



Frankfort-Schuyler

CENTRAL SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT: Our purpose is to provide a positive learning environment in which students and staff will have the opportunity to experience success and become lifelong learners.

Winter 2023



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION



COMMUNITY AND
COLLABORATION



STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT



FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY



PEOPLE AND
CULTURE

CHARACTER: PRIDE, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUST AND CITIZENSHIP

A Message from the Superintendent

The power of positive thinking and optimism will permeate our District and community in 2023! We are striving for an optimistic outlook and a genuinely positive attitude by everyone associated with our District, especially those with the distinct pleasure of working with our student champions. An optimistic outlook and positive attitude does not mean we will not face adversity and obstacles. It means we will face each one together with the mindset that we will come out stronger, wiser and better equipped to move forward in a positive manner. When we have an optimistic, positive attitude and mindset, it translates into a more productive and fulfilling experience. We will remain persistent with our efforts, knowing we can continue to smile and succeed despite any odds. We realize we are in control of situations and understand our positive actions will lead to more rewarding outcomes. Collectively, we will focus on our goals and continuously work towards achieving them. Along the way, we will reflect on our goals and celebrate our progress and successes. Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District continues to expect only the best and trusts our school community to be serving our students while supporting each other and partnering with our parents. We will make our community, our students and ourselves proud of our outlook, attitude, actions and efforts. In other words, we will be CHAMPIONS in 2023 and beyond!

Thank you for your continued support and as always, please reach out to any member of our administrative team if you have questions, suggestions or comments.

Secondary Education

Activities are back at full throttle here at the Frankfort-Schuyler Secondary School. We continue to provide many curricular and co-curricular offerings for our students, as participation is now back to pre-pandemic levels. Both the middle and high school students are participating in a broad selection of academics, clubs, sports and extracurricular activities. The middle school had their first dance in several years, thanks to a unique partnership with our very own National Honor Society, who organized and sponsored the activities with the assistance of some of our wonderful middle school parents. The kids had a fun-filled night of music, dancing, games, activities, snacks and refreshments along with the highly popular photo booth. The District is looking to have the next middle school dance and activity night in March.

The secondary school has some new faces joining us this school year. Please welcome Mrs. Marybeth Harrod, who is serving as the long-term substitute for family and consumer science, and Mrs. Nancie Cooney, who has joined us to teach middle school art. Mrs. Harrod and Mrs. Cooney are both veteran educators, assisting with keeping elective programs in the middle school alive and thriving. Please welcome them to the District when you get a chance.

Our Project Lead the Way program, headed by technology instructor Mr. Jordan Purinton, has developed and designed an electronic information sign which has been placed outside

of the main office for students, staff and community to see. Please be sure to see this amazing student project during your next visit to the Secondary building.

This past high school Homecoming Weekend and dance were extra special with winning seasons in both soccer and football. The school and community were especially excited as our football team returned to the Syracuse Carrier Dome for Section III play. The District chartered a spectator bus full of our students and staff, and filled the seats of the Dome with our fans rooting and cheering our team on. Congratulations to Coach LaGase, our football team and all of our sports teams for a spectacular fall season. The winter sports season is shaping up nicely, as we all look to the second weekend in February for Winter Weekend, the dance and celebration of our sports teams. Keeping with the tradition of the annual Powder Puff football game held back in the fall of 2022, the junior and senior classes are looking forward to rivaling each other once again in the first ever Powder Puff volleyball game scheduled for some time in February.

Please join us for family fun, games, treats and activities at the annual Kiwanis "Knight," to be held on March 10. Come cheer on the staff, students and Kiwanis as they compete in a few rounds of basketball.

Congratulations to our Frankfort-Schuyler and Kiwanis STUDENT OF THE MONTH Award Winners!

Awarded at the December 13, 2022 Board meeting

SEPTEMBER

Ella Kaleta
Fifth Grade

Emily Welch
Eighth Grade

Angelina Tangorra
12th Grade

OCTOBER

Rhianna Aeschlimann
Fifth Grade

Leigh Ferguson
Eighth Grade

Tyler Grates
12th Grade

NOVEMBER

Ava Penree
Fifth Grade

Yanna Voytovich
Eighth Grade

Alexandria Service
12th Grade

Ajla Ikeljic Recruited for Bosnian National Team Camp

Senior Ajla Ikeljic has been playing soccer since she was five years old. Her interest began at a young age thanks to her first coach – her dad.

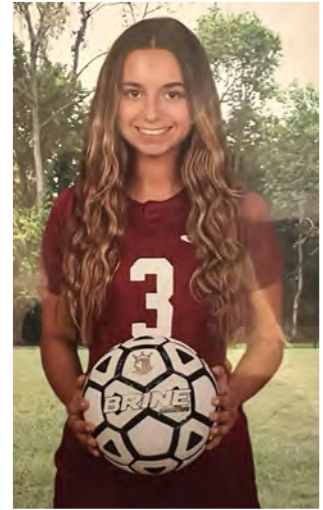
Ajla's soccer career began with the Coliseum Little Kickers and Frankfort AYSO. She later joined the United Elite Krajsnik FC Turbo girls team, which she still plays for today. In eighth grade, she joined the Olympic Development Program (ODP) in Albany and later joined the National Center of Excellence in Poughkeepsie. In addition to her club participation, Ajla was a member of the Frankfort-Schuyler varsity girls soccer team, which she credits for helping her to get back into the game after suffering an injury.

"I had fun playing with my friends and playing for my school. I would like to thank Coach Steere for always believing in me and pushing me whenever I was hard on myself."

Ajla traveled to Zenica, Bosnia where she was recruited to participate in the Bosnian National Team Camp from January 23-26. Following the camp, she plans to continue her training and is hopeful that she will get called to join the Bosnian National Team.

In addition to her appreciation of her high school coach, she also credits her success to and is thankful for her club Coach Anel Pajzetovic, her fitness instructor Dawson Green and, most importantly, her mom and dad for being her number one supporters and never letting her give up.

After high school, Ajla plans to continue playing with the club, play soccer in college and, hopefully, receive what she's worked so hard for – an invitation to play for the Bosnian National Team.



Student ACHIEVEMENT

Each year, we promote attendance, academic achievement and social-emotional well being for all of our students. This year, we are making an added effort to measure our progress in these areas.

In October, many of our staff participated in training on restorative practices. More training will be held with the goal of creating a welcoming and productive environment for all staff and students. Our Social-emotional Team continues to work with staff and families to support our students who may be facing obstacles.

In our efforts to create a positive environment in each building, we also hope to improve our students' attendance. Each month, our Multi-tiered Student Support (MTSS) Team meets to review and discuss how we can assist students who are struggling with regular attendance. Parents are invited to meet with us and when needed, families are connected with community support services.

Our teachers continue to track data on academic achievement. Student results from state tests and Regents Exams are used to help teachers prioritize their instruction. Students are also measured on STAR, which provides math and English language arts data to teachers throughout the year. We met in teams in January to evaluate student progress and make instructional decisions for the best student outcomes.

Your child's participation in the state and STAR assessments helps us to provide targeted instruction to meet student needs. Our goal is 100% participation this spring. Thank you for your support in these efforts!



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW
 Show your Frankfort-Schuyler PRIDE!
Home of the Maroon Knights

Good School Attendance Means...
 Elementary Students read well by the end of 3rd grade
 Middle Schoolers pass important courses
 High Schoolers stay on track for graduation
 Staff are more successful in their jobs

Too many absences can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. 10% of the school year - that's 18 days of 2 days a month - can knock students off the path to greatness. Be Great - Be a Maroon Knight!

Will you be an Attendance HERO?
Here Everyday Ready On time
 We will track and post attendance for every grade during the first month of school!
 Let's Go Knights

UNITY Day



In October, Frankfort-Schuyler students gathered to take part in Unity Day and take a stand against bullying.

Students used paper cutouts of hands to decorate the school and demonstrate their unity against bullying and toward kindness!





District Receives Network for Youth Success Program Award of Excellence and Innovation

Congratulations to Superintendent Joe Palmer and the Frankfort-Schuyler CSD on being named a recipient of the Network for Youth Success Program Award of Excellence and Innovation. This award spotlights an organization, department or program that is accredited to standards of excellence through the Network for Youth Success.

In his third year as superintendent at Frankfort-Schuyler, Mr. Palmer started an After-school Enrichment Program as well as an Exploratory Summer Enrichment Program for students. These programs partnered with a community organization to provide after-school care for students, as a free service to parents as they dealt and continue to deal with the results of COVID-19. Enrollment in these programs has more than tripled in the three years they've been implemented in the District.



The foundation for both programs center on the District's core values of pride, respect, responsibility, trust and citizenship. Engrained in both programs is a cross-age mentoring opportunity, with many middle and high school youth serving as mentors to the younger students.

The District is extremely proud of these programs; established right as the staff, students, families and communities needed them the most.

Mr. Palmer and the District will be recognized at the "School's Out, Make it Count!" 2023 Annual Conference on Saturday, March 25.

HALLOWEEN PARADE



On October 31, elementary school students gathered on the track and paraded around it dressed in their best Halloween costumes. Parents/guardians, friends and families watched on as their spooky and silly children celebrated the holiday.



Read-a-Thon

We are very excited to launch a read-a-thon at the elementary school. Our first goal is to get students to read. We are going to compute our minutes into miles and try to visit one historical place in the 48 continental states, plus Washington D.C. If the students are able to visit all the historical sites (virtually), Principal Mrs. Welch will do something "crazy" to celebrate.

The community can help us reach our goal by donating money. All money donated will impact our after-school and summer enrichment programs. These programs are grant funded, but we know the value these programs have on our students' success. We'd like to offer after-school and summer enrichment for years to come!

If you would like to donate, please visit the announcements section on the elementary school website homepage.



ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT



On December 7, Frankfort-Schuyler held their annual elementary school winter concert. Students gathered to sing and play their instruments in celebration of the holidays. The elementary school choir performed songs such as "Winter Fantasy" by Jill Gallina and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The fourth and fifth grade bands also performed an assortment of new and traditional pieces.

High School Winter Concert

On December 21, students gathered together to perform various song selections for their annual winter concert, commemorating the holiday season. Students participated in the chorus and band while loved ones, teachers and friends enjoyed the music.



PEP RALLY



This past fall, Frankfort-Schuyler held a pep rally where students joined together in school colors and face paint to show their school spirit.

At the pep rally, students decorated the walls, cheered and played games such as musical chairs.

Greater Utica **YOUTH CONCERT BAND & WIND ENSEMBLE**

Select Jr./Sr. high students recently participated in the Greater Utica Area Youth Concert Band & Wind Ensemble in collaboration with neighboring schools and established conductors.

The Jr./Sr. high students were nominated by their band director to participate in this ensemble in collaboration with other musicians from several different school districts in Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

The students were directed by Syracuse University professor Dr. Ethington in addition to Westmoreland band director Ms. Kristyn Cutler. Students rehearsed for three weekends in January before putting on an outstanding performance on January 21 at Westmoreland High School.

Thank you for representing Frankfort-Schuyler with your exceptional musicianship! We are proud of you!

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Greater Utica Area Youth Concert Band (middle school): Corinne Bick, Victoria Cavaretta, Viola Davis and Audrey McMurray. Congratulations also to those who participated in the Greater Utica Area Youth Wind Ensemble (high school): Colin Bick, William Cool, Nathan DiStefano, Collin MacDonald, Haley McKernan, Angelina Tangorra and Olivia Urtz.



On February 2, the elementary school hosted ZUZU African Acrobats to kick-off their celebration of Black History Month.

Hailing from Tanzania, ZUZU African Acrobats celebrate the 2000 year old Bantu culture of East Africa. Each member of the cast has received special instructions from elders in the Bagamoyo Arts and Cultural Institute to perform these ancient traditions to audiences around the world.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

The following Frankfort-Schuyler Central School's 2022 fall season athletic teams received the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Team Award: (Student-athletes listed are members contributing to the team award).

Girl's Varsity Soccer Team Award	Victoria Balio, McKenna Coffey, Hannah DeRocco, Zoe Dodge, Ajla Ikeljic, Amber Jacobs, Giavanna Kaleta, Madison Kelly, Isabella Nitti, Madelyne Reid, Molly Reid, Carolyn Roser, Adna Sasinovic, Demi Scialdo, Angelina Tangorra and Ava Werczynski The team was coached by Ms. Alyssa Upson.
Varsity Cheerleading Team Award	Madisyn Aulisi, Raechel Craig, Claire Enea, Victoria Helmer, Cloe Ingraham, Brianna Mullenax, Jaden Thrasher and Samantha Ward The team was coached by Ms. Alexa DeSarro.
Boy's Varsity Soccer Individual Academic Honors	Individuals earning NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete honors in the sport of boys soccer include: Conner Grates, Luke Harrod, Collin MacDonald and Joseph Mathlin.
Varsity Football Individual Academic Honors	Individual's earning NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete honors in the sport of football include: Sebastian Veloz.



Frankfort-Schuyler Kiwanis Kids (K-Kids) were recently visited by Gordy Gurson. He joyfully engaged with the students to impart important lessons about soccer and life. He also played a fun game of soccer in the gym with the students before he left.

Gurson is an experienced soccer player that joined the Utica City FC with a three-year contract and he is looking to add a championship to his already impressive resume. Over the past three seasons, Gurson has had 87 goals and 53 assists in just 66 regular season games played.

Frankfort-Schuyler is grateful to have had Gurson visit the K-Kids and for the wisdom the students have gained!



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