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FM NHS lights a candle for new inductees

By: Nicole Brocious

On November 20, 2018, Franklin Monroe High School celebrated its 60th anniversary of the esteemed National Honor Society Inductions. Inductions were held at the cafetorium, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Students from grades 7-12 watched the tapping ceremony and the following induction. Parents of inductees were also invited to watch. All members were permitted to take pictures and get refreshments following the ceremony.

The Induction process began with a warm welcome and pledge of allegiance by Kirsten Zink, followed by recognition from Shelby Bowser, thank you's spoken by Brigette Filbrun and the history and goals of NHS by Kennedy Morris. All 6 officers were introduced as follows: Ross Thayer- President, Brigette Filbrun- Vice President, Gage Vance- Secretary, Luke Booher- Treasurer, Shelby Bowser- Historian, Ting Hao Zheng- Reporter, and Nicole Brocious- Public Relations.

During the tapping ceremony each accepted member is inducted into the National Honor Society, was the next step of the induction. Veteran members walked, girl and boy with arms linked, around the cafetorium with a gold cord in hand to induct new members. The cord was placed around the inductee's neck and they walked onto the stage. Their achievements were read and they spoke the pledge, allowing them to become members. This year, there were 18 new members inducted into the National Honor Society. Senior inductees were: Meredith Cook, Ethan Conley, Elisabeth Williams, and Jonathan Chen. Junior inductees were as follows: Chloe Brumbaugh, Audrey Cable, Chloe Peters, Isabelle Cable, Corina Conley, Selene Weaver, Charity Shellabarger, Chase Osterday, Caden Goins, Claire Haviza, Logan Garber, and Keara Knepshield. This year, 2 honorary members were inducted. Laura Ayres- school counselor, and Angie Baker- high-school office secretary.

After all new members were inducted and the Tapping Ceremony was completed, four members of the National Honor Society lit candles and read speeches under the topics of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The character speech was given by Nicole Brocious. The scholarship speech was spoken by Betsy Roberts. Leadership was given by Ross Thayer, and service was told by Amy Besecker. At the conclusion of the speeches, National Honor Society Advisor Mrs. Kerry Keiser gave congratulatory comments to all inductees. Mr. Burgett also made comments thanking everyone for their participation and offering another round of congratulations. All members and their families were then allowed to take pictures and go to the old cafeteria for refreshments.

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Above is a picture of all the new NHS inductees.



Pictured above is a silly photo done after the ceremony.



Picture of the FFA National Convention.

“Just One” FM FFA Chapter

By: Morgan Hissong

Ten members of the Franklin Monroe MVCTC FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 24-27 2018. This trip was supervised by FFA Advisor Mr. Bergman, and Bus Driver Mr. Peters. The FFA Members that attended consisted of Morgan Hissong, Elisabeth Williams, Jacob Winterrowd, Walker Lindemuth, Clem Montgomery, Brendan Wray, Kaden Spirito, Morgan Baker, Kolby Rogers and Austin Cool. Members of the Franklin Monroe MVCTC FFA Chapter helped celebrate the theme "Just One" at the 91st National FFA Convention. FFA members attended on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Wednesday members went to the Ghyslain Chocolatier Factory in Union City, Ohio. FFA members also traveled to a dairy goat farm and learned how goat cheese was made. Later that evening FFA members enjoyed an awesome Garth Brooks concert. Thursday morning started with a session where keynote speaker Kyle Scheele spoke. FFA members enjoyed the expo center that afternoon. Thursday evening we went to the Buckeye Bash. On Friday, we toured the business, Elanco. On the final day of National Convention, two outstanding FM MVCTC FFA members receive their American FFA Degree, Logan Ressler and Wyatt King. The 9th General Session at National Convention was a very exciting one for the students. The president of the United States came to the Convention Hall to speak. President Trump talked about the current state of agricultural production in the US. He gave the FFA members his future plans for agriculture, and how he wanted to improve the industry. He talked about how the FFA members are the future of agriculture, and that we are very important to the future of the country.

Senior Center

By: Amy Besecker

As seniors are beginning to send in their college applications, it is also important that they keep in mind scholarship opportunities. Franklin Monroe High School's guidance counselor, Mrs. Ayres, suggests checking frequently to make sure students are up to date on all of the current offers available to them. Ayres has a few tips on what seniors should be looking to do to make sure they get through the final stretch of applications and the school year:

- Go to Franklin Monroe High School's website and go to the counselor's page. The current scholarships will be listed there.
- Keep in mind that scholarships come quite quickly, and it is important to make sure you know what is being offered.
- Be on the lookout for college acceptance letters, as they will be coming fast for those students who applied to an early answer deadline.
- Students enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP) courses should look to sign up for their spring courses as soon as possible. It's best to set up a meeting with an Edison Community College representative to choose the best path for you when it comes to earning college credit.

Senior year is wrapping up fast, and graduation will be here before we know it. By using these tips and tricks, hopefully, some of the stress that comes from college will be lessened. If you have any questions or concerns about these topics, see Mrs. Ayres in the counselor's office.



Above are all of the Sophomores on the D.C. trip.



Pictured above is the Sgt. Bill Christie, speaker for the Veteran's Day assembly.

Sophomores go on D.C. trip

By: Alyssa McCarty

The Franklin Monroe Sophomore class left November 5, 2018, to take a trip to Washington D.C. led by Rick Ingold. After visiting several different monuments and famous American landmarks, some including The Washington Monument, White House, and Eastern State Penitentiary, the students arrived back home November 9, 2018.

Chloe McGlinch, a student who attended the trip, when asked if she felt as if the trip was a good learning experience replied, "Yes, it was a great time to learn new things and spend time with my classmates". When asked what her favorite part of the trip was she stated, "I really enjoyed Eastern State Penitentiary. It was so cool being inside of a prison and even cooler that Al Capone stayed there." Although McGlinch overall enjoyed the trip she said that there is one thing that she didn't like, "I disliked that we were moving so fast and didn't have time to take all the pictures that we wanted. I think it would've been more worthwhile if we were there longer." Despite this minor issue, the students still enjoyed the trip.

A Veteran's Day Hero By: Olivia Graves

Sargent Bill Christie is a Vietnam War veteran who served in the battle of Dak To, in 1969. Sargent Christie and a few of his friends, went back to Dak To to visit places where they had been during the war. This information, along with other particulars, is going to be in a segment on the discovery channel, called *Raw War: The Lost Film of Dak To*. This episode will premiere on March 3, 2019, at 9/8c on the Discovery Channel.

Veterans Day is observed on Nov. 12 this year because Dec. 11 fell on a Sunday, which means that schools all over the US will celebrate war Veterans for their service. At Franklin Monroe High School, Sargent Bill Christie spoke to the student body about his experiences being in the war and his life afterward. Mrs. Oswalt is a friend of Sargent Christie for 26 years. The previous reason is why this array of students was awarded an opportunity to learn more about the real aspects of war, from someone who has experienced it. He also talked about how he was in the process of writing a book. He pronounced that he has a lot of pages of different stories and other narratives that he has written. Though, because these things are very diverse from one another they don't flow together as a regular publication would, but he hopes that someday he can put it into a book to share with the world.

At the assembly, each student was given a poppy flower. Poppies represent those who have passed on in battle; these flowers were given out in remembrance to those heroes who have died fighting for our freedom. Sargent Christie voices, "A hero is someone who is scared so much that they cannot move, but they move anyway." So, on November 12 we celebrate all of the heroes who fought for our freedom, who forgot about their fears, who moved anyway.

FM students serve North Carolina community

By: Kevin Bancroft

The yearly FM work service trip held on November 11-15th proved to be a very valuable experience for all the students and chaperones involved. For the last 13 years (27 trips total), Mr. Thayer has set up and carried out the trip for the usual dozen or so students.

This year the trip led everyone involved to Lumberton, which is a city in North Carolina that was severely damaged by both hurricane Matthew in 2016, and Florence earlier this year. Due to funding differences between the two natural disasters, all the work done on this trip was to rebuild from the destruction of hurricane Matthew.

During the work day, students were split into groups doing jobs ranging anywhere from but not limited to: Replacing floors, pulling insulation, painting interior, plumbing, restoring roofs, minor electrical work and much more. Everything that was worked on or accomplished on this trip was beneficial to the students. Many learned new skills, met new people and had a great experience.

The whole trip wasn't pure labor, however, on Wednesday evening, everyone went to Myrtle Beach as a group activity. This gave downtime to all the students and gave everyone something to remember the trip by.



FM group that went on the work service trip.



Everyone that participated that service week.

Congratulations to everyone for the following achievements!!!

- Mr. Ingold for winning Teacher of the Month!
- Cole Good for his performance at State for Cross Country!
- Ethan Conley for his acceptance into Ashland U. for Basketball!

FFA raises poinsettia crop

By: Caitlynn Kinard

The Franklin Monroe MVCTC FFA Chapter brought in a small shipment of poinsettias on October 13, 2018. The Animal and Plant Science classes have taken care of and nurtured these plants so that they are ready to be sold for Christmas. To prepare the greenhouse for the poinsettias Xavier Gilliland and Jacob Aslinger assisted Mr. Bergman in setting the computer system up for the appropriate climate. Students in the Plant and Animal Science classes assembled the irrigation system to ensure that the plants received appropriate water and nutrients. The system was designed to give each plant the necessary water and fertilizer at the appropriate time. Individual irrigation drips are placed in each of the plants. This slow watering prevents overwatering and also prevents that leaves from getting too much moisture on them which can cause discoloration.

Students discussed and investigated the three major macronutrients necessary for proper plant health. After determining the nutrients that are required, the students formulated the proper fertilizer to deliver these nutrients to the plants. They utilized a Dosatron fertilizer system to accurately fertilize each plant. Along with watering the plants the students visually inspected the plants to ensure proper plant health. All of their hard work has paid off as the students now have poinsettias that are ready to be sold to the public. The poinsettias are \$8.00 each or 4 for \$30.00. If you are interested in purchasing some poinsettias, please contact the Franklin Monroe High School office at (937) 947-1328 and ask to speak to the ag advisor, Mr. Bergman.

An academic challenge

By: Jonathan Chen

The students of the Academic Team competed at Milton Union and Arcanum at the 19th, 26th, and 27th of November in a competition of tuition. According to Coach Ingold, the goal of the academic team is to “test our academic knowledge and have fun while doing so”. Chase Osterday, who’s in the Academic team and known for his knowledge with geography, quoted that “it’s good quality fun for the entire family”. Academic Team is a wonderful place to have fun while answering trivia questions.



Pictured above is some academic team students participating from FM, (Top Right).



The poinsettia flowers raised by FM's FFA.

Day of the Dead movie night

By: Grace Gilmore

Spanish club had a movie night on Thursday, November 1 in the old cafeteria at 7:00 P.M. to watch a movie and eat snacks. The ones who came watched *Coco*. This movie is about the Day of the Dead, which was from October 31 until November 2. About 20 students came to the movie night and enjoyed it. Most of the attendees brought snacks to share with everyone. When asked what her favorite part of the night was, Mrs. Kauffman answered, "I liked how even though the movie was a cartoon, it was nice that we were able to watch the movie around the Day of the Dead."



Library gets new books

By: Kenneth Cope

What is different in the library this year? There haven't been any massive changes in the library this year, but there are a lot more subtle changes such as new computers and Chromebooks will soon replace the laptops, "Many people probably haven't noticed that there are new computers this year." Says Mrs. Coomer. The fiction section has been completely reorganized as well as 100 new books. These three changes are the most drastic changes to this library this year.

The 100 new books give students many new options to pick from while picking out books and the new Chromebooks will be much faster than the older laptops in the library. The fiction section is now easier to look through and find books.



Mrs. Coomer showing off a few of the new library books.

New Horizons

By: Olivia Graves

Horizons is a club at Franklin Monroe High School, directed by Mrs. Keiser, one of the schools English teachers. The literary journal is open to all students in grades 9-12; these students can share or publish their creative writing in an anthology. When these students meet to work on their literary pieces, they gather in high school homeroom on Mondays. The club started this year as Mrs. Keiser states that, "Horizons is a way for students to publish poetry and other forms of creative writing. Teens have a lot of emotions to deal with, and writing helps them to express these feelings." Many students had gone to Mrs. Keiser to have her evaluate their creative writings. They also wanted her advice and feedback on their works. Considering that so many people came to her with different works of creative writing, the idea of Horizons was born. She had the idea for the club and the only thing left to do was to make it official, so she took to the school board with her idea. There are currently eight members in Horizons, most of them consist of Mrs. Keiser's creative writing class. When these eight students meet on Mondays, they participate in writing workshops. This is a time where they can work on whatever creative writing that they currently have in progress. Mostly revising and editing goes on during this time, as well as editing for the journal itself. Also, the journal is published electronically on the Franklin Monroe website. This club is a way for students to express themselves, and to share their talents with the school.

To keep up with all the new information about FM's literary journal Horizons, follow them on Twitter! @FmHorizons



Musicians write song with help of FM students

By: MacKenzie Rock

Jonathan Kingham is a singer/songwriter who performs a collection of jazz, pop, country and rock 'roll music. Kingham performs with piano player Ryan Shea Smith, both have received awards for songwriting and performing with other artists and with each other; they are both from Seattle, Washington, and have been traveling together for fifteen years.

Smith has been playing the guitar and piano for several years and keeps a regular tour schedule. Kingham plays keyboard and guitar for alternative rock band Toad the Wet Sprocket. Both Kingham and Smith have been participating in arts and education for the last couple of years and have enjoyed doing it since they started. Kingham had this to say "I enjoy the energy of the student's and the vibes they give off are always positive", Smith added this "I have always enjoyed spending time making music with people or by myself, but with music nowadays with teenagers they just give off new ideas for music and I enjoy that aspect of doing this for them". At the assembly students enjoyed writing a song with the pair and singing along with a song they had previously written with another school. Kingham and Smith had the students laughing and clapping the whole time during the assembly.



Above are the musicians that were at our Arts and Education assembly.

Making music with students

By: MacKenzie Rock

Miss Sara Dodsworth is Franklin Monroe High School and Junior High choir and band director. She is originally from Columbus, Ohio, and has been teaching for five years. She earned her teaching degree from Bowling Green, Ms. Dodsworth has introduced new music and techniques like the new vocal books, *Sing At First Sight* by Andy Beck, Karen Farnum Surmani and Brian Lewis, where she is teaching us how to read music and how long to hold breaths long or short. Miss Dodsworth first taught at Tri-Village High School then came here two years ago to take over position as band and choir director.

I asked her why she became a teacher she had this to say "I became a teacher to help students find an outlet in music and by what I have seen so far is that these students have done an amazing job. We may have had a few bumps in the road along the way but they have really worked hard." In her free time she likes to spend time with her family, friends and her dogs and she is recently engaged. She enjoys the time she spends time with her students and she is glad she is here at FM.



Above is Miss Dodsworth directing.

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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

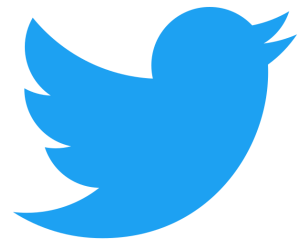
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