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2024



Cultivating educational excellence with a global perspective
in a community atmosphere.



*You are invited to
join us for our*

Veterans Day Ceremony

*Monday, November 11th
9am*

FHS Morehead Gymnasium

*Thank you FMS & FHS
Student Councils for
organizing this important
ceremony.*

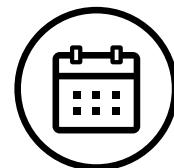
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Central Office
Monday - Friday
7:30am - 5:00pm

Elementary School
Monday - Friday
7:45am - 2:45pm

Middle & High School
Monday - Friday
7:50am - 2:50pm

Dear Fennville Families and Community Members,

As we move into November, we remember those who faithfully served our country. **Please join us on November 11 at 9:00 a.m.** as we honor the veterans in our community. Their sacrifices have secured the freedoms we cherish today, and we are proud to recognize their service and dedication.

I also want to thank the many individuals who volunteer, often behind the scenes, to mentor a child, coach a team, help in the concession stand, or organize incredible events like the 2024 Homecoming and the 40th Annual Goose Festival. **Thank you for those who continue to find ways to serve** that benefit students and the community. If you haven't yet had the chance, it's never too late to get involved (see p. 7) - whether by joining a committee or group, mentoring a student, or helping at an event by sitting at the gate or serving in the concession stand. For parents busy caring for their own children, one simple way to help is by **limiting your child's screen time** to at least 40 minutes before bedtime and **read a book together**. If your child wants to read on their own, remember to ask them to tell you about what they are reading.

As I reflect on the incredible successes we've celebrated this fall, it is worth mentioning a few recent accolades featured in this edition. In early October, our community gathered for a memorable Homecoming celebration, highlighted by a dominant performance by our football team and the crowning of Erick Morales and Hayleigh Cook as King and Queen (p. 5). This fall also saw our boys' soccer team winning their third consecutive conference championship, Isabelle Sliter breaking a school record in cross country; and Addyson Brown proudly representing Fennville at the state level in Equestrian (p. 6).

Academically, our students continue to thrive. In the high school, we have much to celebrate with students achieving Academic Excellence in the spring semester (p. 3). At the elementary level, **our students have outperformed their peers in similar schools by scoring 5-10% higher** on standardized tests in both reading and math for the past three years. While these scores are commendable, our focus remains on fostering academic excellence with a global perspective in a community atmosphere. This includes outdoor learning and advocacy for sustainability (p. 4), as well as homecoming activities (p. 5).

Thank you for your continued support of our students, educators, and the broader Fennville community. Together, we foster excellence and caring for our students each and every day.

Best Regards,
Dr. Greer



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FHS HONORS

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2nd Semester 2023 - 2024 School Year

CUM LAUDE: 3.25 - 3.49 GPA

Taylor Correa	Emelia Esquivel	Conley Howard	Rosa Salinas Munoz
Madeline Caldwell	Yamileth Fernandez-Roman	Gavin Kempker	Julissa Sanchez
Aliyana Cavazos	Alexander Ferrari	Talan Marquez	Ariana Velazquez-Garcia
Anisa Chambers	Rylee Geister	Cruz Medrano	
Juan Coronado Rodriguez	Cadin George	Jose Osorio	
Isabel DelaCruz	Ceeley Howard	Jaciel Ruiz	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: 3.50 - 3.89 GPA

Lily Achterhof	Tyler Coffindaffer	Juan Gonzalez	Ariel Latchaw	Vivian Rasmussen
Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval	Marisol Diaz	Aubrie Hammer	Daymien Logsdon	Marissa Sanchez
Josylin Andrade	Ava Ellis	Camila Hernandez	Ami Martinez-Hernandez	Cristina Sanchez-Hernandez
Morgan Bailey	Sebastian Galvan	Amaya Herrera	May-Ling Mendoza-Huynh	Veda Seward
Atticus Boeve	Armando Garcia	Michael Herrera	Cailey Mokma	Jesus Solis-Sarat
Addyson Brown	Carmen Garcia	Adriana Hicks	Erick Morales	Kylee Thompson
Kelci Bushee	Diana Garcia	Yasid Izquierdo	Rebecca Parente	Yohanna Torres-Martinez
Seth Ciokiewicz	Alayna Gard	Ethan Jenne	Seth Prottengeier	Vanessa Villanueva

SUMMA CUM LAUDE: 3.90 - 3.99 GPA

Anyah Braddock

Dasaly Herrera

Ryleigh Wilson

BLACKHAWK SCHOLAR 4.00+ GPA

Matilda Bartlett	Ramon Herrera	Fabiola Pineda	Isabelle Sliter
Reid Bloom	Madisynn Jefferson	Renato Recillas	Alexandra Solis-Sarat
Mercedes Camberos	Ana Mariano-Chavez	Paloma Reyes	Desirae Trull
Jocelynn Davoren	Braden Moore	Zsi Zsi Rios	Gabbreilla VanStaalduinen
Ava Geister	Emma Neighbors	Lila Rosema	
Candy Gonzalez Galindo	Jesireth Perales Echavarria	Quinn Rosema	

EARNED THEIR WINGS: 3.0+ GPA & NO BEHAVIOR REFERRALS

Matilda Bartlett, Anyah Braddock, Kelci Bushee, Madeline Caldwell, Mercedes Camberos, Juan Coronado Rodriguez, Jocelynn Davoren, Isabel DelaCruz, Analia DeLeon Ochoa, Emelia Esquivel, Carmen Garcia, Ava Geister, Calvin Giles, Candy Gonzalez Galindo, Gabe Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, MacKenzie Harris, Camila Hernandez, Adriana Hicks, Ethan Jenne, Oswaldo Lopez Nij, Connor Nead, Marlee Nead, Emma Neighbors, Jose Osorio, Melody Ponce, Paloma Reyes, Cristina Sanchez-Hernandez, Veda Seward, Isabelle Sliter, Jesus Solis-Sarat, Kylee Thompson, Gabbreilla VanStaalduinen, Ryleigh Wilson, Lily Achterhof, Jacqueline Benitez, Aliyana Cavazos, Marisol Diaz, Ulysses Estrada, Alexander Ferrari, Chase Funckes, Rylee Geister, Samantha Giles, Michael Herrera, Abraca Nerik, Yasid Izquierdo, Hannah Lombard, Cruz Medrano, Isabella Michele, Zach Onken, Rebecca Parente, Jaciel Ruiz, Jesus Salinas Quiroz, Marissa Sanchez, Serena Tait, Yohanna Torres-Martinez, Jacqueline Alvarez Sandoval, Josylin Andrade, Reid Bloom, Addyson Brown, Seth Ciokiewicz, Tyler Coffindaffer, Ava Ellis, Armando Garcia, Diana Garcia, Alayna Gard, Aubrie Hammer, Dasaly Herrera, Ramon Herrera, Conley Howard, Madisynn Jefferson, Ariel Latchaw, Daymien Logsdon, Ami Martinez-Hernandez, Merissa Mendoza, May-Ling Mendoza Huynh, Cailey Mokma, Erick Morales, Jesireth Perales Echavarria, Fabiola Pineda, Seth Prottengeier, Vivian Rasmussen, Renato Recillas, Zsi Zsi Rios, Lila Rosema, Quinn Rosema, Rosa Salinas Munoz, Julissa Sanchez, Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Chelsea Stevens, Desirae Trull, Ariana Velazquez-Garcia, Vanessa Sylvia

CONGRATULATIONS BLACKHAWKS!

Sustainability in Fennville

On September 18th, fourteen freshman students in Mrs. Ruffner-Rowell's Biology course represented their classmates at City Hall for the city's first Sustainability Stakeholder's meeting. These students did an excellent job showcasing their ideas for improving Fennville's social, economic, and environmental sustainability. They participated in breakout sessions alongside city council members and local business owners and were excited to be included in planning for our city's future.



2025 DAR Good Citizen Award Recipient Alexandra Solis-Sarat



Per the DAR Good Citizens program, the student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); service (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); leadership (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and patriotism (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) to an outstanding degree. The FHS staff selected 3 top candidates, and the senior class voted for one of those top three. Congratulations to Alexandra Solis-Sarat!

Chamber Choir Men

On September 24th, the men of Chamber Choir were able to attend an all-day workshop and evening concert featuring the professional men's group, CANTUS. Western Michigan University Choral Department hosted the event and provided music, parking, meals, prizes and an INCREDIBLE experience for our students. They sang with students from Cadillac, Ludington and many others from the west side of the state.

The evening ended with a concert by CANTUS but also included the voices of the HS Tenor/Bass sections from the 160 students that were there that day. "In my long career an experience like this has never been offered such as our kids experienced. The 8 male member choir sang for the students, sang with the students and did warm ups with them for over 40 minutes. It was exciting and for some in that room, life changing. Thank you to our district for supporting such a field trip, by allowing us to be a part of music magic!"

- Mrs. Jocelyn Leonard, FHS Choral Director



On September 27th, four freshman students got to share a field trip they planned with their fellow classmates in Mrs. Ruffner-Rowell's Outdoor Discovery class. Liz Beckett, Layla Coffey, Danielle Dickens, and Kaelynne Griffin organized and coordinated a canoeing trip on Dumont Lake where students were able to explore the lake, participate in a nature scavenger hunt, and enjoy quality time outdoors. Prior to the trip, students were tasked with designing unique outdoor rec activities to build positive experiences where students are unplugged and present outside. They designed a rubric to evaluate the activities, prepared prototypes and demos, and coordinated all the details to run their events smoothly. Big thanks to Camp Beechpoint for sharing their beautiful lakefront with our Blackhawks!

Outdoor Education at FHS



Homecoming 2024!

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Winter Concert

FMS & FHS
Bands

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
7PM

FHS MOREHEAD GYMNASIUM

FHS Choirs

Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 17th
7pm

FHS Sheehan Auditorium

FES Holiday Sing

Friday, December 20th

Kindergarten & 1st Grade 11:30am

2nd Grade & 3rd Grade 12:30pm

4th Grade & 5th Grade 1:30pm

FHS Sheehan Auditorium

GAME DAY



WINTER SEASON HOME OPENERS

11/6	MS BOYS BASKETBALL VS Saugatuck	5:00 PM
11/12	MS COMPETITIVE CHEER VS SAC Meet	6:00 PM
11/26	JV BOYS BASKETBALL VS Bloomingdale	5:30 PM
11/26	V BOYS BASKETBALL VS Bloomingdale	7:00 PM
12/3	JV GIRLS BASKETBALL VS Parchment	5:30 PM
12/3	V GIRLS BASKETBALL VS Parchment	7:00 PM
12/11	V WRESTLING VS SAC Tri	6:00 PM
12/20	F BOYS BASKETBALL VS Comstock Park	4:30 PM
1/22	MS GIRLS BASKETBALL VS Saugatuck	5:00 PM
1/24	MS WRESTLING VS Blackhawk Invite	4:00 PM
1/30	V COMPETITIVE CHEER VS SAC Championship	6:00 PM

**COME OUT AND
SUPPORT
YOUR
FENNVILLE
BLACKHAWKS!**



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**THREE-PEAT CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONS!**

SAC LAKESHORE DIVISION

**#1 ALL-TIME
ISABELLE SLITER**

2012 RECORD OF 19:12.6 SHATTERED!



9/25/24 19:05.6

9/28/24 19:02
AND THE SEASON CONTINUES!



**★ STATE
BOUND ★**

**CONGRATULATIONS ADDYSON BROWN
BACK TO BACK TRIPS TO STATE!**



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Final Forms
Athletic Signup



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All Sport Season Passes
(cash accepted at door)



Fennville Community Rec Advisory Board is looking to fill two 2-year community representative positions beginning in January 2025. Applications open until 11/8, apply today and help shape the future of Fennville Community Recreation! Visit rec.fennville.org/recreation-department/advisory-board to apply



There are many ways to get involved and make a difference in the lives of our students!

- Provide guidance, support, and encouragement as a mentor in the Elementary or Middle School.
- Help the Elementary PTO or Middle School PTSO support educators in a variety of ways.
- Join the Athletic Boosters or help them support our athletes by volunteering in the concession stands.
- Coaching rec sports is a rewarding way to be a positive influence on our youngest athletes.



VOLUNTEERING



It's not just about giving back - it's about joining in on the fun and making great memories.

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Meeting Schedule

3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm
Central Office Board Room

The public is invited to attend all Board of Education meetings. All regular meetings are held in the Central Office Board Room located at 5 Memorial Drive, Fennville. All Special Meetings and Work Sessions will be scheduled as necessary. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to participate in these meetings.

Upcoming Important Dates

- 11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11/27 - 11/29 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 12/10 FMS/FHS Band Concert 7pm
- 12/17 FHS Choir Concert 7pm
- 12/20 FES Holiday Sing
- 12/23 - 1/3 Christmas Break - No School
- 1/6 School Resumes
- 2/11 - 2/12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
PreK - 5th
- 2/14 - 2/17 Mid-Winter Break - No School
- 3/31 - 4/1 Parent Teacher Conferences
6th - 12th
- 4/4 - 4/11 Spring Break - No School
- 4/14 School Resumes



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