and learning more about iReady, completing online lessons on their virtual days as well as practicing the Try-Discuss-Connect routine in class. This routine allows for students to break down each problem, try it on their own, and discuss different strategies with the class. It has been very successful. We look forward to learning and working more with iReady this year.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

### TIPS FOR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS:

- Have papers stored in a backpack or book bag so the papers cannot fly around the bus or cause a hazard on the floor. Keep belongings out of the aisle.
- Check clothing to avoid long drawstrings or other dangling items that could be a safety hazard if caught in bus doors or snagged.
- Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive each day. Children should be waiting for the bus as the bus can't wait for them. This helps assure orderly boarding and an on-time schedule.
- Children should board the bus in single file and away from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create a hazardous situation for all students, so please remind children to be respectful and orderly when boarding the bus.
- Children must wait for the driver's hand signal to cross the road before boarding the bus.
- Children should sit quietly in their assigned seats. Distractions on the bus could cause an accident.
- Cameras are used on buses to ensure the safety of the children and the driver.
- Parents or guardians must submit a new dismissal form for any permanent changes to a student's dismissal to the Nurse's Office. We will accept changes to a student's daily routine. Remember the child must bring a note to school in the morning signed by the parent or guardian. All transportation changes must be made by 1:00 p.m. If you miss the 1:00 p.m. deadline, your child will need to be picked up at their designated bus stop for that particular day.

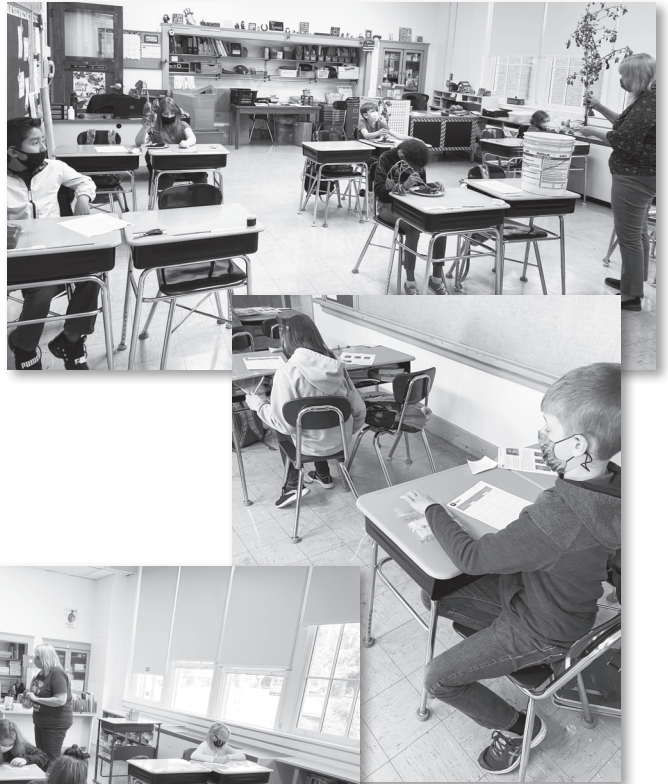
Riding a bus is a privilege that can be revoked because of misconduct. Parents/Guardians may be held responsible for restitution for school property willfully damaged by their child. If you have any questions or problems, please call the transportation supervisor at 607-829-3366.



## GRADES 4-6 SCIENCE

How does water travel from a plant's roots to the leaves? Do seeds need dirt to grow? How do biotic and abiotic factors affect an ecosystem? These are just a few of the questions you will hear children discussing during science class. Students have been actively engaged in discussions and individual hands on activities while in school. During remote days they watch videos and read passages based on the material we are covering.

What else is new? We have welcomed Mr. Ziemann who is a student teacher. Many of you will recognize Mr. Ziemann as he is a substitute teacher in our building. He will be working in our classroom through December and the students are very excited to be working with him. Overall, we are off to a great start to the school year! I am very impressed with the flexibility and responsibility that the students are showing. We are proud of them.



### 31st Annual FCS Senior Citizen *Thanksgiving* Luncheon Drive Thru

For Franklin & Treadwell Senior Citizens  
**Pre-Orders Only!**

**November 9, 2020**

**Pickup Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Front of Franklin Central School**

**(FCS Staff will deliver orders to your car, no need to exit your vehicle)**

**To Order Contact Donna Dean @ 829-3551 x. 302 from 8 a.m.—3 p.m.**

**All pre-orders must be received no later than November 2nd by 12:00 Noon**

*(Note: This will replace the inner church dinner)*

# Capital Project Update

*The summer was very busy with construction on phase three of the capital project. Workers were busy throughout all areas of the District.*

**THE FOLLOWING AREAS WERE COMPLETED:**



- NEW WALKWAY WAS INSTALLED IN THE BACK OF THE BUILDING
- SECTIONS OF THE SIDEWALKS WERE REPLACED

**GYM FLOOR WAS STRIPPED, PAINTED AND STAINED**



**PARKING LOT WAS REPAVED**



*During the summer of 2021 we will continue to update our technology infrastructure and access.*

*We thank you for your continued support and patience throughout the construction process!*

**IN ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT, FCS STAFF COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING UPDATES AROUND THE SCHOOL:**



*NEW FLOWER BEDS WERE INSTALLED ON THE FRONT WALKWAY*



*BUS GARAGE RECEIVED A FACELIFT*

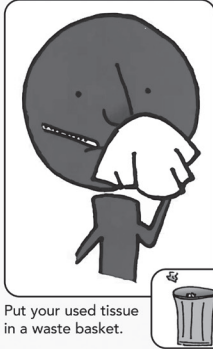


*THE PLAYGROUND RECEIVED SOME UPDATED EQUIPMENT THANKS TO A GRANT THAT MRS. RENWICK WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN. THANK YOU, MRS. RENWICK!*

Thank you to Paul Lackos, Diane Winfield, Keith Burgin, Brett Wood, Mark Feather and John Nolan for all their hard work on these updates and for making our school look beautiful!

Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

# Cover Your Cough

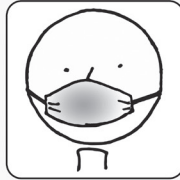
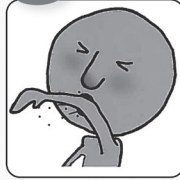


Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

or

Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

You may be asked by a health care provider to wear a face mask in public. Don't worry if you see others wearing masks. They are preventing the spread of germs.



# Wash Your Hands

after coughing or sneezing.



Wash with soap and water.

or

Clean with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



For more information, visit [nyc.gov/health/flu](http://nyc.gov/health/flu).

## DON'T FEEL WELL? STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

Tell your mom, dad, or caregiver before you come to school. Tell your teacher or an adult if you become sick at school.



cough



Shortness of breath or problem breathing



chills



sore throat



loss of taste or smell



muscle pain

### OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

fever, runny nose, diarrhea, feeling nauseous or vomiting, feeling tired, headache, and poor appetite



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

# 10 things you can do to manage your COVID-19 symptoms at home

Accessible Version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

## If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

- Stay home** from work and school. And stay away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis. 
- Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately. 
- Get rest and stay hydrated.** 
- If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. 
- For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19. 
- Cover your cough and sneezes** with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. 
- Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. 
- As much as possible, **stay in a specific room and away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a mask. 
- Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding. 
- Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions. 



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## **SOCIALLY DISTANT PE CLASSES PLAY FOOT GOLF**

The students in grades 6-12 have been playing foot golf in our socially distant physical education classes. The fun and challenging course set up by Mr. Laing, has been a great way for students to get outdoors and get in some exercise while learning “golf” etiquette and terms all the while remaining socially distant.

It is also a great way for students to practice some of their soccer skills and implement strategy as they navigate around some of the natural and manmade obstacles on the course.



## **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, WAAL-99.1 FM, WHWK-98.1 FM
- WDOS-730 AM and WZOZ-103.1 FM Oneonta
- WBNG-TV Channel 3
- *WBNG.com*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 11 No School—Veteran’s Day**
- 12 Board of Education Audit Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting immediately following, Cafeteria**
- 13 ½ Day for Students—Parent-Teacher Conferences, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal**
- 20 ½ Day for Students—Parent-Teacher Conferences, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal**

### **25-27 No School—Thanksgiving Recess**

### **DECEMBER**

- 10 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.**

### **23-31 No School—Holiday Recess**

### **JANUARY**

- 1 No School—New Year’s Day**
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.**
- 18 No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 26-29 Regents Exams**