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Sonic Sound
FM Jets

The Sonic Sound

Homecoming

By: Weston Sease & Sonic Sound Staff

Homecoming is an annual tradition in high schools that has been held since the nineteenth century. Homecoming unites alumni and current students to create a stronger sense of school pride. Franklin Monroe held homecoming festivities December 11-16th with class competitions, spirit days, hallway decorating contest, dodgeball tournament, pep assembly, basketball game and formal dance.

The seniors won the battle of the classes by having the most students participate in each day's spirit wear and having the best decorated hallway. The daily spirit wear themes were 'Merica day, beach day, jersey day, battle of the colors, and blue and white day. The seniors hallway was decorated with the "Under the Sea" theme of Finding Nemo and The Little Mermaid. Their hallway featured Mr. McKibbon as Ariel, and a lifesized cut-out of Darla from Finding Nemo. The hallways were judged by Mr. Burgett and Mr. Spencer.



Above: Kyle Ressler and Grace Fee are Homecoming King/Queen for this year.

Students participated in a dodgeball tournament to earn points in the class spirit competition. The juniors won the dodgeball tournament. Elementary, middle and high schools came together for a pep assembly that included the basketball teams, cheerleaders, band, pie-in-the-face, and staff v. seniors basketball game.

The freshmen class earned money for their class by collecting donations for a pie-in-the-face. Students could make donations for Mrs. Knight, Mr. Ingold, Mr. Burgett or Mr. Patrick. Mrs. Knight received a pie-in-the-face from Jacob Meyer during the end of the pep assembly.

Friday evening the basketball team squared up against Bethel with a final score of 66-58 with the win to the Bethel Bees. It was a white out and silent night with a silent crowd until the Jets scored 6 points.

During halftime Grace Fee and Kyle Ressler were crowned Homecoming Queen and King by the 2016 King and Queen, Logan Ressler and Bryanna Diceanu. King runners-up are Levi Altic, Zach Cable, Bryce Filbrun, and Parker Hessler. Queen runners-up are Nychelle Cool, Makenzie Kreitzer, Danielle McVey, and Grace Zimmerman. The Freshman class was represented by Ethan Fee and Katie Ressler; Sophomore class court was Dalton Goubeaux and Maddie Stacey; and Junior class court was Kennedy Morris and Larkin Ressler.

Students ended the week with an "Under the Sea" themed formal dance in the FM cafetorium Saturday night.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FFA

**By: Makayla Knipp &
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Twelve students from Franklin Monroe represented FM at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 26-28 to learn about the basics of FFA (Future Farmers of America).

Students went to the expo and explored colleges and agricultural companies. The FM FFA listened to keynote speaker Laila Ali, the daughter of boxer Muhammad Ali and renowned fitness and wellness expert. Students also attended the retiring address by Valerie Earley, the National FFA Central Region Vice President. Students also attended a Rascal Flatts concert, the Indianapolis Zoo, Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, a career show and the American Degree Awards Ceremony.

The Franklin Monroe FFA chapter also participated in Job Interview and Parliamentary Procedure contests in November. Morgan Hissong, Dean Sease and Dylan Arling represented FM in a job interview contest at Versailles High School along with six other area high schools. Students worked on interviewing skills and then participated in a mock interview.

The FM FFA also competed in a parliamentary procedure event where students held a professional business meeting. FM sent 22 students to the competition. The freshmen earned third and fourth places, while the officers earned fourth place.

Back Row: Brendan Wray, Wyatt Baker, Taylor Armstrong, Kaden Spirito, Morgan Hissong, Clem Montgomery, & Jacob Winterrowd.

Front Row: Keara Knepshield, Elisabeth Williams, Walker Lindenmuth, Morgan Baker, and Kolby Rogers.

Photo Credit: Mr. Bergman

BPA

By: Kaitlyn McNutt

BPA,(Business Professionals of America) is preparing for their regional competition in January at MVCTC (Miami Valley Career Technology Center).

The freshman will be using regionals for practice for when they are competing as juniors and seniors.

All of the BPA students are competing, and will have many choices and at least a month of preparation before the competition. Some will pre-submit something and then present. However, others are to have everything they need with them to present, or to do their written test. The categories they can compete in all have to do with Business, some will be in teams, some individual and others written tests. The individuals and teams are presenting their work, while the test takers are taking a written exam.



Art Club & Service Learning

**By: Kaitlyn McNutt &
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The FM Art Club, directed by Mr. Thayer, is currently working on wall paintings for the school library. Students painted a whimsical tree of books around the wall clock. The art club plans to add more paintings throughout the school, and particularly the library.

Below: A picture of the mural done by the Art Club in the Media Center



National Honor Society Inducts 17 New Members

By: Grace Gilmore

On November 21st the FM NHS (National Honor Society) chapter inducted 17 new members. The new members were tapped and inducted during the ceremony. Students knew prior to the induction if they could be inducted, but did not know until the ceremony that they had been chosen. The inductees this year are Amy Besecker, Luke Booher, Shelby Bowser, Nicole Brocious, Brigette Filbrun, Parker Hessler, Kennedy Morris, Hannah Myers, Betsy Roberts, Ross Thayer, Gage Vance, Matthew Williams, Ting Hao Zheng, Kirsten Zink, and staff inductees are Carrie Wiant and Jeff Patrick.

NHS is an organization that recognizes outstanding high school students. This organization is an honor for students who exemplify character, scholarship, leadership and service. NHS members participate and organize fundraisers that support their various community service projects and blood drives.

The FM NHS members are President Kyle Ressler, Vice President Makenzie Kreitzer, Secretary Trevor Collins, Treasurer Levi Altic, Historian Grace Zimmerman, Reporter Bryce Filbrun and Public Relations Grace Fee. The FM NHS is advised by Mr. Andy McKibben.

Below: A picture of the new NHS inductees after the induction ceremony.



Band & Choir

By: Kevin Bancroft

FM's Junior High and High School Band/Choir has been practicing every day for both concert performances and basketball game appearances. Both JH and HS, (as well as choir) had a concert on Monday, December 11th. The concert went very well, drawing a large applause from the audience which is what every performer wants to hear. For the band however, this is the beginning as they start performances of the home basketball games, in which all HS Band members must attend. Although FM's choir may not perform at live sporting events, they did extraordinarily well at the concert. They started the night off right, by providing cheery Christmas songs to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

Mrs. Dodsworth, the new band director, says, "I have high hopes for the rest of the year, and am proud of the kids for already exceeding my expectations." With many more performances left in the year, everyone will definitely get their fill of FM's great music program.

Right: The High School Band playing in their concert on December 11th.



School Announcements

By: Will Blackburn

Mrs. Moore has brought back the morning announcements to Franklin Monroe High School by using a new medium, a series of videos that started in mid-October, which informs students of the school's daily and upcoming news. Teachers are emailed a 2-3 minute YouTube link every day and show the video to their first period class.

The FM News features a newscast of Chloe Brumbaugh, Audrey Cable, Darcy Denlinger, Keara Knepshield, and Selene Weaver. Skylar Bauman and Mackenzie Brown help behind the scenes.

At the start of the school year during a staff meeting it was mentioned that staff would like to bring back the morning announcements. So, after some thought, Mrs. Moore introduced the idea of bringing them back via video.

When Mrs. Moore was an FM student she took a class in audio/visual productions where students would film the news for the following day. She says that, "I really enjoyed doing this when I was in high school so I thought it would be a good idea to give the students here now that same opportunity."

So far, the FM News has received positive feedback. Senior Caytlin Bundenthal is one of many students who prefers to watch the announcements rather than just hear them. She says that, "When I can't actually see something, I don't pay attention at all."

Moore plans on continuing the video version of the FM News and is currently looking for additional students for second semester. She says, "If any HS Sophomore is interested in joining the cast 7th period next semester come see me (Mrs. Moore) to apply."

Below is a picture of Selene Weaver and Chloe Brumbaugh filming the school announcements.
Picture courtesy of Grace Gilmore



"Second Chance"

A Poem By: Marcus Glass

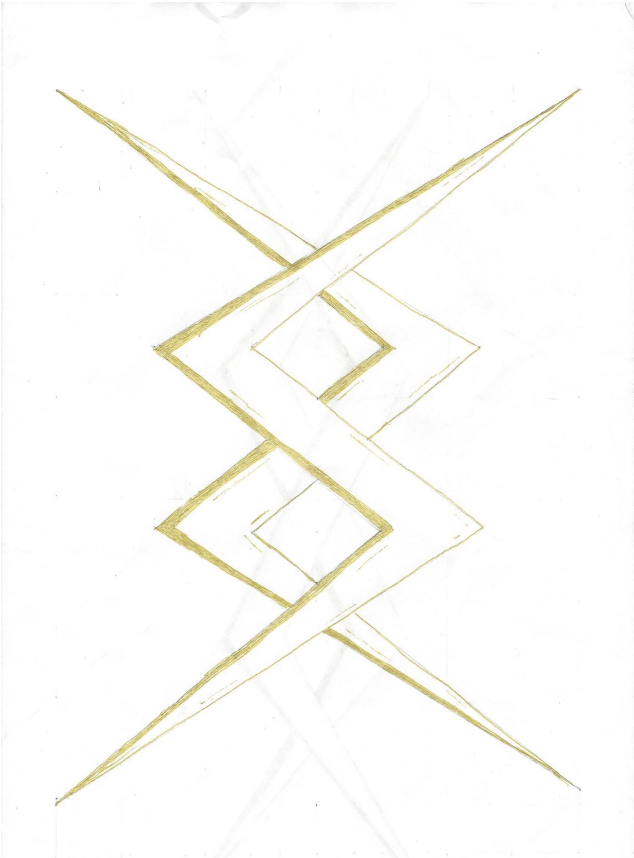
"Clear!" The nurse would yell,
"His Heart rate just fell."
With a charge and a clear head,
The body would thump.
But he is still dead.

"Clear!" The nurse would call,
As the heart rate continues to fall.
With another charge and a worried head,
The body would thump once again,
But he is still dead.

"Clear!" The nurse yells with dread.
As the heart rate stops and life would have fled.
With one last charge and his daughter by his bed,
The body thumps once again.
But they thought he was still dead.

With tears rolling down the daughter's face,
Her father's heart rate began to race.
Gasping for air, the feeling of life was still there.

Below is the symbol for the literary pages of The Sonic Sound, which was hand-drawn by Will Blackburn.



FM Basketball

By: MacKenzie Rock & Sonic Sound Staff

As the boys basketball season has continued, so has their wins. Some of the teams that FM has victory over are Milton Union, Ansonia, Covington and Mississinawa Valley. Also during the boy's holiday tournament, Ethan Conley made his 1,000 career point. Ethan later stated "Making my 1,000 point is definitely a blessing and I couldn't do it without my teammates giving me the ball, my family always supporting me, God saving my life and my coaches pushing me to do my best."

The FM Jets Varsity boys basketball team consists of Kyle Ressler, Gage Vance, Bryce Filbrun, Jordan Rhoades, Connor Crist, Matthew Williams, Bryce Robison, Zach Cable, Cole McGlinch, Parker Hesler and Ethan Conley. The JV team includes Brendan Hosler, Gage Vance, Cavin Baker, Logan Garber, Dylan Tucker, Caden Goins, Jarod Hegemier, Jackson Crist, Aidan Luchini and Jeffrey Hurley.

Franklin Monroe Lady Jets have been working hard and winning this season to achieve their goal of winning the championships. The girls have five wins and one loss. The girls have dominated Troy Christian and Newton. Coach Abbey Moore says, "The team is really coming together this season and has shown a lot of improvement and work together really well. We have been working on skills during practice and we have been doing team building exercises and we hope to continue this through the end of the season." In the state of Ohio, Franklin Monroe Lady Jets are ranked 110. The girls are all hoping to get to work together and succeed in accomplishing their goals.

The Lady Jets team consists of Tara Goubeaux, Kennedy Morris, Chloe Brumbaugh, Belle Cable, Corina Conley, Chloe Peters, Audrey Cable, Chloe McGlinch, Stella Shellabarger, Matilda Earwood and Katie Ressler. The team is coached by Varsity Coach, Abbey Moore and Brandy Fourman.

FM Cheerleading

By: MacKenzie Rock & Sonic Sound Staff

The FM basketball cheerleaders are working diligently to cheer on the boys basketball team and pump up the crowd during games. The girls practice nearly every day on cheers and dances, decorate lockers for all basketball players (all grades and teams), decorate the halls, make spirit sticks, and provide team snacks. The older girls help the younger girls to choreograph new dances and pump up the crowd.

The cheer squad is comprised of 7 varsity cheerleaders and 5 junior varsity cheerleaders, the team is coached by Deb Myers and Alisa Myers. Freshman cheerleader Kloe Zink says, "We have worked really hard on our cheers, supporting boys while they're playing, and having fun."

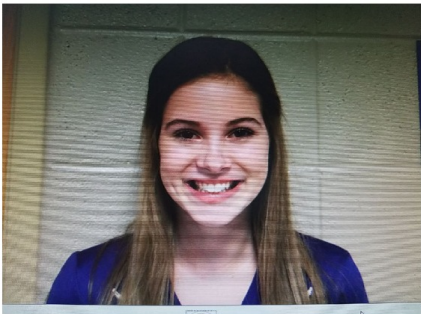


Right: Bryce Filbrun shooting a free-throw toward the end of FM's game against Mississinawa.

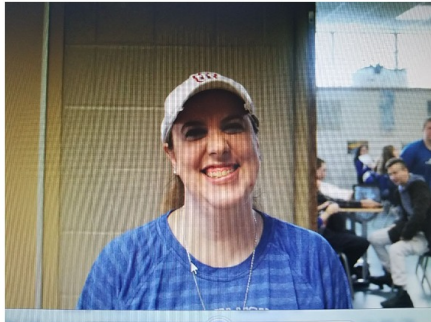


Grace Gilmore of the Sonic Sound Staff chose students out of the hallway to ask them about their favorite thing here at FM. This is what some of them answered:

Favorite Thing About Franklin Monroe



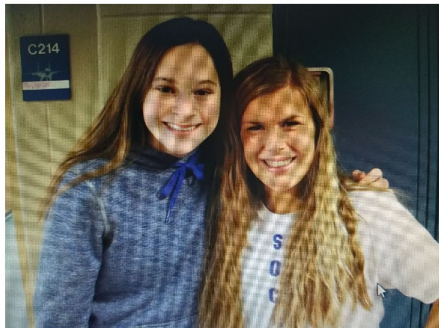
Raleigh Vance
"Spending time with friends."



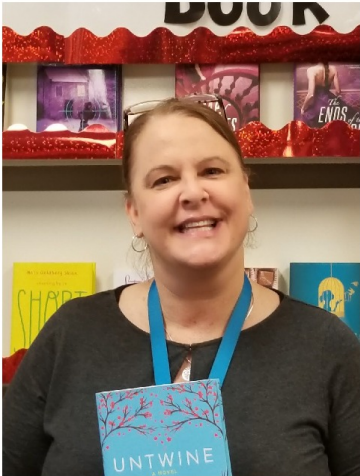
Mrs. Knight
"This school is like the one I attended."



Keara Nepshield and Selene Weaver
"Each other!"



Chloe McGlinch and Maddie Stacy
"Friends."



Mrs. Coomer
"Friendly and respectful students."



Becca Trent
"Days we can dress up."

"At Christmastide"

A Holiday Poem By: Will Blackburn

The snowy mares of Winter’s children
Prance upon the frozen fields of frost.
Their ivory hooves awake
The slumb’ring elves from North and South
Woods of spruce and evergreen.
Bells tinkle round the sharp-eared host
As their merry feet splash in the lake,
Stirring joyous waves at Christmastide.

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