



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.

Back To School Newsletter

September 2021



Welcome to the 2021-22 school year at FSCSD!

We are excited about what is ahead for our Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District community as we continue to put the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us. We have worked hard over the past 12 months to ensure that we have the right programs, staff and resources to best serve our students, support each other and partner with our parents. Our District is truly filled with CHAMPION students, staff, faculty and administrators who thrive from the ongoing support of our community.

On behalf of the Frankfort-Schuyler CSD Board of Education, faculty, staff and most importantly, our students, we welcome the entire Frankfort-Schuyler community to the 2021-2022 school year. First and foremost, we're planning on a school schedule with all students learning in-person this year. As this is written, we have no reason to feel we will not be able to accomplish this, unless guidance changes from our local or state health officials.

As we begin this new school year, we offer our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our retirees: Joseph Talerico, art teacher; Peg Philpotts, elementary teacher and John LaVeck, maintenance. We thank these individuals for their many years of dedicated service to the children and families of our District and wish them the best in all they choose to do.

We are also pleased to announce that the following individuals have been hired and will be joining our team of champions in our District this year:

Kaitlyn Barlow Math Teacher
Nikki Bick Grade Six Reading Teacher
Cynthia Brownell Art Teacher
Kary Buddle Teaching Assistant
Bryan Cronkhite Special Education Teacher
Alexa DeSarro Teaching Assistant
Cortlynn Jepsen Physical Education Teacher
Julie Joyce Occupational Therapist
Savannah Lanz Middle/High School ELA Teacher

Holly Lawrence Social Studies Teacher
Sean Partee Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher
Jeana Penree Social Worker
Kyle Pumilio High School Art
Meaghan Sears Special Education Teacher
Lindsay Serianni Teaching Assistant
Nora Stever Middle/High School Secretary
Robert Tiffany Technology Teacher

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As educators and team members, we are excited about everything that will be possible this year for our children as we open up all of our schools, programs and activities. This year, we're launching even more options for our students – from the new elementary STEAM program to additional extracurricular opportunities for our secondary student champions and much more.

If anything, the challenges of the past year have given us a renewed commitment to meeting the needs of each and every student, not only in the classroom, but from a social and emotional perspective as well. We're expanding our focus on overall well-being by adding more counselors and programs to ensure we are caring for the whole child.

As we have since the start of this crisis, we will continue to communicate with you as our plans for the fall evolve. School principals will continue to share information as well as regular updates on our website. "Frankfort-Schuyler Pride" remains high and has been very apparent in every aspect of our District. Our administrators, faculty and staff are committed to providing an exceptional education for all students. They are committed, dedicated individuals who know the benefits of hard work in providing the best educational environment for your child(ren). This is truly about collective work and shared responsibility. Again, we are excited about the upcoming school year and we hope you are as well.

Frankfort-Schuyler Pride!

Dear Frankfort-Schuyler Families,

Welcome back to school! We are planning for an exceptional return for the 2021-2022 school year. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that our community is full of champions! We would like to sincerely thank you for partnering with us for hybrid and virtual learning last year. We are honored to work in this exceptional District.

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate two staff members that retired last year: Peggy Philpotts and Joe Talerico. We wish them all the best as they embark on a new journey. We thank them for the years of dedicated service to our District.

Exciting things are happening in our District, and we can't wait to get started! We have added several new positions including a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) teacher in the elementary school, a reading teacher for sixth grade, a technology teacher in the middle school and a licensed social worker for grades K-12. We also added three additional teaching assistants to support students and teachers.

We are committed to serving students, supporting each other and partnering with parents. Please reach out to us if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

The F-S Administrative Team

“Pay it Forward” Campaign

Mrs. McLean’s second grade class at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School recently participated in local printing company PJ Green’s “Pay it Forward” campaign. The class was provided with greeting cards for each student, as well as bookmarks that the students could tear off and trade with each other. Mrs. McLean also received a gift card courtesy of Utica Coffee. The students enjoyed getting to interact and trade with each other, and the activity was a great reminder of the importance of sharing and “paying it forward.”



Elementary Fun Day

Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary held its annual fun day on June 23. Students rotated through stations that were set up outside. Activities included a DJ dance station, cereal scramble, cotton ball scoop and many other fun games and challenges for the students to participate in.



Fifth Grade Students Recognized at Moving Up Ceremony

On June 17, fifth grade students were recognized at a live-streamed moving up ceremony. Students received their fifth grade diplomas as well as other various awards and highest average recognitions. Students and their families were invited to an optional, in-person ceremony the same evening. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our fifth grade students as they enter middle school next year!



Eighth Grade Graduates

On June 24, eighth grade students came together for a "drive-by" style moving up ceremony. Students were able to say one final goodbye to teachers, as well as receive a gift bag and certificate to congratulate them before sending them on their way to enjoy the summer. We wish our students the best of luck as they enter high school.



Frankfort-Schuyler Celebrates Graduates

On June 27, Frankfort-Schuyler High School seniors came together for one last time to celebrate their graduation.

The ceremony was held at the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Auditorium, and seniors were recognized for their accomplishments and received awards and their high school diplomas.

Valedictorian Eli Braman and Salutatorian Crea Kirkland delivered remarks to their families and fellow classmates; wishing them well as they continue on.

We wish our graduated seniors the very best of luck in all that they do!



Senior Honors Banquet

On May 26, Frankfort-Schuyler honored several seniors at their annual Senior Honors Banquet.

The ceremony was held at Francesca's Banquet Hall in Ilion, and featured a dinner for graduating seniors and their families, as well as a welcome and best wishes from Superintendent Palmer, and the awarding of ceremonial plaques and tassels by Board of Education President Lisa Morgan.

Principal Stalteri led the ceremony and recognized the valedictorian, salutarian, students in the top ten percent of their class, honors graduates and National Honor Society members; sharing their high school achievements and plans for after graduation.



Seniors Walk in First Parade of Champions

On June 16, the class of 2021 seniors walked in the first of what will hopefully become a tradition: the Parade of Champions.

Senior students lined up, led by valedictorian Eli Braman and salutarian Crea Kirkland, and walked the halls of the elementary, middle and high schools. Hallways were lined with students and teachers cheering on the graduates as they were able to say one final goodbye to the Frankfort-Schuyler community.

Congratulations, graduates!



Varsity Track Sectional Results

Skye Simmons is the sectional champion for the 100 hurdles; rebreaking her school record for a time of 17.1 seconds. Skye also tied for third place in high jump with a jump of 4 ft. 4 in. and took eighth place in long jump with a jump of 14 ft. 5 1/2 in. She is also a member of the 4x4 team.

Girls 4X800 team, consisting of Megan Munch, Selena Matthews, Isabella Nitti and Madison Kelly, took sixth place at the Section III C-1 meet with a time of 11:45.

Eli Braman took sixth place in the 1600m at the Section III C-1 meet with a time of 5:12. He also took fourth place in the 3200m with a time of 11:41. Most recently, Eli was awarded CSC Division II Track Athlete of the Meet held on June 2 at West Canada Valley.

The 4x100 team, consisting of LenaRae Johnson, Victoria Balio, Selena Matthews and Molly Reid, took eighth place at sectionals with a time of 57.20 seconds.

Molly Reid participated in four events at the sectional meet; qualifying for the 100 and 200 and as a member of the 4x1 and 4x4 team. She took fifth place in the 100m with a time of 13.9 seconds. Molly took eighth place in the 200m with a time of 29.3 seconds.

Xander Wilson competed in both the 100m and in shot put. He took eighth place in the 100m with a time of 13.08 seconds. Xander also took eighth place in shot put for a throw of 34 ft. 6 1/4 in.

Jamilla Merdanovic took sixth place in pole vault with a jump of 7 ft. 6 in.

The 4x400 team, consisting of LenaRae Johnson, Isabella Nitti, Molly Reid and Skye Simmons, took eighth place with a time of 4:49.



NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Awards

The following Frankfort-Schuyler 2021 spring season athletic teams received the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Team Award. Student-athletes listed are those members contributing to the team award.

GIRLS VARSITY TRACK – TEAM AWARD

Victoria Balio, Julia Caiola, Amber Jacobs, Lena Rae Johnson, Madison Kelly, Gianna Liberatore, Selena Mathews, Jamilla Merdanovic, Megan Munch, Isabella Nitti, Hannah Reid, Molly Reid, Carolyn Roser, Julia Siegenthaler, Skye Simmons and Cecilia Tofani. The team was coached by Mr. Anthony Reina.

BOYS VARSITY TRACK – TEAM AWARD

Nolan Amendolare, Luciano Bellino, Eli Braman, Luke Critelli, Logan Doolen, Tyler Grates, Chase Kisker, Dante Palumbo, Joseph Rivett, Elijah Stemmer, Ayden Walker, Noah Welch and Xander Wilson. The team was coached by Mr. Anthony Reina.

VARSITY BASEBALL – INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC HONORS

Individual's earning NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete honors in the sport of baseball include: Jeffrey DeSarro, Nathan Distefano, Connor Grates, Jack McMurray and Brayden Wisheart. The team was coached by Mr. Mark Spina.





School Breakfast & Lunch Program



ALL STUDENTS EAT FOR FREE!

ALL STUDENTS 18 AND UNDER
CAN RECEIVE A FREE LUNCH
DURING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Please complete free/reduced meal applications when they become available.
For more information, please contact the Food Service Department at 315.738.0848.



Transportation News

The following routes have been established for the 2021-2022 school year. Start times for the routes are also listed.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Karen Wasielewski, Transportation Coordinator, Frankfort-Schuyler School District at 895-7781 or Dispatch at the, Birnie Bus Terminal in Utica at 315-797-4933.



ROUTE 101 – TURKEY

ELEMENTARY, 7:00 A.M.

State Route 5, Paratore, Country Meadow, Carder, Dutchtown, Millers Grove

PM RUN

State Route 5, Millers Grove, Paratore, Carder, Dutchtown, Millers Grove, Country Meadow, Broad, Taft, Empire

ROUTE 103 – POODLE

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:50 A.M.

Mucky Run, Daley, Dutch Hill, Center, Zolad

ELEMENTARY, 7:30 A.M.

Southside, Main, Harter, Lock

ROUTE 106 – FOX

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:50 A.M.

Higby, Brockway, Hampton, Hi Sy View, Ripley, Ferguson

ELEMENTARY, 7:30 A.M.

Litchfield, Pleasant, East Canal, Piper, Maple

ROUTE 107 – GIRAFFE

HIGH SCHOOL / ELEMENTARY, 6:45 A.M.

State Route 171, Brice, State Route 5, Higby, Grandview, Cinko Drive, Spruce, Hill View Terrace, Manor Drive, Litchfield Road, Button Lane

ROUTE 108 – OWL

ELEMENTARY, 6:50 A.M.

Albany, Kerber, Brockway, Hampton, Hi-Sy View, Haddad, Broad, Taft, Eldred, Empire

PM RUN

Albany, Kerber, Brockway, Hampton, Hi-Sy View, Haddad

ROUTE 109 – ZEBRA

ELEMENTARY, 7:00 A.M.

Center, Zolad, Dutch Hill, Daley, Mucky Run

ROUTE 110 – LION

ELEMENTARY, 6:50 A.M.

Elmwood Circle, Bush, Minots Corners, Johnson, Church, Bono Blvd, Mary Street, Baum, McKennan, Watkins

HIGH SCHOOL, 8:10 A.M.

Pathways

ROUTE 111– MONKEY

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:50 A.M.

Albany, Kerber, Haddad, Birchwood, Christensen, Welsh Bush, Sheila Place, Sunrise Court, Sunset Court, Hardiman Place

ELEMENTARY, 7:25 A.M.

Palmer Street (Corner Stops – Main through Fifth), Ingersoll, Erie, East Ave

ROUTE 112 – MOUSE

ELEMENTARY, 6:55 A.M.

Center, Higby, Widrick, Furnace, Bouck, Gates, Brown, Ferguson, Towne, Willow, Banek, Argile, Southside

ROUTE 113

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, 6:45 A.M.

Various locations throughout Village, Town and Schuyler

ROUTE 114/115

CAREER TECH BOCES RUN, AM/PM

Gros Boulevard

ROUTE 116 – TIGER

ELEMENTARY, 7:00 A.M.

Albany, Haddad, Kerber, Wilson, Ripley, Birchwood, Christensen, Floral Court, Floral Drive, Rolling Hills, Sunflower Circle, Sunrise Court, Welshbush, Hardiman

ROUTE 117 – HORSE

HIGH SCHOOL, 7:05 A.M.

State Route 5, Elmwood Road, Millers Grove Road, Bono's Trailer Park, Bono Blvd.

ROUTE 118 – DUCK

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:45 A.M.

State Route 5, Paratore Road, Country Meadows, Carder Lane, Bush, Caldwell, Millers Grove, Church, Minots Corners, Baum, Dutchtown, Johnson, McKennan, Watkins, Railroad, Bee, Sheldon, Orchard

ELEMENTARY, 7:25 A.M.

Sixth, Frankfort Street – Corner Stops – (Fifth through North Frankfort and Orchard), Tisdale, Orchard, Bee, Sheldon, Railroad

ROUTE 123 – FROG

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:55 A.M. | ELEMENTARY, 7:35 A.M.

McGowan Road., Terrace Hill Estates, Clemons, Joslin Hill, Reese Road, Acme, First through Fifth Ave. Ext., Kernan, Comstock

ROUTE 125 – ELEPHANT

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:55 A.M.

Floral Drive, Floral Court, Rolling Hills, Wildflower Circle, Sunflower Circle, Wildwood Ridge, Bleecker, Broad, Taft, Eldred, Empire, Broad, Southside Rd., W. Main Street

ROUTE 126 – BEAR

HIGH SCHOOL, 6:45 A.M.

Center, Widrick, Furnace, Bouck, McIntyre, Higby, Wilson, Gates, Brown, Willow, Banek, Ferguson, Arcadia, Towne, Ravena

ROUTE 131 –TURTLE

SPECIAL EDUCATION - ELEMENTARY, TBA

Special Education students being transported

ROUTE 132 – BUNNY

SPECIAL EDUCATION, TBA

Special Education students being transported



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