



Three New Staff Members at Franklin Monroe

By: Johnathan Chen

Franklin Monroe High School welcomes three new staff members for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Riehle (Science), Mrs. Howell (English) and Mr. Pequignot our recent FM Elementary Principal and now District Superintendent.

Mrs. Riehle, the new Science Teacher, comes to FM with 14 years of experience, previously teaching at Troy and also online classes. She teaches the CCP classes for Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry and Biology. Riehle received her biology degree from Bowling Green and her teaching license from Wright State. Mrs. Riehle states that she “Really enjoys the students here because they’re all hard working and is looking forward to the school year.”

Mrs. Howell, the new English Teacher, comes to us with 3 years of experience. Mrs. Howell is also the assistant coach for our Cross Country team, and for the past 3 years has also been the head coach for Junior High track. She teaches CP English 9 and 10 as well as regular English 9 and 10. Mrs. Howell received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from Wright State University and previously taught English at Eaton before coming to FM. Mrs. Howell says she is, “Excited to come back to the school I graduated from to teach.”

Mr. Pequignot (Pick-Ah-New), the school’s new superintendent has two masters, one in educational leadership and the other in general education. He received his superintendent license from Ashland University, and his principle license from Wright State along with his Master’s degrees for General Education and Educational Leadership. He’s currently hoping for a, “Strong and wonderful year for the students” and hopes that everyone “will be successful”.



Mr. Pequignot, Superintendent.



Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Riehle in the hallway.



Mrs. Ayres posing for a picture in her office.

College Credit Plus Just Got Crazy Convenient

By: Nicole Brocious

Recently, Mrs. Ayres, FMHS Counselor, has adopted a new system for interested students to earn their Associates Degree from Edison State Community College without ever leaving campus. She has created an Associate's of Science pathway in order to help students achieve this goal. Each year, students can take all of the required courses at home.

The total breakdown necessary to obtain an Associate's of Science degree is as follows: 0-3 credit hours in computer literacy, 9 credit hours in both communication arts and social and behavioral sciences, 15 credit hours in laboratory natural sciences and mathematics, 9 credit hours in humanities, 3 credit hours of diversity and 15-18 credit hours of electives. Electives are classes that don't fall into the above categories but are still necessary to reach the minimum of 60 hours needed for the degree.

Computer literacy hours can be gained through Mrs. Wiant's business office management class. Communications and Composition, offered by Mrs. Keiser, count toward communications arts and English requirements. All psychology (Mr. Gish), business (Mrs. Wiant) and foreign language classes (Spanish with Senora Kauffman) count as electives. However, this excludes business office management and introduction to psychology. Calculus with Mr. McKibben can be used for a math credit. The only classes not offered on campus are humanities and a diversity requirement, both of which can be taken online.

This year and future years, all college credit plus classes offered are for Edison credit only, getting a transcript will no longer be necessary. This makes it even easier to graduate from high school with an Associate's of Sciences. "This program is an amazing opportunity for students to save money and work for their future," states Mrs. Ayres. Any questions about this program and its benefits as well as copies of the Associate's Degree of Sciences pathway can all be answered by a trip to the guidance counselor's office.

Senior Center:

By: Amy Besecker

As the school year progresses quickly, the Franklin Monroe graduating seniors of 2019 need to take early action to get a head start on college and scholarship applications. The best way to do this is to talk to guidance counselor, Mrs. Ayres. She has shared a few tips on what seniors should do before they graduate, and is always available if seniors have any questions.

- She suggests checking up on ACT scores.
- Getting Parchment accounts set up.
- Making an early request for letters of recommendation from a particular teacher or counselor.

Mrs. Ayres has placed her tips for seniors on the Google Classroom 2019 page, in the counselor's corner/scholarship folder office, or on the school's website. To make sure you get a head start on what you need for your college search, make sure to check out any of those resources, or talk to her directly in her office!

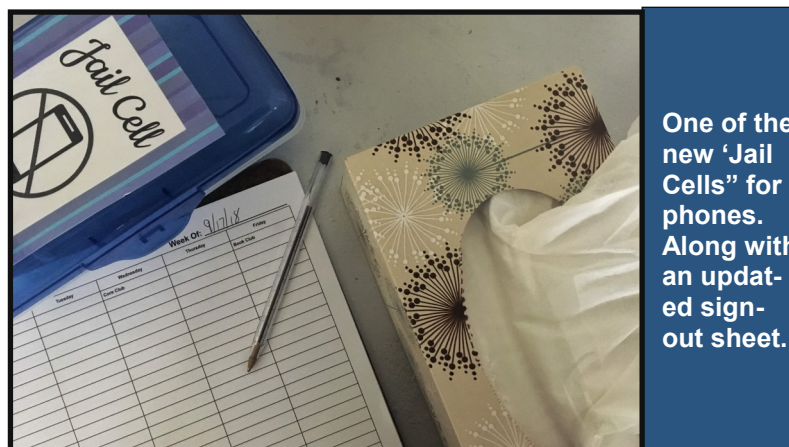
Where Do Teachers Want Your Phone?

By: Kenneth Cope

FM students feel that there is a new phone policy every year and this year is no exception. Cell phone rules get tighter and tighter each year, restricting their usage at school. This year, FM students must sign out and leave their phone in the provided box when using a hall pass. Many students feel that the new rule is good, Becca Trent says, "The new phone rule is great because now we don't have students on their phone in the bathroom, hallway etc. taking up more time than they need to be." Many times last year students were on phones in the bathroom and even the hallway. Now that students can't have their phones out when leaving the classroom, it takes drastically less time and students can now leave the room and get back at a reasonable time. Many teachers feel the same way. Mrs. Keiser says, "The new rule is great, I now know that when students are out of class they are doing what they are supposed to do and not on Snapchat."

This prepares students for adult life and using their cell phone responsibly. The majority of jobs do not allow phones under most if not any circumstances so this new rule will help to prepare students for that. This generation was introduced to a new wave of "Smart" Technology which has many standing mesmerized at what we hold in our pockets. Having this new rule in our school and many other schools will help our generation grow and improve as our future professionals succeed.

The FM (2018-2019) Teacher Handbook on page 6 states under Hall Passes "Students must ask the teacher for permission to leave the classroom. With permission, students will place their cell phone in the cell phone box, sign out using a hall pass form. One student at a time may leave the classroom. Teachers are to use discretion when sending more than one Student." This explains that anytime a student leaves the room he/she must sign out on the clipboard then drop their phone into the box. Once the student comes back they must sign in and take their phone. The new phone rule is going to help students focus on their school work and get back to the classroom faster.



One of the new 'Jail Cells' for phones. Along with an updated sign-out sheet.

National Honor Society is Saving Lives With Blood Drive

By: Amy Besecker

On Friday September 21, Franklin Monroe High School's National Honors Society chapter held its first blood drive of the school year to aid those in need of blood transfusions. The drive was held in the school's old high school cafeteria and was administered by the Community Blood Center.

The drive was a success with members of the community as well as students showing up to give blood. Members of the National Honors Society aided in the drive by providing snacks and handing out T-Shirts to donors.

"We had 29 units of blood donated," says National Honors Society advisor Mrs. Keiser. "Our goal was 32. We did pretty well." The next blood drive being held at Franklin Monroe High School will be on November 16 in the old cafeteria. This drive will be run by Franklin Monroe's FFA, headed by Mr. Burgman. A packet will be available a few weeks before in the office that you and a parent/guardian must sign. We hope to see you at the next one!



The Blood Drive volunteers offering cookies and other snacks to a donor.



Ethan Coppess right after his blood donation.

JV Volleyball, Can You Dig It? By: Olivia Graves

The Franklin Monroe JV volleyball team's season has gone well. They are undefeated in the CCC with only two losses from out of conference games. Multiple games have taken place already at our home gym and at other local schools. According to outside hitter Matilda Earwood, "We haven't had anyone get down on themselves and we have stayed positive and energetic during our games." This is the reason why they have done so well. She also said that, "We told jokes to stay motivated during our games." Staying positive when your losing is a hard task, this is how they pulled it off. All of the players working together is one of the most important things in volleyball. Even their coach, Macy Markley, says that too. She has been coaching for 2 years now and has already made a positive influence on her players. Mrs. Markley is always giving positive feedback. She commented, "Always work hard, remember it is okay to make mistakes as long as you learn from them." This is just one of the many helpful statements that she uses to encourage others. The JV volleyball team is a hard working and successful group of girls who are all working toward the same goal, and having a great season.

Boys' Golf

By: Grace Gilmore

The Franklin Monroe boys' golf team has worked very hard this season through injuries and bad weather to accomplish a record of 3-4 in the conference. With Dalton Goubeaux and Brydon Diceanu out on injury, the FM team was very fortunate to gain three new freshman this year. These three freshman are Bradley Rumble, Mason Feters and Andre Stevens. The team's biggest accomplishment is winning in a tiebreaker against Mississinawa Valley. Jacob Asslinger scored a 45 at the match, earning the best score on the team. Although the third annual Jet Invitational was canceled this year due to weather, the team is looking forward to playing in the Sectional on September 25. On September 19, the golf team played in the CCC tournament, placing 10th overall. When asked what his favorite part of this season is, Coach Andy Zimmerman, replied by saying, "My favorite part of the season was beating Mississinawa Valley at their place in a tie-breaker."



Spanish and the Missing Desks

By: Alyssa McCarty

After summer break came to an end, Franklin Monroe High School students noticed something different about Senora Kauffman's Spanish classroom; it no longer contains desks.

Senora Kauffman decided to try something new this year and just use chairs instead of desks. Students place their backpacks around the edges of the room and take a seat. If they are doing written work that day the students are asked to grab a clipboard from baskets at each side of the room or a couple students can sit at tables along the side walls.

Many of the students at FM say that they would rather have desks than just chairs, but Senora Kauffman has a different opinion. When asked if she likes being deskless she replied, "I really do like it a lot better. Students pay more attention and it's harder to hide distractions such as phones." Although many of the students aren't big fans of being without desks Senora Kauffman enjoys it.

There are also many other reasons that Kauffman decided this. In an article given to me by Kauffman it states, "Students will participate in a communication and comprehensible input based environment in which the barrier of a desk is eliminated...The classroom can be arranged multiple different ways depending on what we are learning that day." ("Why are we deskless?" By: Natalie McSwain). So, if students are taking a test they could easily just move their chairs away from each other rather than having to find another place to sit or dragging around desks.



A picture of the Spanish Room this school year. Note there are no desks.

Running Through the Heat

By: Nicole Brocious

Saturday September 15th, the Cross Country team ran their meet at the Cedarville Friendship invitational. The high school boys kicked off the event for Franklin Monroe, running at 12:05, followed by high school girls at 12:40, junior high boys at 1:20, and junior high girls at 1:50. The high school teams each ran a 5K (3.1 miles). The junior high teams each ran 2 miles. The Cedarville meet is one of the largest meets the Cross Country team participates in, having more than twenty schools attend each race and the smallest race having over three hundred runners.

The first finisher for the FM high school boys team in the 5K is Cole Good, placing 52 out of 443 boys. For the FM high school girls, Selene Weaver finished first in the 5K, placing 58th out of 323 girls. Cade Peters placed 99th for junior high boys for the 2 mile event out of 431 runners and Zoe Brooke finished 56th out of 306 junior high girls in the 2 mile event.

The high school boys team placed 23rd overall out of 33 teams. The high school girls only have four members on their team and five are needed to qualify, so team results are unavailable. Junior high boys placed 23rd out of 31 teams and junior high girls placed 21st out of 25 teams.

"Our team battled through the heat with toughness and perseverance and ran with heart. There was some really tough competition and we ran a good race," states cross country coach, Mr. Ingold, on the team results.



The high school girls team composed of Kim Fourman, Selene Weaver and Nicole Brocious (light blue uniforms in the middle) starting their race.

Girls Soccer Beats National Trail

By: Jonathan Chen

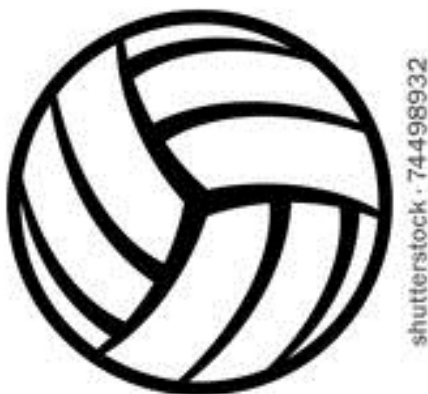
Starting at 5 o'clock P.M. on September 13th the girls soccer team started their match against National Trail. The match started well with a steady back and forth until FM scored a goal by Audrey Cable with an assist from Chloe Brumbaugh. Then another goal was scored by Kirsten Zink after Maddie Stacy assisted with the kickoff. Right afterwards another was scored from Anna Flora on two separate occasions. Then finally a score from Chloe Brumbaugh when she slid into the middle of the crowd and kicked it into the post. By the end of the first half the score is 5-0 with FM in the lead. Although in the second half it was a constant back and forth with neither team gaining a point until the end. That's when Chloe Brumbaugh scored close to the end of the game. Ending the game 6-0.



Volleyball Members Are Sisterly

By: MacKenzie Rock

The girl's volleyball team is 14-4 this season. When they score a point they all come together to hug. Even when they miss a point to show support for each other they still hug. I stopped by one of the games to talk to the varsity Coach Angie Filbrun about the girls. She had this to say, "They are more connected, like they can anticipate each others on the court. I am really proud of all these young ladies coming together and working hard every practice and every game." Corina Conley a varsity team member had this to say, "We have really come together this season as a family and bonded even more because we have been playing for so long that we are more like sisters. Even though we may lose sometimes, we still have a great time playing and working together." Another varsity team member Chloe McGlinch had this to add, "I think our team has done pretty well this year. We have our ups and downs but we all work together. We can communicate well, everyone on the team has their own role. When we all do our role and work together, we win game's."



The Blue Coats Are Coming

By: Olivia Graves

The Franklin Monroe FFA does many things, including teaching kids about leadership and career options. They do this by, "Providing students an opportunity to compete with other schools and a chance to do community service," according to director, Mr. Bergman. FFA 2018 is here, with field trips and fundraisers coming up, money can be made and a lot more can be learned by participating in these events. The FFA does a lot of field trips where they go other places to learn about agriculture. Most of the work that is put into this organization is done at our school. One of the field trips they go on is Farm Science Review. It is a huge trade show in the United States with all the latest and greatest technology for farming and agricultural purposes. People in FFA can go on this field trip. It provides ways for students to expand their knowledge on all things agriculture. Another activity that they do is Meals on Wheels, where they take meals to working farmers in the fields. FFA member Kim Fourman states, "I absolutely recommend joining FFA because you get a learning experience and a chance to make friends. There are many things students can do in this organization, that's a good part about it. Students can be as involved or uninvolved as you want." Kim also voiced that her job as an officer, along with other members, is to encourage others to join the FFA. That is what FFA is, learning and fun mixed into one.



Seven tractors were driven to 'Drive Your Tractor To School Day' on September 21st.

Sonic Sound wants to know what you're looking forward to this school year!



"I'm looking forward to Basketball and Baseball." - Brenden Hosler



"Being able to see my friends!"
- Dylan Bridenbaugh



"Seeing my friends everyday." - Madison Furlong



"Math." - Ting Hao Zheng



"Being able to get out of the house." - Elijah Bush



"Teaching our great students science!" - Mrs. Rowland

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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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