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Horizons publish anthology

By: Olivia Graves

Mrs. Keiser, the leader of the Horizons club at Franklin Monroe, recently put together an anthology. The main focal point of this creative writing group is to be able to freely write. Then, with this freedom, the members have the choice of making their work public and put it in the anthology. This type of publication is where one, or many writers, put a various number of their works in book-like writing. The structure is similar to that of a chapter book, and it consists of a table of contents and subheadings. These types of volumes are, "A collection of writings that represents a certain person, a common theme, an era in history, or a location," as Mrs. Keiser has stated.

Anthologies are more than just different writers' works thrown together, they embody the author's style and creative mastery. A good example of this idea is an early English anthology, the *First Folio*. This work of William Shakespeare's was his first anthology containing his written plays. Also known as, *Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies*, the book was put together at the hands of a couple of Shakespeare's friends after his death. They obtained the scripts from actors who had been in his plays; then formed them into an anthology and publish their friend's work, most likely to honor him in some way.

Just as Shakespeare was passionate about his work, so are the Horizon club members. These up-an-coming writers value their work to a great extent, they care about the feelings and emotions that they express. Not only do they value their own creations, but the art of creative writing itself. Quinn Glass of Horizons has spoken that when it comes to anthologies she can, "...learn other emotions and different experiences from them." As shown, the essence of creative writing is vital for those who seek a canvas for their artistry to flow on. Publications such as anthologies can be important when it comes to inspiration or admiration. This is why they exist, to show a vast assortment of opinions and ideas, as well as to give people the chance to learn something that may help them in their future. The first publication can be seen on FM's web page.

http://www.franklin-monroe.k12.oh.us/pdf_forms/Horizons/Horizons_Feb_2019_Edition.pdf



Above are students working on 'Horizons.'



Selene in the middle of a vault.

Indoor Track

By: Selene Weaver

The start of the indoor season for the Jets was held at Findlay University on January 27, 2019, and there were huge PR's around the board. Nathaniel Davis ran the sprints with indoor PRs in 60 m. dash, 400 m., and 200 m. Ross Thayer and Micah Stacy ran the mile, as well as clocking in the same time in the 800, with a 2 minute 36-second run. Selene Weaver jumped in the long jump and triple jump, as well as getting an indoor PR of 11'7" in the pole vault. This 11'7" jump qualifies Weaver for the 2019 New Balance Indoor National meet in New York City.

When asked about the outlook for the rest of the season, Coach Ingold replied, "I think the team has a great opportunity to get the track season off to a head start and get a leg up on some of the competition. The team is a promising group that wants to work hard and improve. It's looking to be a great season."

Congratulations to:

- Mrs. Porter for staff member of the month for January!
- Selene Weaver for three podium finishes at the State Meet, in Long Jump, Pole Vault, and Triple Jump!
- Girls Basketball for district runners up!
- Boys Basketball for advancing to Districts!
- Ethan Conley for being named Division IV Southwest District player of the year!
- Corina Conley for Division IV first team!

Senior Center

As the first few months of the new year draw to a close, there are many things seniors should be doing. One of those things is college visits. If you are a student who has been accepted into multiple universities and are now trying to decide, college visits are essential. Why are they so important?

- College visits give students an opportunity to see what student life is like.
- Students are able to meet with admissions and financial offices that will answer any questions they might have.
- Many tours offer an inside look at housing and recreation centers, which are important things many students are concerned about.

If you have been accepted into a college and would like to visit, you can always go to the university's website. Or you may have received an email about scheduling a visit. Seniors must act fast, however, as many college visits are space limited and those spaces are filling up. If you have any questions about how to schedule a visit, or what to do when you're there, you can contact Mrs. Ayres in the counseling office.

One-Act plays

By: Kevin Bancroft

In Creative Writing for their Semester Exams, the 6 students had to write and perform one-act plays they had created in groups. All the plays the students wrote had to fit the following criteria: All the stories had to be 10-15 minutes long, they had to develop an entire plot and characters through dialogue, the narration had to be kept to a minimum and there had to be anywhere from three to five characters.

The students had a few days of class time to form their groups and to solidify the main idea. After doing the main development of these stories, all the students had to perform all they had worked hard for during the exam periods. Regardless of grades they might have received, all the students did a great job performing and writing their one-act plays.



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Jets Basketball

By: Kevin Bancroft

Girl's and Boy's Basketball teams had an extremely successful season this 2018-2019 school year. Showing great skills both on the court for everyone watching, and all the records that were either broken or pushed. Everyone involved on and off the court seems very pleased with this year's success.

Lady Jets made it all the way to District's Runner-up this year which is always a great way to end the season. The guy's team did extremely well too, making it all the way to District Finals. This boys game will be played on Friday, March 8th at the University of Dayton. Everyone needs to show their support and wear blue!



Picture of the Boy's Basketball Team

Franklin Monroe FFA holds Greenhand and Chapter Degree Dessert Banquet

By: Morgan Hissong

The Franklin Monroe FFA Chapter recently celebrated the many accomplishments of the Greenhands and the Chapter Degree recipients. During the Dessert Banquet which was held on January 14, 2019, approximately 100 members, parents, and guests attended the evening held at Franklin Monroe High School.

At the meeting, seventeen students got their Greenhand Degree. These members include Jacob Aslinger, Cavin Baker, Cameron Barga, Colton Beatty, Hannah Berry, Treighton Fasnacht, Emma Fisher, Davis Flora, Mason Garber, Xavier Gilliland, Caroline Kress, Zach Little, Evie Middlestetter, Katie Ressler, Bradley Rumble, Mitchell Schmitmeyer, and Zach Wilson. These students accomplished so much in their first year in the FFA and the Franklin Monroe FFA Chapter is astounded to welcome these students as official members of the FFA.

Along with the Greenhand Degree, twenty-three FFA Members qualified to receive their Chapter Degree. In order to be eligible to receive the Chapter FFA degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following qualifications:

- They must have received the Greenhand FFA degree, and have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in Agricultural Education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program, and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
- They have to have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the Chapter program of activities.
- They must have earned and productively invested at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
- They have to have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
- Have demonstrated five procedures of Parliamentary Law.
- They have to show progress towards individual achievement in the FFA Award Programs. and have a satisfactory Scholastic record

The students that met all the guidelines in order to get their chapter degree pins are: Morgan Baker, Matthew Brookey, Micheal Buteau, Madison Byers, Tristen Collins, Micah Delk, Kim Fourman, Brendan Hosler, Caitlynne Kinard, Janessa Kofer, Walker Lindemuth, Aidan Luchini, Clem Montgomery, Josie Patrick, Kolby Rogers, Parker Schaar, Dean Sease, Stella Shellabarger, Kaden Spirito, Ally Warner, Garrison Warner, Raegan Warner, Jacob Winterrowd, and Brendan Wray.

The chapter officers would like to thank State Officer Kalyn, the Franklin Monroe FFA Boosters, the parents and community members who were in attendance, and especially the FFA members who put in all the work to achieve these degrees.



Above are the FFA members who attended the event.

Dangers of E-Cigarettes

By: Alyssa McCarty

According to the Child Mind Institute, over 2.1 million middle school and high school students used an e-cigarette or vape device in 2017. Many high school and middle school students are currently using a Juul. A Juul is an electronic cigarette that uses nicotine salts from leaf-based tobacco. It was originally developed by the JUUL company to help adults quit smoking cigarettes, but has had an even larger impact on adolescents. Teens can easily hide their Juul from parents and teachers due to its small and discreet design. It can be passed like a flash drive or easily hidden in a pocket or bookbag.

A single Juul pod contains more nicotine than a pack of regular cigarettes. According to the National Center For Health Research, "Not only is nicotine highly addictive, but it is also toxic to fetuses and is known to impair brain and lung development if used during adolescence". Teenagers may think that juuling isn't bad for them because it's not an actual cigarette, but it has the same or even worse consequences as smoking a cigarette would. A couple of other risks of teen juuling are lack of concentration or focus, leading to other, more dangerous, drugs, and poisoning by contact with the eyes or skin. Juuls and e-cigarettes can also cause cancer and lung disease due to the harmful chemicals in the pods and nicotine.

NHS to the rescue with school supplies

By: Nicole Brocious

Since the beginning of the new year, the National Honor Society has created a supply closet for students in need of school supplies in Mrs. Riehle's room. The supply closet includes almost any needed material, including pencils, pens, notebooks, binders, loose-leaf paper, and many more. This closet is open to any student who needs it and can be accessed by any teacher.



Above is the NHS supply closet

A Blood Drive to save lives

By: Nicole Brocious

Franklin Monroe's National Honor Society hosted their second blood drive this year in the old cafeteria on January 11, 2019 to give the gift of life to others. The blood drive was lead by the Community Blood Center and their employees with the help of National Honor Society members and advisor, Mrs. Keiser.

Members helped to check in donors, offer refreshments such as apple juice and cookies, sign up donors for the next blood drive, and help take students back to class after they finished giving blood. Anyone from the community and all students were welcomed to participate as long as they fit the requirements set by the Community Blood Center.

Of the 42 people that showed up to donate, "there was a total of 26 units of blood donated," states advisor Mrs. Keiser. Many of these donors were signed up for the next blood drive that will be held by FFA on March 22nd, 2019.

Health Students earn CPR certification

By: Grace Gilmore

The 2018-2019 school year was the first year that FM health teacher, Mrs. Moore was able to teach and certify 52 students in CPR. The students were taught CPR through the classroom book and by watching the tutorial video. The students learned facts such as 7 out of 10 cardiac arrests happen at home and a person's chance of survival drops 10% for every minute that goes by without CPR. After a week of learning, student's took a physical and a written test. The written test must be passed by an 80% or higher. If students passed both tests they are certified and will be given their certification card in a few weeks.

Mrs. Moore says the following about teaching CPR, "I believe that it is very important for everyone to have the knowledge and confidence to perform CPR because you can save a person's life."



Health Class students learning CPR.

FM Cafeteria gets new a new look and food choices

By: Grace Gilmore

After Christmas break, students were surprised to see that the Franklin Monroe cafeteria has a new look and has some new food options. The cafeteria has a new name, the Flying J Cafe, which is displayed with a large sign, created by Stillwater Welding, above the lunch line. There are also many more options such as Dress up your Dog and Burrito or Bowl Day. With these new main meal options, there have also been new options added for students to choose from on regular lunch days. This includes curly fries with cheese, popcorn chicken and pizza.

When asked about the purpose behind the change, head cafeteria worker, Angee Weaver, answered, "It was time for a facelift to get students excited to go to the cafeteria."



BPA Week

By: Grace Gilmore

The week of February 11, BPA organized dress up days for BPA week. These days included Wear Blue Day, Pajama Day, Hat Day and Wear Red Day. Throughout the week they had a canned food drive and Tuesday there was a penny stall to collect money for Special Olympics. As a reward for participating in BPA week, members earned Torch Award points which later will they can get awards for.

Vice President, Nathaniel Davis states, "BPA week is for members to get involved in their chapter and to inform others students about the club."



Today's students.
Tomorrow's business professionals.

Sonic Sound wants to know - What were your New Year's Resolutions for 2019???



To eat more potato chips. - MacKenzie Rock



To grow Mr. Trump's hair - Zack Wogoman



Get my phone back. - Matthew Brookey



Not getting kicked in the face during soccer - Emma Fisher



To be happier and thinner. - Mrs. Coomer



To make a New Year's Resolution - Officer Moody

Sonic Sound wants to know - What is your picture perfect date in honor of Valentine's Day???



Going fishing with my girlfriend on a boat.
- Caden Goins



Stay home watching a horror movie and eating hot wings. - Ally Warner



Watching TV and playing video games because it is casual. - Drew Reder



Taco Bell, as long as the other person likes Taco Bell.
- Timothy VanDyke



A late night cruise with Scarlett Johansson.
- Xavier Gilliland



With my wife Angela, go eat a steak dinner, then finish with a movie. - Mr. Thayer

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A Sonic Sound

By: Will Blackburn, Class of '18

Deep within the belly's girth of space,
Silence stirred and slew the hordes of
noise.

Quiet stilled each pitched wave with
pikes

Shot from muffled bows into their
mouths.

Matter dark and blackened dwarves
now dwell,

Marring moons and slaughtering their
suns.

Two were sent to stunt the growing
hush,

Where the planets walked the Outer
Planes.

Eastward came the Sentinel of Sound,
Flying fast on feathered wings of time.
Westward came the Sonic Sentry,
Streaming on the silver steeds of stars.

High on hill beside the shady holes,
Where evil rests in infinite night,
Loud and quivering the twain did meet,
Clashed their spears and split the
peace.

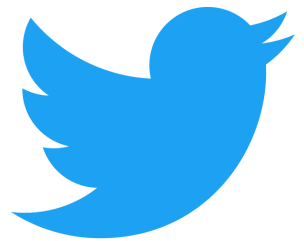
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