



Ohio Elects New State Officers to Run the Show

By: Nicole Brocious

On October 31st, Business Professionals of America students will take a bus to the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio for the annual State Fall Leadership Conference. During the conference, students will meet the 12 potential Ohio Association State Officer candidates and watch the general opening session before attending up to three workshops. There are 5 students from each school chosen to be voting delegates, and these students will watch officer speeches and cast their votes to elect the state officers for that year.

Initial state officer screening was conducted on October 8th, totaling 73 candidates. Results were then posted on the 10th, narrowing it down to only 12 candidates to be voted upon. Voting delegates will vote and the top 6 officers with the most votes will be inducted into the Ohio Association State Officer team at the end of the ceremony.

During the convention, students will be given name tags with their names, the workshops they will be attending after the general opening session and when their lunch session is. The workshops vary drastically, with over 20 to choose from throughout the day. Some common topics for the workshops include things such as preparation for college, stress management tactics, media presentation skills, career exploration, employability skills and many more.

Throughout the convention center are several locations to eat. Students can pick from a variety of foods such as subs, burgers, ice cream, nachos and many more. They will also be offered the opportunity to visit a few of the stores present in the Convention Center during their lunch session.

The biggest goals of the State Fall Leadership Conference is not only to elect State Officers but also to join members together and create new friendships. "The biggest benefit of attending is students get to participate in leadership building activities to better help them in their future," states Mrs. Wiant, Franklin Monroe's BPA advisor.



Pictured above is Mrs. Wiant, Business Professionals of America advisor in her classroom.
Photographed by Amy Besecker.



Today's students.
Tomorrow's business professionals.



Picture of Mrs. Ayres in her office.

Off-Campus CCP

By: Selene Weaver

Off-campus College Credit Plus (CCP) allows students to work towards college credits while expanding their horizons outside of their regular classroom. Some students attend Edison Community College, which allows them to earn credits for both their high-school graduation and towards college. A student can also earn college credits through Franklin Monroe or MVCTC by taking the classes specified as a CCP class. There are many more benefits to off-campus CCP like Edison, such as the student who chooses to take these classes may only have to go to Edison a few times per week. There is also a greater flexibility for the student, but the classwork and expectations can be higher for these classes. CCP classes, in general, are viewed as a smart choice for students who wish to attend a college in their future, or for those who want a challenge.

Senior Center

By: Amy Besecker

As the school year nears the end of the first quarter, there are many things that seniors must keep in mind. There are multiple deadlines including early application and decision dates, ACT registration dates, and meetings for graduation. Some of these important dates are:

- November 7 financial aid presentation at Franklin Monroe High School covering everything parents and students need to know for FAFSA.
- Teacher recommendation requests for college applications need sent out.
- November or December 1st are the Early College Decision Application deadlines.

There are obviously a lot of dates to keep track of, which is why Mrs. Ayres has created a Remind page for both seniors and juniors. Joining is simple. Just text @2019fmhs to 81010 for seniors, or @2020fmhs for juniors. Parents are welcome to join too!

Franklin Monroe Cross Country Team Runs To the End of a Successful Season

By: Nicole Brocious

On Saturday, September 20th, the Franklin Monroe Cross Country team ran at the Cedarville Friendship Invitational course for their annual districts meet. The districts meet is the final and most important meet of the entire year up until this point. High school runners were the only ones who competed in this race, and all runners participated in a 3.1 mile (5K) race. High school girls kicked off the event for Franklin Monroe, running at 1:00 pm, followed by high school boys at 1:45.

The top 7 runners from each team compete at districts, meaning the process is reasonably selective for larger teams. For high school girls, the team consisted of Nicole Brocious, the team's senior, Selene Weaver, and Raegan Warner. High school boys sent their top 7 runners, including seniors Cole Good, Ross Thayer, Xavier Gilliland, and underclassmen Brendan Hosler, Dylan Brumbaugh, Jacob Meyers, and Nathaniel Davis. The girls team had only 3 runners, making them unable to place. A team needs 5 runners to place as a team. However, the boys had a full team and placed 13th out of 32 teams total.

Districts give the top 32 finishers of each race the chance to move on to the Regional meet that takes place at the Troy levy on Saturday, October 27th. This year, Cole Good placed 7th at the District meet with a time of 16:47, qualifying him for the Regional meet. He has qualified for Regionals all 4 years of his high school career.

Cole Good also qualified for the State meet this year, held in Columbus. This is his third consecutive year qualifying for the State Cross Country meet, a huge accomplishment. It is only possible to qualify for the state meet if a runner participates in the Regionals meet and place in the top 16 of all runners. Cole Good placed 11th with a time of 16:44, his personal record for the school year. "I am very excited that all of my hard work paid off because my ultimate goal was to go to state. I'm very lucky and blessed to have the opportunity to go to state three years in a row and I am excited to see how I do," states Cole of his upcoming regionals race.



Pictured are the team's seniors at the District meet: Xavier Gilliland, Nicole Brocious, Ross Thayer, and Cole Good. Photographed by Maia Stump.



Pictured above is Mr. Zimmerman teaching.

Zimmerman, The Rest is History

By: Kevin Bancroft

Mr. Zimmerman has been teaching at Franklin Monroe for 27 years. He started his career with one year of teaching special education at Arcanum. After that year, Mr. Zimmerman transferred to FM. Then after 18 years of teaching Special Education, he switched to being a history teacher.

Not only has Mr. Zimmerman been in the teaching field for a long period of time, but he has also attended 12 years of college, going to both Ohio State and the University of Dayton. Through this Mr. Zimmerman has also earned his master's degree.

His favorite thing about FM is the well-behaved students and staff. When asked about what students should keep in mind about schooling, he stated, "Ask not what the school can do for you, ask what you can do for the school."



Above is Mrs. Baker taking pictures for the Yearbook

Yearbook Club

By: Jonathan Chen

The Franklin Monroe Yearbook Club started this October and they are selling ads and yearbooks. Yearbooks are currently being sold for \$45 until November 20th, the price increases to \$50 after November 20th. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad should contact Mrs. Baker in the main office. The yearbook editors are Nicole Brocious, Amy Besecker, and Betsy Roberts. Anyone who has photos that they would like in the yearbook should e-mail them to Mrs. Baker (angie.baker@fmlsd.org).

SHOUT OUT

Congratulations to the following students for their amazing achievements!



Nicole Brocius for becoming BPA Regional Vice President!



Belle Cable for breaking the digs record for Volleyball!



Chloe Brumbaugh for breaking the soccer record for most goals in one game!



Cole Good for qualifying for State in Cross Country!

Volleyball has Come to an End

By: Olivia Graves

The 2018 Franklin Monroe HS girls volleyball season has come to a close, ending with the last game against Fort Loramie, on October 25th at Covington High School. This team was the first in 8 years to make it to the sectional finals. The varsity team ended their season with an overall record of 20-5 and a conference record of 9-2. Within the season, they broke two school records. Belle Cable broke the record for most digs at 372; the previous record holder was Makenzie Kreitzer with 327 digs. Also, the team broke the record for most kills, they had 821 in the season. The previous team kill count was at 769, and the record was set by the varsity team in 2015. For this season our varsity team has beaten most of their opponents in 3 sets, they have beat 17 teams 3-0.

Middle hitter, Kloe Zink voiced, "I think the season went very well because we made a good team. We bonded, though we have different talents, we worked well together." In the sport of volleyball player need to work together with their teammates, because in order to win the team needs a good pass to the setter can set the ball, then a front row player can spike it and the team can win the point. Every team member is valuable and it takes everyone to work to achieve a goal.



Book Club is Open

By: MacKenzie Rock & Sonic Sound Staff

Book Club is on Fridays in the media center during high school homeroom with Ami Coomer as the advisor. Book Club is an environment where students can come and relax without having the fear of being judged. Students can share their thoughts about what they are reading. Currently, Book Club members are reading *The Young Traveler's Guide* by Andy Andrews, an inspirational story of a high school senior who hits rock bottom and then goes on a journey of self-discovery. Mrs. Coomer explains why she loves Book Club, "I have always enjoyed being around kids and helping them discover new books and ideas. My favorite book that we have read since starting book club is *Every Last Word*." All students are welcome to come and enjoy book club to meet new people and have a supportive environment.

Core Club

By: Kaitlyn McNutt

Core Club is a Christian club that meets every Wednesday during high school homeroom. Participants eat donuts while talking about God. There are usually 4 leaders and around 12 students that attend regularly, Rachel Knight is the main leader, then there is Kevin, Misty and Pastor Mel. On October 10th, one of the youth group pastors wives made lunch. Sloppy joes with brownies, chips and juice. All students are welcome to join Core Club.

Manufacturing Day

By: Grace Gilmore

On Friday, October 5, the Sophomore class went to the JAFE glass decorating manufacturing plant to learn about jobs in that area of work. Manufacturing Day is a national initiative to teach students about the opportunities that exist in manufacturing. In our area, it is organized by Darke County Economic Development. In the state of Ohio, there were over 200 different events that students participated in. During the trip, the students were able to take a tour of the building. The students were able to learn about the process of painting glass and the different jobs available in this company. Throughout the trip, students were allowed to ask any questions they had. There was a lot of information given to the students, allowing them to fully understand the company. Mrs. Ayres provides, "My favorite part is the tour and getting to see the different levels of technology the industries are using."

Hark Working Girls

By: MacKenzie Rock

The girls soccer team had a rough start to their season but by working hard and pushing themselves they ended the season on a good note. Varsity soccer player, Chloe Brumbaugh, had this to say "We got better than last year, new people came in so we had to figure out how to work with them, but we still had a fun season. Even though we didn't win a lot of games this year, we all still had a great time working together." The varsity team won two games out of the season, but they worked hard all the time.



Sonic Sound wants to know - What food/drink is pumpkin spice flavored that should not be?



"Lattes" - Maleigha McHugh



"Soda" - Jonathan Chen



"Pumpkins" - Connor Edwards



"Cheerios" - Mrs. Keiser



"Brownies" - MacKenzie Rock



"Asparagus" - Rebecca Trent

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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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