

Dear Purple Devil Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

We hope you enjoyed a summer full of health and happiness, and that everyone is rested, recharged and ready for a fantastic year! We look forward to seeing all of our students on **Thursday, September 7, 2023!**

As we begin the new year there are many wonderful things that are happening in the building. Our custodial staff has done an amazing job ensuring our building is set and ready for staff and students to return! Plus the staff in all of our other departments and offices have been working hard all summer ensuring we are ready to start with materials, supplies, updated information, and essential resources. We are so very grateful for their steadfast commitment and efficiency!

We are delighted to start our year fully staffed! We welcome the following new staff members to the Franklin Central School District:

Mrs. Gabrielle Warren - Elementary School Counselor
Miss Samantha Houghtaling - 5/6 Grade
Miss Elizabeth Vlahakis - 5/6 Grade
Miss Julianna Archibald - Building Aide
Mrs. Dawn Carmody - Building Aide
Mrs. Linda Wilberg - Special Education
Mr. Elijah Pacheco - ELA
Mrs. Vanessa Merrill-Wickham - Agriculture
Mr. James Reagan - Spanish
Mr. Byran Ayres - District Superintendent (as of September 25)

We look forward to you meeting our new staff at our Open House and Ice Cream Social on Thursday, October 5th from 5-7:00 PM.

The Franklin Central School faculty/staff continuously strives to build relationships with students that help them feel safe, valued, and accepted. We look forward to working as partners with you to fulfill our motto of “*Educate, Innovate, Empower, Succeed*” for all of our students during the upcoming school year.

We are thrilled to continue the Morning Enrichment Program this year as it was such a success for all of our students. Students will continue to have the opportunity to enter the building at 7:30 AM, have breakfast, and participate in numerous age appropriate activities supervised by multiple FCS staff. Our morning welcome and announcements will start at 7:50 AM. The morning BOCES and STEM students will leave at 8:00. Students attending Unatego and the OCA will leave at 7:35 AM. Students will be dismissed to their classrooms at 8:08 AM, with 1st period classes beginning at 8:10 AM.

There are several important September and October dates and times you may want to be aware of. Please feel free to check out our website as your main resource for information.

<https://www.franklincsd.org/calendar>

September 7

- All Pk-12 students return to Franklin Central School! Students will receive their chromebooks and other required class/course materials and supplies. Grades 7-12 will meet with their advisors, have class meetings, and engage in community building activities with their peers and instructors to launch the year off with a sense of belonging and excitement!
- Students attending Unatego, OCA, Sidney, ONC BOCES, and Springbrook also begin classes.

September 15

- Picture Day

September 18

- Healthy Kids After School Program begins (3:00-5:30 PM)

September 21

- 1/2 day Release at 11:30 AM

October 5

- Prek- 12 Open House and Ice Cream Social at 5:30-7:00 PM
- Senior Parent Meeting with Ms. Dennett at 7:00 PM

Please make sure you check out our Purple Devil Athletic Events as well! The schedules can be found at: <https://www.franklincsd.org/departments/athletics>

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer break, resting and recharging. Looking forward to seeing all of our students on September 7th!

Proud to be Franklin CSD Purple Devils,

Mrs. Teresa Glavin 😊
PreK-12 Principal

Mr. Bob Mackey
Interim Superintendent